

IN the death of the Hon. John Macdonald the Methodists have lost a liberal and whole-souled supporter, and Toronto a worthy citizen.

ONE hundred years ago China, Japan, Africa, India and indeed nearly all the heathen countries of the world were closed to missionaries. Now they are practically all open, and great is the opportunity. The only exception is Thibet, but a small place, and the exclusiveness there will soon be broken down. Is not this a time for the Christian Church to exert herself? How can she neglect so great an opportunity?

THE Rev. J. Cooper Robinson, of Japan, has informed us that the account lately given in our columns of the jinrikisha is incorrect in classing it among the things which are going out of fashion there, and he tells us that it is quite a modern conveyance. The idea was given to the Japanese by an Englishman, who, feeling the need of some kind of carriage, mounted an arm chair on a pair of wheels and hired a coolie to draw him about in it. The Japanese immediately saw that one man with a jinrikisha could do as much as two with a kago and so set to work to make them. The name means "man-power-carriage," and from the beginning mentioned they have increased till there are over 200,000 now in Japan and many in China, and the number is rapidly increasing and the carriages improving. They are most convenient conveyances, and as long as human labor is so cheap they will not likely be superseded by anything else. They are generally drawn by one man and carry but one person, although two men drawing and one riding are often seen, and at other times one drawing and two in the carriage.

ENGLAND has done honor to the negro race by her treatment of Bishop Crowther, the native Bishop of the Niger district, in Africa. Everywhere he was kindly received there and a great farewell meeting was held recently in Exeter Hall, London, in his honor.

The New York *Sun* justly says, editorially, of him: "Bishop Crowther is a man whose history proves that some branches, at least, of the negro race are capable of large development." He is the only non-European Bishop that has been consecrated since the days of the early Church.

THE people of Huntsville, Muskoka (Diocese of Algoma), are about to build a new church. Bishop Sullivan says of it.—"I am very glad to be able to give my most cordial endorsement to the appeal made by the Rev. Rural Dean Llwyd in aid of the erection of a church in Huntsville. The church is sorely needed, to take the place of the hall, hitherto occupied. The congregation have, so far, done nobly in the support of all the differ-

ent departments of church work, under the inspiration of Mr. Llwyd's leadership, and now, in guaranteeing \$1,000 towards the Building Fund, they are giving to the very maximum of their ability. I can, therefore, recommend this appeal to all to whom it may come, as in every way and on every ground worthy of a favorable reception."

"DURING the past three years," says the *Algoma Missionary News*, "the face of the Diocese of Algoma has, in some districts, changed greatly. Hundreds of miles of railway have been built, and many miles of colonization roads have been constructed (the latter being simply "mud" roads, underlaid with logs and brush in swampy places). The natural results have followed. Settlements and towns have sprung up where before there was only forest and wilderness. Some of the new comers are natives of other parts of Ontario; some, again, are French-Canadians, whilst others are emigrants from Great Britain and Ireland."

CANON SCOTT Robertson says that last year £1,224,491 was raised in Great Britain from all sources, for foreign missions, of which some fully £646,000 came from members of the Church of England.

A letter in the *Indian Churchman* of Dec. 21st describes the progress of mission work in Assam. On September 12th Mr. Endle visited Dibrugarh, and on the next day proceeded on an elephant to Attabari, the native Christian village. Here Mr. Endle read the Litany in Assamese, but preached in Hindi, the language of the coolie laborers on the plantations. The little Assamese which they pick up in the marketing does not enable them to follow a service in their language. At a service in St. Paul's, Dibrugarh, for native Christians, at which Mr. Endle preached in Hindi, there were 78 communicants. The writer mentions a large number of baptisms since that date; on October 20th several adults ranging in age from 15 to 50; subsequently at Doon Dooma, three; and on December 1st, four. The field seems to be a promising one. On October 24th Archdeacon Mitchell visited the district and stayed two Sundays. He visited a coal mine at Margherita and another at Digboi where an oil well had recently been discovered, and a third at Ledo, eight miles beyond Margherita. At Attabari the iron church was near completion, eight Christians working daily at it. At the service at Dibrugarh there were 121 communicants. The Archdeacon also visited Hoolangoorie, Cinnamara, and other hill stations to minister to the planters, who showed him every courtesy.

GRACE not only makes a man a man, but it also makes him more than a man.

DISTRUST a man that cannot look you in the eyes, and a woman that can.