

for themselves in His Church, all who have, at the call of duty, laid aside wealth, honour, credit, and embraced ignominy and suffering, have been true to Him—true to the spirit of His Incarnation and His death, true to what St. Paul calls "the mind that was in Christ Jesus." And the true saviours of society are the men who care more for labour than for honour, more for doing good to others than for high place and name, more for the inner peace which self-sacrifice brings with it than for the outward decorations which are the reward of self-assertion.—*Canon Liddon.*

#### THE MISSIONARY FIELD.

The number of Jews in Jerusalem is now from 40,000 to 45,000, out of a population of 60,000 to 65,000. There is necessarily a considerable change in their status; they cannot be so easily intimidated or attacked. Moreover, there is more money among them than formerly, and though there is still the same poverty, it is less in proportion to the population. It is not known that they are more open to Christian influence, but there is a considerable spirit of enquiry. The New Testament in Hebrew is extensively read.

Bishop Graves writes from Shanghai: Bishop Schereschewsky is proceeding rapidly with his work on the Bible. Those who have seen the manuscript think that when it is printed we shall have a Wen-li version far more accurate and in better style than any now in use. The bishop's health is excellent and his energy untiring. The collegiate department of St. John's has been reorganized in harmony with the intention with which it was founded. I enclose a memorandum to give an idea as to the lines on which the work will be carried on. The prosperity of St. John's and its popularity will be evident from the fact that, while only a few new students can be added this term, there have already been examined over a hundred applicants for the vacancies.

Mr. Henry M. Stanley has an article in the *Century Magazine* on "The Story of the Development of Africa," and this is a part of what he says about mission work there: "I was the only white man during 1876 in Equatorial Africa, but in 1877, when only a short distance from the Atlantic, the first missionaries landed on the east coast in response to an appeal that I had written in 1875 from Uganda. During the years from 1879 to 1884 missionaries followed closely my tracks up the Congo, and as a hundred influences were in the course of a few years enlisted in the cause of Africa, Nyassa Land and the eastern and southern part of Central Africa began to be studied with Christian missions, and missionaries have continued to enter Africa ever since, until now there must be about 300 of them, and the number is still increasing. They are not all reputed to be first-class men, but it is wonderful what earnestness and perseverance will do. We have only to think of Uganda, with its 200 churches and cathedral and its 50,000 native Christians, read the latest official reports from Nyassa Land, and glance at the latest map of Africa, to be convinced of the zeal, devotion and industry of the missionaries. I have in my mind, as I write, the examples furnished by the Waganda, Wanyassa and Bakongo. At the town of Banza Manteka, for instance, one day 900 natives came to Mr. Richards, the missionary, and requested to be baptized by him. He had laboured among them many years, but hitherto converts had been few. The missionary imposed conditions on them. He said that they must first assemble their fetishes, idols, and stores of gin, and destroy all in the market-place. And they went forthwith and did it."

CHINA.—The Quarterly Paper of the North China Mission begins with a letter from the Bishop written January 14th, and relating the conclusion of his three months' tour. He writes: "In spite of all sad trouble connected with the persecution in the Hsin-T'ai district, and of various disaffections, rivalries, and jealousies among the native Christians, seemingly inevitable in very new communities, where the original neophyte always wants to take and keep the 'lead' in his

special locality, there is, indeed, much to encourage us in these churches in Tai-An and Ping Yin. It is now two years since I visited the district, and I was permitted to confirm 134 persons in all. It is a very hopeful and promising part of the country, and if the Church could be brought to send a good strong mission to occupy in force the three centres—Tai-An, Ping Yin and Hsin-T'ai—a very wide and successful work might be carried on. May God give us faith and means to develop the Mission there as He would have it done. At present there are four men—Messrs. Sprent, Iliff, Pigrum and Griffith." The bishop arrived at Tientsin on November 20th, and thence went on to Chefoo, where he consecrated the Church of St. Andrew on Sunday, December 8th. The bishop writes: "The church is beautiful in its simple stability, and is much admired. S.P.C.K. have contributed £60 in all towards it; a dear friend from Corea, whose offering comes under 'S.P.G.', gave £50; between £200 and £300 was raised in England; and the people of Chefoo and other parts in China have given the rest; the total amounting to about £700. Messrs. Greenwood, Brown, Norris and Mathews were all present at the consecration; and it was, you may be sure, a happy day for Mr. Greenwood and myself when we look back over twenty-one years to our first landing in Chefoo." This is believed to be the first instance of the consecration of an English church on Chinese soil; churches, whether in the interior or at the ports, having hitherto been merely dedicated owing to the uncertainty of the tenure of land. An article, quoted from the *Pekin and Tientsin Times*, states that the contract provided for the erection of an apsidal chancel of two bays, a nave of four bays, and a massive porch at the west end, to cost \$7,000; the materials to consist of stone from the quarries at Shih-tao Bay, Oregon pine, and Singapore hardwood. The east wall contains five lights already filled with stained glass by Messrs. Lavers and Westlake, the gifts of various donors, and the other windows are filled with coloured church glass from a Japanese firm. The altar ornaments were a memorial gift from the Bishop and Mrs. Scott; a brass lectern has been promised by Messrs. Cornabe and Co., of Chefoo, and a peal of five hemispherical bells has also been given by an old friend of the North China diocese. The offertory, devoted to the building fund, amounted to \$124. After defraying all expenses in connection with the contract, fees to architect, stained glass windows, &c., there remains a deficit of some £300, which, it is hoped, may be speedily extinguished. On the following Sunday the bishop dedicated a font and opened a baptistery at the temporary church of All Saints, Tientsin. The Rev. F. H. Sprent writes from Tai-an-Foo on November 19th: "Another sad piece of news is that our second school-master has apostatized, and is now visiting the Christians in their village homes, endeavouring to weaken their faith, and urging them to deny Christ their Lord. This same Mr. Chen was formerly an earnest Christian, a great student, and a most conscientious school-master. He lost his faith in one night, and for the next few days seemed mad, jumping about and howling most fearfully. All the Christians declared it to be a sure and certain case of 'possession by an evil and doubting spirit.' That he was ill both in mind and body is certain; yet in his quieter moments he talked rationally, and even took great pains in trying to prove to me that Christ was an impostor, and the New Testament a fabrication. Before leaving us he brought me all his Christian books, many that he had himself bought, and pointing to his New Testament told me he had marked those passages that he thought proved the falsity of the Christian religion."

