

GROWTH OF THE ENGLISH COLONIAL CHURCH.

THE CHURCH IN THE WEST INDIES.

WE pass this month from New Zealand to the West Indies, and give a few facts respecting the growth of the Church in that portion of the Vineyard. In the S. P. G. Report of 1704, help is recorded as sent to the Islands of Jamaica, Antigua, and Monserat. In 1710, General Codrington, a native of Barbadoes, Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford, and Governor of the Leeward Islands, bequeathed to the S. P. G. estates in the West Indies, with 300 negroes for the foundation of a College, "Codrington College" has grown under many difficulties, until it now provides an income for a Principal Tutor, Chaplain, Medical Lectures, 11 Exhibitions, and for the training of Catechists. More than half of the Clergy in Barbadoes have been educated at the College, and coloured Missionaries have been sent to West Africa. In 1836, the money received for the compensation for the slaves was invested for the College. In 1873, the Bahama Islands received a clergyman from the S. P. G. The Legislatures largely helped in providing funds for Church Work. In 1824, the Imperial Government established the Bishoprics of Jamaica and Barbadoes. Antigua and Guiana were founded in 1842. In 1868, the Imperial authorities forced disendowment in the Legislatures, except Barbadoes. This has produced much suffering, but will undoubtedly lead to the future benefit and consolidation of the Church. In 1873, the first meeting of the

Bishops of the West Indian Church was held at Demerara, which resulted in united action; and before long, there will be an Ecclesiastical Province in the West Indian Dioceses. At present, there are the following Dioceses organized:—Jamaica, Antigua, Barbadoes, Trinidad, Nassau, and Guiana. Hayti is under the fostering care of the American Church. The Bishop of the Falkland Islands has jurisdiction in South America.

Jamaica.—This includes the Island of Jamaica and British Honduras. Number of clergy in 1877, 77.

Antigua.—This diocese comprises the Leeward Islands, viz.: Antigua, St. Christopher, Nevis, Montserrat, Virgin Islands, and Dominica, with their dependent islets. Population, 133,650. Church members, 37,050. Clergy, 28.

Barbadoes.—The Island was divided into parishes in 1629. This Diocese includes Barbadoes, Grenada, St. Vincent, Tobago, and St. Lucia. Clergy, 76. Communicants, about 17,000. Church members, about 200,000. Codrington College had in 1878, 16 students. The Bishop is Dr. Mitchinson, (1873.)

Trinidad was founded in 1872. The whole population is 120,000, of whom over 20,000 are Hindoos and Chinese. Since the Act of Disendowment, the See has been partially endowed. There were in 1877, 13 clergy and 8 catechists, and about 30,000 Church members, most of whom in the rural parishes are negro labourers. There is now a Chinese clergyman ministering to his countrymen. In December, 1878, Bishop Rawle's register of Baptisms in the Cathedral town of