

has become of them? In the rapidity of their disappearance they have resembled the temporary island of Sabrina, when it rose from the deep off the coast of St. Michael, in February 1811, and sank again in the subsequent October. With such a complete and sudden subsidence did Romish Missions sink amid the deep waters of Japanese heathenism. They rose for a time, but with no mild influence. They emitted fires; they sent forth sulphurous vapours. They were a distraction and a trouble, instead of a blessing, to the natives. A brief struggle, and they collapsed; and where they once stood, the scornful waves of heathen superstition have resumed an undisputed ascendancy.

The system carried out in Evangelical Missions has been altogether different. We have been contented to put into requisition God's mode of action; to make known, in their respective languages, to the perishing nations of the world, the saving truths of the Gospel; and these have been effectual, because God has wrought by them. The Christian formations, which in different directions have risen to the surface from amidst the depths of heathenism, are solid and reliable, fitted to become the foundations of more ostensible structures. Already they are assuming shape and form, as new converts are being added, and to the eye, even of the indifferent spectator, appear as something entirely distinct from heathenism. On these the clouds of the divine blessing manifestly rest, and an invisible hand distils upon them reviving and refreshing influence. The work of revival has commenced amongst our Missionary churches bringing them to a fuller realization of what it is to be a Christian, and drawing forth their sympathies on behalf, of the perishing heathen around. Men who have experienced in their own characters and lives the converting power of the truth, are girding up their loins to do the Lord's work, and going forth as evangelists amongst the heathen. The churches, whose messengers they are, afford to them supplies, and await as their recompense the happy intelligence that the Lord does not disdain to employ, in this great work of saving souls, their simple agency. From the churches of the Karens, Tamils, the churches of Sierra Leone and Yoruba, the churches of Polynesia, the churches of the scattered Armenians, as well as from many others, native evangelists are going forth and the hand of the Lord is with them, and will be so increasingly. Names might be mentioned of many whom the Lord has thus used, but it would not be wise or well to do so. Perhaps, in our anxiety to convince hesitating minds, at home that the Lord is at work amongst our Missions, we have too often pushed aside the overshadowing leaves, which, if they conceal the blossoms, protect them from a too great exposure to the sun's glare, and thus the Lord's work has suffered.—*Church Missionary Intelligence*.

THE BISHOP OF DURHAM ON "ESSAYS AND REVIEWS."

The following letter has been received by the Venerable R. C. Cox, M. A., Archdeacon of Lindisfarne, from the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Durham, in reply to an address to his Lordship from the Archdeaconry