

yea, though many Iscariots be found under its awful responsibilities, the integrity of the office, as essentially identical with that of the apostles, is in no wise affected.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL IN FOREIGN PARTS.

The following address was drawn up by Mr. Keble, of Oxford, and has been used as a model in many parishes in England where the clergy are endeavouring to engage every member of their flocks, in aid of the Colonial Church. We understand from the best authority, that in one small country parish, and that a poor one, nearly £50 a year have been added by this address to the Society's income. To our parishes, for whose benefit all these exertions are now putting forth by the benevolent in England, we would say go and do likewise.—Ed. C. C.

To the Inhabitants of

When, by Her Majesty's command, we made our collection the other day, for the Society for spreading the Gospel in Foreign Parts, you were told that we intended to apply to every one of you, to subscribe something every year, according to your ability, for that highest of all charities.

You may depend upon it, that if there is any Charity in the world, by giving to which you give to Christ Himself, this one is such a Charity. For this Society is, in fact, the Church of Christ in our country, going out by her Bishops and Pastors, or by those whom they regularly send, on one or other of these two errands: either to convert the Heathen and unbelievers; or to keep up the knowledge of God, and the means of grace, among our own countrymen and fellow subjects, scattered far and wide through our Colonies, and in danger of becoming heathens again, or worse, for want of Ministers, Churches, and Schools. In a word, this Society is among us, as those persons were in our Lord's own time, who, having met Him on the mountain, went forth in obedience to Him, to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Most Holy Name, and teaching them to observe all His commands.

It has at present four principal fields of labour, any one of which is quite large enough, as those who know best will assure you, to take up all the present income of the Society.

First, They are helping to maintain Missionaries, and other Clergymen, throughout the British Colonies in North America, which are as yet too poor to do the same for themselves.

Secondly, They are supporting a considerable number of Missionaries in the East Indies, and educating native persons on the spot to be Missionaries.

Thirdly, They are sending out Clergymen to New Holland to look after the transported convicts, and other neglected people there, who, by all accounts, are sinking daily into the lowest possible condition.

Fourthly, They are assisting the Bishops of the West Indies to provide Clergymen, Schools, and other helps for the eight hundred thousand negroes who have just been made free.

For all these purposes, the Society has a yearly income of about ten thousand pounds, in subscriptions and the interest of former benefactions; and you may easily judge how insufficient that income must be, when we tell you that they maintain two hundred Missionaries, which is only allowing £50 a year on an average for each Missionary; besides all other necessary expenses. No wonder that every year their expenditure far exceeds their income. It did so last year by about eleven thousand pounds; and if they had a hundred times as much as they have, they could find plenty to do with it. In the East Indies alone, there are, it is believed, not less than eighty millions of heathens, subject to our Queen. Can we quietly leave them to die in their heathenism?

Let no person then be afraid of giving too much. To trust our money with the Bishops for such a purpose, is to trust it with Jesus Christ—with Him who has declared that not a cup of cold water given to a brother in His name, shall in any wise lose its reward. It is, in a manner, following the example, of which we read in the Acts of the Apostles: it is "bringing our goods, and laying them at the Apostles' feet."

Let no poor person be fearful or ashamed to give a little: let us all remember the widow's mite, and

her whom our Lord praised, saying, she hath done what she could.

To shew you what sort of persons, and what kind of work, you will be encouraging by your brotherly aid, we will add a few extracts from the Report of the proceedings of the Missionaries in Nova Scotia, to the truth of which we heard the Bishop, the other day, solemnly bear witness.

Here follow several extracts from the Reports of Missionaries in this Province and Newfoundland.

All these, you will observe, are taken from the Report from one Diocese, Nova Scotia, for one twelvemonth. They are but a very small sample of the state of things in that country.

The smallest parish in Nova Scotia is 16 miles long and 10 broad.

To mark the good dispositions of some of the people, who are in danger of being left spiritually destitute, the Bishop told us of one person, more than 70 years old, who had to come 10 miles to church, and yet for several years never missed a Sunday, nor was ever too late for the service. Also of a boy who had 9 miles to come to a Sunday School, and never failed to be there in time, even in the sharp winter storms of that country.

But let us not forget that those who least desire our help do, in a certain sense, want it most. If there be any of our fellow Christians and fellow countrymen over there, who care scarcely at all for these things, who would not thank us for our wish to bring the blessings of the Gospel nearer to them, is not this only the more shocking?

Would you turn away from a person in a fever, or numbed with cold, because he said he did not want your help, and was well enough without it. Would you leave him when you knew his danger? Think how it would be with many of us, were we left to ourselves, on the other side of the world, without Church, Pastor, or Sacraments: do we value them nearly as we ought, though so often reminded about them? Judge by this how great the Charity of doing what we can to save them from utter desolation, and perhaps, by our little gift, through the blessing of God, to help towards awakening them to a better mind.

