CANADA.

At London, Canada, on St. Bartholomew's Day, August 24th, Dr. Isaac Hellmuth was consecrated Coadjutor of Huron, under the title of 'Bishop of Norfolk,' by the Metropolitan Bishop of Montreal, assisted by the Bishops of Ontario, Toronto, Dunedin (New Zealand), Michigan (United States), and Bishop Bedell, Assistant-Bishop of Ohio. Three Red-Indian presbyters were present. The Diocesan, Dr. Cronyn, who was prevented by illness from attending, expired on September 22. Consequently, Dr. Hellmuth is now become the second Bishop of Huron. His career has been a singular one. He was by birth a Polish Jew, and came to Canada as a Christian convert and Anglican clergyman about fifteen years ago. His father had disinherited him, and left a large fortune to his younger brother; but as the latter died without having married, this came to him after all. Liberal and wise as well as rich, he has successively founded Huron Theological College, Hellmuth College for boys, and a seminary for girls.

A grave misfortune has befallen the Church in Newfoundland. The Church ship, *The Star*, employed in missionary service on the coast by Bishops Feild and Kelly, has been totally wrecked. Providentially, the latter prelate, and all at the time on board, escaped with their lives. The vessel was only partially insured. Donations towards replacing the vessel by another will be gratefully acknowledged by the Rev. E. J. Beck, Rectory, Rotherhithe, English Commissary for the Newfoundland Diocese.

WEST INDIES.

Great damage has been done to church and school-buildings by the recent hurricane in Antigua, St. Kitt's, St. Thomas', and the Virgin Islands. The Bishop of Antigua appeals for aid to restore and rebuild, as the population are rendered (nearly all) homeless and half-ruined. A special fund has been opened for the purpose by the S. P. G. in London.

'Disestablishment' is the order of the day in nearly all the West India Islands, urged on partly by the local agitation fostered by the English Liberation Society; partly, also, by the Imperial Government itself. In Barbadoes, to meet the altered situation, a Diocesan Conference of clergy and laity was held in July, under the presidency of Bishop Parry, who was consecrated as Coadjutor to his late father, but who desires to retire from all connexion with this diocese. At this Conference resolutions were agreed to, that the several islands should make voluntary contributions for the future towards a Bishop's salary, and that, in the absence of a Metropolitan of the West Indies, the appointment of the Bishop should be left in the hands of the Archbishop of Canterbury, in conjunction with the Bishop of London and one other of his comprovincials.

The Bishop of Falklands is still engaged in visiting the Anglican chaplaincies on the East Coast. The sum of 2500*l.* has been contributed towards the endowment of his see, through the agency of the South American Missionary Society. The income of that Society for the last year was 8704*l.*

AUSTRALASIA.

The Bishop-Metropolitan of Sydney is still in Europe, partly with the purpose of promoting arrangements for the erection of a new Bishopric of Rockhampton, which will embrace the northernmost part of Queensland and all Carpentaria.

The work of the Diocese of Adelaide has stretched across the Australian Continent to the new settlement of Port Darwin, on the northern coast. Sheep-runs now stretch to 500 miles north of Port Augusta, and at intervals across the whole continent; police-stations are either formed, or are in course of formation, to guard the new overland telegraph, and missions to the aborigines are to be attached to each of these. The aborigines in those newly-explored inland parts are of a superior sort.

The Colony of Victoria, which still constitutes the single diocese of Melbourne, has now a population of 800,000, of whom about 8000 are Chinese. Bishop Perry states that the Anglican clergy now amount to 130; there are 34 readers; 34 consecrated churches, and 148 not consecrated, besides about a dozen temporary structures for worship, and many schools and other buildings used for it. The parsonages have risen to 85, and the parishes to 55, besides 57 'parochial districts.' In 1870, the Bishop confirmed 935, against 839 in 1869.

The Anglican Church has extended itself into the Fiji or Viti Islands —a group which will probably be annexed ere long to the British Empire. The first regular church was 'opened' at Levuka, on Easter Day, by the newly-appointed pastor, the Rev. Mr. Floyd; four services were held by him on that day, beginning with Holy Communion at 8 a.m. He is to be joined shortly by another clergyman, and will, for the present at least, be under the jurisdiction of Bishop Patteson, of Melanesia and Norfolk Island.

New Zealand's reassured tranquillity is being followed by a revival of Christianity among the natives. Bishop Williams, of Waiapu, has lately published an interesting sketch of the Maori Mission. The 'first attempt,' he says, 'was made as far back as 1815, but no real progress was made till about twenty years afterwards. By about 1845 the natives came over almost in a body; many, however, it was evident, complying only with the new fashion. Meanwhile, the colonisation of the country was rapidly progressing, and hence drunkenness and other vices spread among the Maoris. One reason really for the King movement was, the Bishop thinks, a wish to stop this evil more efficiently. But then came the war between the two races, and with it the new superstition known as Hau-Hauism, the general effect upon native Christianity being most disastrous. Now, however, Hau-Hauism is almost universally abandoned, and its dupes are seeking readmission to the Church. In 1870, the number of native communicants rose to 600. One of the most striking features of the Maorian Church is that so much work is done by laymen acting gratuitously, as preachers and teachers. The whole number of natives now ordained is fourteen, whilst many fresh localities are coming forward with offers to support native clergymen as soon as such can be sent.'