#### Home & Foreign Church News

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

##### NOVA SCOTIA.

FREDERICK COURTNEY, D.D., BISHOP, HALIFAX.

TRURO.—At the morning service at St. John's, Sunday. Bishop Courtney administered the rite of Confirmation to 28 persons—13 males and 15 females. After the ceremony His Lordship spoke to those just confirmed, in most pleasing, practical and eloquent

words. In beautiful figurative language, he portrayed the worthlessness of many objects in the natural world, until by the use of such comparative and even intrinsic value was imparted thereto. The minerals and precious stones imbedded in the earth, the water of the ocean, steam from the kettle, and even the electricity that splits the cloud, were of no value, no power, no advantage, till by "use" and by being made subservient to man's will, they became of the greatest utility, and the all powerful agents that they are in the economic world to-day. So, said His Lordship, the grand principles of our Christianity, the solemn sacraments of the Church, the Holy Bible and fervent prayer in our daily life, are of no value in a Christian course, unless by the frequent using of the same their all important value is discerned. In kindly words, and in plain, simple, but beautifully worded sentences, he gave much wholesome advice to all in his crowded congregation. At the interesting evening service the church was crowded to the doors, and extra seats were in all the aisles. The Bishop was in good voice, and preached for 54 minutes, one of the most masterly and eloquent sermons ever heard in the church, taking as his text Rom. v. 10. The crowded congregation were spell-bound before the eloquent preacher, and but a few imagined at the close of the address that nearly an hour had been consumed in its delivery. The musical services both morning and evening were well rendered, and Mr. Vincent and his efficient choir are to be heartily congratulated on the very pleasing manner in which their part of the services was carried out.

BEDFORD.—Rev. N. Raven, M.A., has taken charge of this parish.

Rev. F. Scovil, B.A., who is in Charlottetown attached to St. Peter's Cathedral, will go to the diocese of New Brunswick shortly.

Rev. J. Withcombe, M.A., has resigned the parish of Weymouth, and has accepted St. Jude's, Carleton, N.B.

HALIFAX.—The Rev. Foster Almon, B.A., rector of Trinity Church, Lecturer in Pastoral Theology, visited the college for the week beginning 26th ult. The reverend lecturer delivered five lectures on the following subjects: "The Path to Truth," "Teaching of the Prayer Book and Standard Authors as to the Church of Christ," "The Visible Church," and "The True Idea of the Christian Ministry." This is the first time Mr. Almon has lectured here, and his arguments were attentively listened to by the students, who enjoyed them very much. Mr. Almon entered college in 1844, B.A. 1848. He was one of the founders of the Quintilian Society, which is the oldest society existing in college. The lecturer has had clerical experience in many dioceses, including England, Western States, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

##### QUEBEC.

ANDREW H. DUNN, D.D., BISHOP, QUEBEC.

QUEBEC.—The Bishop expects to return here from England about the 30th of this month. He proposes to hold an Ordination of Priests at St. Peter's, Sherbrooke, on Sunday, June 7th, and to preside at a corporation meeting at Bishop's College, Lennoxville, on Tuesday, June 9th. He expects to leave Quebec for Gaspé Basin, en route for the Labrador, either June 16th or 19th.

By the kindness of the Bishop and Messrs. R. R. Dobell and T. H. Dunn, the Cathedral pulpit has, in the course of the past month, been much improved. Its base has been made firm and a new curved flight of stairs has been constructed in order to give room for communicants to pass behind.

The Bishop has appointed the Rev. S. Riopel, M.D., Missionary in charge of Valcartier, to be Chaplain at the Quarantine Station, Grosse Isle, for this summer. His duties will last six months, commencing May 1st. During Dr. Riopel's absence from his mission, his work will be carried on by the Rev. C. C. Waller, B.A., Classical Tutor of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College.

STANSTEAD.—A Chapter of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood was organized in connection with Christ Church on January 21st. It is doing good work for the Church and now numbers thirteen members, less several probationers. The members undertake the work of ushers in church. The Chapter meets fortnightly, when subjects of practical Church work are discussed.

##### MONTREAL.

WILLIAM B. BOND, D.D., BISHOP, MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—On the festival of St. Philip and St. James, there was a solemn ordination service in the