Such, Christian Brethren, are the persons, and such the work, which you are invited to aid; and surely it is a great privilege to which we invite you. Almighty God graciously continues to us, year after year, the blessings of His Church and Gospel. Both we and our brethren need it as much one year as another. Consider this, and you will see plainly that we ought not to be content with giving only this once and away, but to go on giving every year, as long as we can find any thing to give. Your gift will be to you a yearly token of communion with these self-denying laborious followers of the Apostles, and with the Church on the other side of the world: nay, and with the Church in Paradise, the Saints and Martyrs, in whose steps they try to walk. You will have their especial prayers; will not that be a blessing? Will not God's blessing go along with such a gift of faith? and will not the blessing be greater, the less you can afford it? Again we say—REMEMBER THE WIDOW'S MITE.

N.B. Those who wish to contribute, are requested to lose no time in making known to one or other of us what yearly sum they mean to give; from one penny upwards. We purpose to collect half yearly, and occasionally to make you some short statement of interesting matters about the Missionary proceedings of the Church. We should be glad to have every one of you down in our list for the above sum, at least; and if any would like to pay monthly, or weekly, so much the better.

DEFERRED ARTICLES.

The Pictorial Bible.—This is a beautiful work, just issued from a London press, in three super-royal volumes, containing the authorized version, with its marginal reading, and illustrated with many hundred superior wood cuts, representing the historical events after the most celebrated pictures, landscapes, scenes from original drawings, or from authentic engravings; also the subjects of natural history, of costumes, and of antiquities from the best sources. To these may be added original notes and explanations, some of which

we are publishing in our biblical department. No edition of the Bible was ever published for the same price, that possessed so many attractions, especially for the young. We would rejoice to see it upon every parlour table, to be handled, yea, read by all. It is worth a whole library of other books, aside even from the sacred truths which it contains.—Banner of the Cross.

Malta.—The Queen Dowager of England has announced her intention of erecting in this Island a church capable of accommodating one thousand persons. The estimated cost is about £7000.—Banner of the Cross.

Lord Carrington lately died; leaving behind him property to the amount of £620,000. He has cut his wife off with a mansion in Whitehall, and £1000 per annum, only; because her ladyship went to a ball while his daughter, by a former wife, was lying dead.—Ibid.

ENGLISH ITEMS.

Decline of Quakerism.—Of the 16 Quaker's meetings in the County of Suffolk, eight of the houses are closed for want of congregations, and of those remaining the number of Friends attending are constantly diminishing. These facts have been mentioned to several of the Society of Friends, who seem quite unconcerned at the event, which bids fair speedily to extinguish that religious body in this country.—Bury Herald.

The Church and the Navy.—The steeple has many a time been the best landmark for steering a vessel safe into harbour; and they whose standard is the banner of St. George should never forget that they sail under the colours of the Church.—Churchmen have supplied some of the greatest names in the Navy—we need only instance Nelson.—Naval and Military Gazette.

The Earl of Eldon has this week presented to the Incorporated Society for the propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts a donation of £100; and Mr Alderman Copeland has presented to the same Society a donation of £50.

The executors of the late Rev. W. Richardson, of the city of Chester, have this week paid to the treasurer of the Incorporated Society for the propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts a bequest of £2000, free of duty.

ILLUSTRATIONS OF SCRIPTURE.

FAITH AND REPENTANCE.

ACTS, xxi. 21.—'Testifying both to the Jews and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.'

In the year 1650, the Rev. Philip Henry preached on the doctrines of faith and repentance, from several texts of Scripture. He used to say that he had been told concerning the famous Mr. Dod, that some called him in scorn, 'faith and repentance,' because he insisted so much upon those two in all his preaching. 'But,' says he, 'it this be vile, I will be yet more vile; for faith and repentance are all in all Christianity.' Concerning repentance he has sometimes said, 'If I were to die in the pulpit, I would desire to die 'preaching' repentance; or if I die out of the pulpit, I would desire to die 'practising' repentance.' And he had often this saying concerning repentance. 'He that repents every day for the sins of every day, when he comes to die, will have the sins but of one day to repent of.'—Chris. H.

THE COAT WITHOUT SEAM.

JOHN, xix. 23.—'Now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout.'

I have often heard this passage disputed, and have heard many ridiculous and infidel observations made upon it. The passage presents no difficulty to His doo weavers; they have a method of weaving garments without seam, from the top throughout, as stated in the text.—W. Brown.