BELLS AND BELL RINGING.

Ancient Society of College Youths (Established 1637).—On Thursday, October 5th, eight members of the above Society rang a true and complete peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 min., at the church of St. Paul, Shadwell. The band was placed as follows:—Mr. George Longhurst, Treble; Mr. William Tanner, 2nd; Mr. William Greenleaf, 3rd; Mr. George Tanner, 4th; Mr. James Pettit, 5th; Mr. William Cooter, 6th; Mr. Arthur Hayward, 7th; Mr. William Taylor, Tenor. The peal, which was Mr. Holt's one part or 'original,' was conducted by Mr. James Pettit.

New Bells in Dundee.

'The other day, we had an opportunity of seeing the belfry in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, in which Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the eminent bellfounders of Whitechapel, London, have recently placed two large bells—the tenor and the sixth of a peal of eight. The frame has been erected for the whole peal. The tenor bell, which weighs upwards of 23 cwts., is very rich in tone, and the sixth harmonises with it—laying the foundation of a very fine peal. The manner in which the bells have been hung is exceedingly creditable to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. They can be either rung or chimed with great ease, and all the appliances are of the most simple and durable construction. It may be mentioned that where the sound has not to be conveyed a great distance, gong bells may be obtained at much less cost than swinging bells, and that the tones they give are remarkably sweet and musical. The adoption either of the ordinary or the gong bells, or both, at our public works, would be not one of the least pleasing improvements brought about by the Dundee Improvement Bill.'—*Dundee Advertiser.*

Death of a Ringer.

On Sunday evening, October 22nd, a muffled peal was rung on the bells of St. Peter's, Mancroft, in consequence of the death of Mr. George Smith, who, for upwards of forty years, had been a member of the society of ringers of that parish. He died at the age of fifty-eight, and was interred at the cemetery on Sunday afternoon last. He was well-known in campanological circles, having assisted in ringing some of the most intricate peals on record.

Norwich.

Death of an Old Ringer.

Mr. Joseph Marsden, a native of Holmfirth, and the oldest ringer in the country, died at Heygap, Holmfirth, on Wednesday the 4th inst., in his ninety-second year. 'Old Joe' Marsden, as he was familiarly known, was very much respected. He commenced his ringing career at the age of twenty, and was one who took up the art in good earnest. Mr. Marsden was one of the set who, in 1845, rung the old year out and the new year in, with a peal of 6000 changes, including ten different methods. His last effort at ringing was on the occasion of the celebration of his ninety-first birth-day, on which occasion he rang 120 changes of violet. He was interred on Sunday, the 8th, and was followed to his last resting-place by a number of the workmen of Messrs. Brookes, of Armitage Bridge (for whom he worked ever since he could work); also by ringers from Huddersfield, Almondbury, Kirkheaton, Armitage Bridge, Meltham, Peinstone, Kirkburton, and other places. Muffled peals were rung at Armitage Bridge, Almondbury, Kirkheaton, Meltham, and Holmfirth. Joseph Marsden, sen. was respected by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance; may he rest in peace.

BELFRY RECORDS.

Lambeth.—(*Continued.*)

7. The Southwark Youths' Society rung a Muffled Peal on Thursday, 12th April, 1860, in memory of Mr. R. Mills, a late member of the Cumberland Society, who died April 1st, 1860, at the advanced age of 84.

T. Pearse, *Treble.*	T. Russell, *Fourth.*	W. Judge, *Seventh.*
E. Drury, *Second.*	C. Weedley, *Fifth.*	W. Field, *Tenor.*
W. Pettengel, *Third.*	E. Farley, *Sixth.*	

Conducted by E. Drury.

Mr. W. Grieg. | Mr. D. Sims. } *Churchwardens.*
Mr. E. Grove. | Mr. T. Lewis }
Rev. J. Lingham, M.A., *Rector.*

ST. MARY, ISLINGTON. (Tablets in the Belfry.)

8. On Sunday, Dec. 11th, 1791, the Society of Cumberland Youths rung in this Steeple a compleat Peal of Oxford Treble Bob, being the first on these bells. Performed in 3 hours 19 minutes by the following persons—

William Stephens, *Treble.*	Thos Norris, *Fourth.*	Willm. Shipway, *Seventh.*
John Darby, *Second.*	James Truscoat, *Fifth.*	James Burless, *Tenor.*
Chas. Cunnon, *Third.*	Willm. Gibson, *Sixth.*	

Conducted by Mr. William Shipway.

9. On Monday, Sept. 13th, 1802, the Society of Cumberlands rung in this Steeple a compleat Peal of Imperial Place Major, consisting of 5040 changes, in 3 hours and 15 minutes, being the first ever performed in this method. Performed by—

George Guss, *Treble.*	Thos. Harris, *Fourth.*	Willm. Shipway, *Seventh.*
Saml. Clewly, *Second.*	Thomas Fruth, *Fifth.*	Thomas East, *Tenor.*
Willm. Jackson, *Third.*	John Hints, *Sixth.*	

Composed and called by W. Shipway, Author of the *System of Ringing.*

Messrs. William Stott,
William Robinson, } *Churchwardens.*
Williams Wickings,