

from the Bishop of Brisbane, the sum of £250 was granted for maintaining an itinerant Missionary.

A communication having been received from the Committee for Establishing the Church in the Sandwich Islands, stating that they purpose to send out shortly a Bishop (whom the Archbishop of Canterbury has consented to consecrate), two clergymen and one schoolmaster; and that they expect these will be joined on their arrival by one or two clergymen from America; it was agreed in accordance with their request, to grant £100 per annum to each of three clergymen appointed by the Bishop, who should hold themselves pledged to extend their labours especially to the British sailors there.

The sum of £40 was granted for the passage of a native school-mistress to Borneo, and maintenance was promised to a Malay youth at St. Augustine's College. A grant of £100 per annum for a Missionary in Walpole Island was confirmed to the Rev. A. Jamieson.

TESTIMONIES OF NONCONFORMISTS TO THE CLAIMS OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND THE EXCELLENCE OF HER LITURGY.

THE METHODIST "ADVOCATE AND JOURNAL" IN THE UNITED STATES ON THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—"As the Episcopal Church, it is that of our ancestors, and in a sense, the mother of us all. It has moderated the spirit of the Reformation, moulded the greatest nation, and produced the best literature the world has ever seen. We have read so much and so gratefully in Taylor and Tillotson, in Berkeley and South, in Butler and Paley, in Horne and Wilson, that we must speak respectfully of the Church which nourished them. We thank God for every cross-crowned spire it points to heaven; it is a monument of truth, an invitation to Christ, a protest against fanaticism, and a pledge of scriptural and tasteful song, and supplication. This Church's instruction is sure to embrace the faith of patriarchs, the majesty of Sinai, the wisdom of Solomon, the threnodies of Job, the lyrics of David, the visions of Isaiah, and the fulness of joy in the cradle, the cross, and the crown of our blessed Lord, while its stream of devotion can quench an infant's thirst, or float the chariot of Elijah. As we have bowed in its venerable aisles, and listened to its chants and organ peals amid the tombs of the mighty dead, we have said, not with tearless eye, "How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O Israel!" To speak of its formalism, and its latitudinarianism, and its tractarianism, and its Chinese exclusiveness, is but to remind us that things human are blended with things divine here below. Happily, man's foolishness cannot frustrate God's wisdom, nor human error obliterate divine truth."

The Rev. T. Binney, well known as one of the leading ministers amongst the Independents in England, was present lately at the consecration of all Saints Church, Belvedere, near Erith, on the River Thames, by the Archbishop of Canterbury; and at a collation given afterwards,