

besides 75 other places of worship, with an average attendance of 9,000. The annual sale of Bibles and religious books is 50,000.

The *Morning Star*, after a cruise among the Micronesian Islands, reports that the slave trade is openly carried on between them and the coast of South America, and the missionaries earnestly demand the interference of American, English and French war vessels to prevent the traffic. Captain Bingham mentions one island to which less than two years since, the first Christian missionary came, and which has from the first voluntarily furnished him and his family with food. The products of the island are scanty, yet he depends on no provisions from abroad.

The Hawaiian Jubilee, or semi-centennial anniversary of the establishment of the American Mission in the Sandwich Islands, is to be observed by a general convention called by the Hawaiian Evangelical Board, to meet at Honolulu, June 1870. Delegates from all the missions in the Pacific will be invited, the several missionary vessels being employed as means of passage.

The London Missionary Society will replace their *John Williams* which was wrecked last year, with a new ship, called the *Samoa*, from the Society's principal mission in Polynesia, which was founded by the *John Williams* in 1830.

Among the Choctaw Indians are 16 Christian churches; 1,100 communicants, and 1,500 Sabbath school children. A translation of the Bible into their language is now in process of printing in New York, under the auspices of the American Bible Society.

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## Obituary.

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### MR. AARON McWILLIAMS.

The Congregational Church, in Burford, Ont., has just experienced a very heavy loss, in the removal by death of the above named gentleman, who has for many years been its most active deacon. Mr. McWilliams had been suffering for about a week from quinsy, from which, however, he was thought by his physician and his friends to have been recovering, when, on Tuesday evening, the 30th March, he was suddenly called away to his everlasting rest.

His funeral took place on the following Friday. The funeral procession, which was a very large one, left his late residence, on the town line between Burford and Brantford, at 10 o'clock, and reached the grave yard of the Congregational Church, at Claremont village, shortly after 11 o'clock, where the remains were interred, the funeral services having been conducted by the Rev. Wm. Hay, of Scotland, and the Rev. J. Wood, of Brantford.

The mournful assembly then slowly wended their way into the church, which was densely crowded by as sorrowful an audience as we have ever witnessed. Seven of the neighboring clergymen of different denominations, met to show their respect for the deceased gentleman and assist in the service. The Rev. W. Hay, formerly pastor of the church, (in connection with that at Scotland), preached a very appropriate sermon from Acts xi. 24, "He was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost, and of faith," showing how great a loss the community had sustained in his removal, and urging upon all present the duty of following his humble, Christian example, and of trusting in his Saviour.

Mr. McWilliams was a native of the Township of Burford, his parents having come to reside in it about a year before his birth, which took place in the year 1817. His father and mother were both among the earliest members of the Congregational Church in that Township, (then under the pastoral care of Rev. James Nall), and so continued until their death. His father was for many years a deacon of the church, and at his decease Aaron succeeded him in that office, and continued up to the last, one of the brightest ornaments and most liberal supporters of the cause. He was also one of the foremost men in the township, and was ever ready to help forward every good enterprise. He leaves a sorrowing widow and large family, happily well provided for, to mourn his loss.