

more particularly the after-cabin passengers, whose more immediate intercourse with Mr. Marsh had enabled them to learn and appreciate his most estimable and truly christian-like character. The deep affliction into which his poor widow was thus suddenly plunged, was shared in by all, and as many as could, strove to alleviate her distress by surrounding her with their warmest sympathies.

In order to show how thoroughly imbued his mind was with that precious spirit which Christ came to breathe on all who would truly follow Him, I may state that, when praying shortly before his death, at his bedside he made me the parting request, that I would assure his flock he died in the full faith of our Saviour, relying for his everlasting salvation on the great sacrifice which had once been made for the sins of the whole world, and that he earnestly exhorted each one and all of them so to live that so also they might come to die. As evidencing likewise one of the many graces of which his character was composed, I may further add, that with the view of sparing the unhappy steward as much as possible the pain of self-condemnation for having occasioned his death, in his last conversation with his beloved wife he desired her to assure him that he considered it was altogether an accident, and that he did not reproach him in the least.

The funeral is to take place to-morrow, and the remains of our departed brother are to be interred in the beautiful cemetery of St. James's, in this town.

I am, Rev. and dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
WM. DAVID.

Miscellaneous.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL IN FOREIGN PARTS.

79 Pall Mall, August 9th, 1856.

The monthly meeting of the society was held July 18, 1856. The Bishop of Gibraltar in the chair.

The Rev. Silas Crosse, late missionary at Herring Neck, Newfoundland, was, after full communication with the Bishop of Quebec, appointed to the vacant mission of Cape-Cove, on the bay of Gaspé.

The sanction of the society was granted to the transfer of the Rev. H. Hamilton, from the mission of Ferryland, in Newfoundland, to some mission in Nova Scotia, to be determined by the Bishop of that diocese.

A letter was read from the Bishop of Newfoundland, dated June 25th, announcing the melancholy intelligence of the death of the Rev. Thomas Boland, in a snowdrift, near his own mission of Sandy Point, St. George's Bay, on the west coast, in the beginning of March. The society resolved that his missionary stipend should be continued to Midsummer, and that a grant of £100 should be made to his widow.

In the same letter, the Bishop announced the death of Kallihirus, the native Esquimaux student of St. John's Theological Institution. He died on the 14th of June,

and is much missed; for his kind, gentle, and submissive ways had endeared him to all.

It was further resolved, that two clergymen be sent to Newfoundland to fill the places left vacant by the removal of Mr. Hamilton and the death of Mr. Boland, as soon as well qualified men can be found.

It is with sincere sorrow that the society records the death of the exemplary and devoted Bishop of Grahamstown. He has been called away from the midst of a most laborious, yet most hopeful missionary work. The sad intelligence was first conveyed to the society by the Rev. John Hardie, the Bishop's chaplain, in the following letter addressed to the secretary:—

"Grahamstown, May 24, 1856.

"Rev. and dear Sir,—It is my painful duty to announce, through you to the venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, the death of our beloved Bishop, which took place, after a short illness, on the 16th of this month. His strength had been on the decline for some months, but his zeal would allow him no rest; and I have reason to believe that the fatigues and anxieties of a visit to the missions in Caffraria, from which he had just returned, had so reduced his vital powers, that they were unable to cope with the disease (*purpura hæmorrhagica*) which, after a short interval, attacked him. He may be truly said to have died in the harness of a Christian soldier. It was my privilege to minister to him in his last days on earth; and in the midst of sorrow for his loss, it is a comfort to be able to bear witness to his friends at home, that, as his life had been, such was his end—full of faith, and hope, and love. After he had made his peace with God, and sealed it by the reception of the Holy Communion, he blessed his wife and children with much emotion. From that moment nothing disturbed him more. A few hours, entirely free from pain and troubled thoughts, during which he frequently joined in prayer, were yet vouchsafed to him; and at last he fell asleep, almost without a pang.

"To us, who have watched the course, short, yet already fruitful, of his apostolic labours in South Africa, the loss seems irreparable; but our sight is too short to reach the issues of God's counsels. Faith teaches us that His work has not been begun by His servant in vain, but that other labourers will be raised up in succession to carry it on.

"May they be as gentle, and pure, and wise as he who has been thus early called to his reward; and may they walk in his footsteps, who himself strove humbly to follow his blessed Lord's!"

A letter on the same mournful subject has since been received from the Bishop of Capetown, and has arrived only just in time for insertion:—

"It is with the deepest grief that I write to announce to you that last night's post brought the news of the death of my dear brother, the Bishop of Grahamstown, after a short illness. He died in the evening of Friday, the 16th, and was to be buried on Monday. I inclose his chaplain's short and hurried note to me on this sad occasion, and also Sir G. Grey's kind note. With him I think the Bishop's death not only

one of the greatest calamities that could have befallen the Church here, but a heavy loss to all South Africa. During the short time that he has been amongst us, he had endeared himself to very many, and won the respect and confidence of his diocese. His many gifts, his deep and fervent piety, were producing a great impression around him. Over-work and over-anxiety have, I believe, been the chief causes of his death, which, from all I gather from those around him at the time, was hastened by the misrepresentations of certain persons, not in his diocese, but, alas! in mine.

"No one will succeed or give satisfaction, in the very arduous post now vacant, but one of like mind with the late Bishop, and willing to walk in his steps. He must be a sound and zealous Churchman, filled with a missionary spirit, not easily daunted by difficulties, bold and prompt in his plans, yet with sober and matured judgment, not afraid of incurring responsibility, a thorough man of business, and one who will work cordially with the devoted set of men already in the field."

Governor Sir George Grey says: "I cannot tell you what a loss I consider him to the whole of South Africa, and how deeply I personally lament his death."

A private letter says: "The whole town is in mourning. The funeral was at the public expense, but all done with the most delicate consideration."

The Rev. J. Wilson, from Grafton, Canada West, arrived in England on June 9th.

FROM THE CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

PESHAWUR.

A LETTER has been received from Colonel Herbert Edwardes, Commissioner at Peshawur, dated Nov. 21, 1855, in which he says—

"Mr. Clark's exertions during the last hot weather, in the discouraging task of beginning a school on Missionary principles in a Mahomedan city, have been very great indeed, and have been rewarded with more success than could reasonably have been expected. Both teaching and preaching, by Mr. Pfänder, have now been introduced into this ultra-Mahomedan city, without exciting violence, which alone is a victory. Every day accustoms the people to innovation; and soon it will seem no more strange to them, than that Hindoos are worshipping idols and no true Moslem breaking them. The first step is the difficulty in these matters. After that it is impossible that the presence of really good men, Europeans without European pride, and with all European knowledge, mixing with the natives on kindly terms, teaching their children better than they could be taught elsewhere, and radiating generally the genial influence of Christian good-will towards all men, should not succeed in softening angry feeling, dispersing prejudice, attracting curiosity and inquiry, and winning a large amount of humanity and respect.