

## MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL IN FOREIGN PARTS.\*

## BRITISH GUIANA.—INDIANS.

From the Rev. H. R. Redwar, to the Lord Bishop of Barbados.

"*Mary's Hope, Berbice, September 21st, 1829.*

"My Lord,—I have the honour to inform your lordship, that, on Monday the 2nd instant, I left the Eliza and Mary in a corial, manned by a crew of six Indians, and, after seventeen hours' continuous use of paddles, in the absence of a favourable breeze reached Aurialle. I took with me Mr. Simpson, the schoolmaster of the Eliza and Mary, with a view to his assisting in the performance of divine worship, and of giving additional effect to it by the full responses.

"Mr. De Wolff very kindly received us, and gave every publicity to the circumstance of my arrival and object of my visit. The greater part of Tuesday we spent in walking on the Savannah from hut to hut, and making myself known. On Wednesday, at eleven o'clock, I had seventy-three Indians, adults and children, collected together at the post holder's house, and commenced with the short morning service, after which I addressed them in as plain and suitable a manner as I was able; and nothing could exceed the apparent attention and interest they exhibited throughout the whole. I found them possessed of greater intelligence, and also more accessible than I expected. I next proceeded to baptize twelve children, which were most willingly brought me by their parents. It is somewhat singular, that your lordship, at your late visit to Aurialle, baptized the same number, ten of which were Waccows and the other two Accowacks, and that, in my case, there were undesignedly twelve again, but ten Accowacks and two Waccows, thus making a dozen of each tribe. Three chieftains were present, Matthias, Thomas, and Hector, and also the poor old blind Jeremiah, whom I had the inexpressible pleasure to hear several times sing his long-remembered and well-cherished "Hallelujah" hymns, one of which he was able to interpret to me, and I found it to be a Christian Hymn, where in the Virgin Mother and the manger were particularly introduced. He assured me he felt as if he was a "young boy," so sensibly did the prayers, singing, and preaching remind him of the time, when but a boy, he went to the Moravian Missionaries' School, and took his part. The old man insisted on his being allowed to paddle me down the river again, which he did with as much strength and skill as the youngest of the crew. Nathaniel, his son, (who had been baptized by the missionary when an infant,) promised to take care of the newly-baptized children, and to bring them to the intended schoolmaster's, to be taught 'all the good things,' as he said. As soon as a steady teacher is settled amongst them, and gains their confidence, I am convinced we shall see abundant good fruits to the important and interesting mission. After having taken several long and pleasant walks on Thursday, I stepped over the small streams of the Apoaca (which in wet seasons forms a pretty cascade of probably seventy feet in the river), and of the Hobodiegoerie and Aurialle creeks in my way, and visited the site of the Moravian establishment. I left the kind and worthy post-holder's house on Thursday evening, and reached the Eliza and Mary at noon on Friday.

"I feel, my Lord, much pleased and encouraged by the general reception and countenance I have met with at this my first visit to Aurille, and beg leave to assure you that no exertion shall be wanting on my part to carry on, under God's blessing, that benevolent work of Christianizing the Indians in the Coreatyne river, which your lordship so happily thought of, and commenced in person. I purpose my second visit in the last week of next month, when I hope, with God's blessing, to feel my way more perfectly

To the Secretary of the Society.

Worcester, Dec. 23, 1829.

"Rev. and Dear Sir,—The visit of the Lord

Bishop of Nova Scotia, so kindly made by his lordship at our request, a request most cordially sanctioned by our diocesan, has been greatly blessed. More than 600*l.* (above 300*l.* in the Worcestershire part, and the same in the Warwickshire part of the diocese) has been the immediate pecuniary result, besides considerable increase in annual subscriptions: but even far beyond this, has been the spread of an excellent feeling of attachment to our Church, both at home and abroad, which has been most materially forwarded by the exertions of his lordship.

The Bishop of Nova Scotia, who will remain in England until May, is very anxious to obtain for his diocese the services of a few well qualified clergymen, to be employed either in settled stations, or as visiting missionaries. They must be faithful, zealous, and devoted to their sacred work, for none others would find their happiness in the discharge of the important duties, which will be committed to them.

Their stipends will be paid through the benevolent agency of the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and some additional income probably about 50*l.* a year, with a residence, will be supplied by the congregations for whom such missionaries will labour.

Clergymen, or well qualified candidates for holy orders, are requested to apply at the office of the Society, No. 4, Trafalgar-square, London.

## CHURCH PASTORAL AID SOCIETY.

The Society's aid is now extended to 240 incumbents, in charge of 1,778,000 souls, giving an average charge to each incumbent of 7,411 souls, while the income, on an average, is only 159*l.* and 115 incumbents are without parsonage-houses.

The existing grants will provide for 246 clergymen, and 33 lay-assistants.\* The charge on the Society, when all the appointments shall have been made by the incumbents, will be 22,000*l.* per annum, the incumbents providing from their own or from local resources, the sum of 3,800*l.* to meet the Society's aid: thus making a sum of 25,800*l.* available for the service of the Church of England. 148 additional curates, and 28 lay-assistants, are now at their important labours, at a charge to the Society of 13,313*l.* per annum.

## CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

VISIT OF THE BISHOP OF AUSTRALIA TO THE SOCIETY'S MISSION IN NEW ZEALAND.

"I embarked on Wednesday, December 12, 1838, on board H. M. S. 'Pelorus,' commanded by Capt. Francis Harding, who, at my request, had obligingly consented to afford me a passage to the various points which I was desirous of visiting. On the following day we left this harbour; and on the morning of Friday, 21st December, anchored in the Bay of Islands, having experienced no incident worthy of observation during the passage. The Rev. O. Hadfield, whom, on the recommendation of the Society, I had, at my late ordination, admitted to deacon's orders, accompanied me; and I was gratified by observing the perceptible benefit which his health had already derived from change of climate. The Rev. R. Maunsell, whose station is at Manukau, to the southward, happened at this time to be at the Bay of Islands, on account of the state of Mrs. Maunsell's health, and was so kind as to receive me on my landing, the day following, at the house of the Resident, James Busty, Esq. Several other members of the mission were also present on the occasion; and I received from all a friendly reception and cordial welcome, which afforded me great encouragement.—The Rev. Henry Williams, I found, was absent; having undertaken a voyage to the neighbourhood of East Cape, in the hope of composing some serious differences which had arisen among the tribes there, and of preventing their proceeding to extremities, and thereby alarming or endangering the residents at

\* "A lay-assistant is simply to be employed as a district visitor and tract distributor, and by no means as a public instructor or preacher."—See Circular to Applicants for Aid.

tached to the Missionary stations in the neighbourhood of those contexts. The Rev. W. Williams came over from Waimate, as soon as the intelligence of our arrival reached him.

"On Sunday, the 23rd, the captain of the 'Pelorus' sent his boat to convey me to the chapel at Paibia. It is merely a cottage of unpretending appearance; but not incommodiously fitted up. The very appearance of a place of Christian Worship on those shores was marvellous in my eyes, and excited feelings and thoughts of peculiar and earnest interest. There was a degree of repose and quietness in the scene, which seemed to betoken that this was indeed the Sabbath-day; and I am not ashamed of acknowledging myself to be so much under the influence of external objects, as to have felt a calm shed over my mind by the sight of the green turf, and the scent of the sweetbriar hedges which surround this humble temple; and I took part in the service, and preached there, much supported by hopes, which I pray to a God of infinite mercy may be realised on behalf of the hitherto ignorant and barbarous natives of this land, many of whom attended the service.

"During my stay in the Bay of Islands, I made excursions to visit the settlements at Kerikeri and Waimate; and also to the Kauakau, where there is a large assemblage of converted natives. I officiated again at Paibia on Christmas Day, which completed the twenty-fourth year of the establishment of the mission; my venerated friend, Mr. Marsden, having landed on the 24th December, 1814, and preached his first sermon, on the beach, on the day following,—the festival of the Nativity. Mr. King, who was then present, is still alive, and in the enjoyment of good health; and recalled that impressive scene with animated recollection. On Sundays, 30th December and 6th January, I also took part in the services of the missionary chapel; and on the last of these days, being the day of the Epiphany, and therefore a most appropriate occasion, I, in the same place, conferred priest's orders on Mr. Hadfield. \* \* \* In the ordination service I was assisted by the Rev. Henry Williams, who had arrived at home after an absence of two months, the Rev. W. Williams, and the Rev. R. Maunsell. The feelings excited in the minds of all present, on this solemn occasion, were most gratifying; and to themselves, I trust, would afford permanent benefit. I was thankful to have such an opportunity given of showing them the nature of our orders, and our apostolical mode of conveying the ministerial office.

"Another duty, scarcely less edifying, devolved on me, in administering the ordinance of Confirmation to about twenty young persons of European parentage, and to double that number of adult New Zealanders, converts of the missionaries. In the case of the former class, there could be no doubt of their being suitably prepared, and grounded in the rudiments of religious knowledge, as required by our rubrics; consisting, as they did principally, of children of the missionaries themselves, or of those who were living in habits of close intimacy and intercourse with them. The appearance of these young persons was pleasing and interesting; their demeanour unassuming; becomingly serious, without any mixture of affectation; and their almost total unacquaintance with the world, giving them a simplicity of manner which forcibly attracts esteem. It was also gratifying to observe the readiness of the parents to present their children for the reception of this becoming ordinance, proving that they had not, through long disuse, lost their feeling of the advantage which even the most spiritually-minded may derive from the faithful and pious use of external services. It was not possible for me to decide, with equal certainty or confidence, upon the actual fitness, in point of preparation, of the native candidates; but they were carefully and perseveringly examined by the clergymen as to their degree of acquaintance with the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Commandments. They were living in all apparent godliness and honesty, under the constant observation, it may be said, of the entire mission; and no evil heart of unbelief had betrayed itself among them; and they drew near in a very earnest and humble spirit, desiring to partake of this rite as a means of grace; the nature of it having been previ-