

round it. The Orphan Asylum for native boys, admissible at five years old, before any corruption of heathenism or caste has laid hold upon their minds, is completed, and has been opened since the beginning of the month, and has already under its protecting roof seven children, within the precincts of the College. The foundation for twelve students' rooms is laid, and the building will be recommenced as soon as the rainy season is over, and will not be long in progress. Our work, therefore, is advancing, and appears to be gaining confidence as it advances, judging from the applications for future admission, not less than from its actual increase. We have difficulties to contend against, as all who desire to work any real good must expect to encounter; but if they keep us humble, and earnest, and faithful to our trust, we shall be gainers. To your Committee and Board I look, under God, as foster fathers and founders of this institution. The large spirit of disinterested generosity in which they came forward to encourage and to help me, set the seal to the work, which by God's blessing has thus far prospered, greatly beyond my hope, and as far beyond my desert. Let the fruits of my thanks be offered where they are most due. To Him be the praise, whose work it is, and whose blessing, we pray, may be with it more and more."

In a subsequent letter the Bishop stated that the number of students had increased to upwards of eighty.

A letter was read from the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, dated Halifax, Sept. 4, 1851. The following are extracts:—

"I have been travelling for the last month, and having only just returned, have but time to say that I strongly recommend the application of the Rev. H. L. Owen, who appears to deserve any encouragement we can give him. He has three congregations in schoolrooms, all of which could be united in the proposed church, where there would be consequently Service on three Sundays in the month, instead of only one Sunday at each as at present.

"I have now visited nearly all the parishes in the western division of the diocese. The Bishop of Newfoundland has just arrived, on his way to Quebec, where there is to be a meeting of Bishops. I wish I could go with him, but feel that my absence just now would give much dissatisfaction, since my residence has been of so short duration."

The Rev. H. L. Owen, of St. Mary's Rectory, Aylesford, N. S., in the letter above alluded to, informed the Society that it had been found necessary, in consequence of the growing population in the village of Morden, in his mission, to erect a new church in that place. It is intended to hold 200 persons, chiefly settlers on the neighbouring mountain, and mariners frequenting the small harbour on the shore. The sittings are free. The rector of the parish will be the officiating minister, under whose superintendence arrangements will be made for the weekly service. The chief contributor, Colonel Butler, is a descendant of the late Mr. Morden, through whose instrumentality the parish church of Aylesford was erected in 1790.

It was agreed to grant 25*l.* towards Morden church.

A letter was read from the Lord Bishop of Rupert's Land, dated The Red River, Rupert's Land, Aug. 6, 1851. The following are extracts:—

"I have an earnest appeal to make, for which I would solicit the Society's kind consideration. It is on behalf of the church of St. James, about to be erected on the Assiniboine river. The Rev. W. H. Taylor, supported chiefly by the liberality of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, has been labouring in that district for nearly a year, and has already as large a congregation as the schoolroom will hold. In it he has the service of the Church every Sunday, and a very regular and attentive Sunday-school of about fifty children. His parsonage is in progress, and will be nearly completed before the winter.

"Next summer, when the weather opens, and Mr. Taylor is on the spot to superintend workmen, we hope to commence the church. But the means of the people are very small, and the chief burden will ultimately fall upon myself and my clergy, who give very nobly and liberally to all such objects. The probable cost I cannot state at less than 350*l.*; it may reach 400*l.* I give myself 50*l.* towards it, my sister 50*l.*, and from

the Rupert's Land Bishopric Fund I assign 50*l.*, besides. In labour and material the inhabitants of the district may contribute 50*l.*, and from other sources we may obtain 40*l.* or 50*l.*; more than thus I cannot look for. Might I beg 100*l.* from the Society? with that sum the church might be completed during the next summer, and consecrated, if God permit, in the winter. My own mind would be much relieved by such a grant, as, from the circumstances of the diocese, more falls upon myself individually than in many other colonial sees. The services of a laborious servant of God, and the ministrations of our Church, would thus be permanently secured for a large number of pensioners and settlers. To their grant, may I also hope the Society will add a complete set of Service books, marked and lettered, St. James's Church, The Assiniboine, Rupert's Land?"

It was agreed that 100*l.*, and the books requested, be granted.

#### ENGLISH ECCLESIASTICAL INTELLIGENCE.

##### THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY AND THE KENT SCRIPTURE READERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Dover Telegraph publishes the following correspondence:

"Aldington, October 7, 1851.

"My dear Sir,—I have heard with much satisfaction of the benevolent intention, formed by yourself and others of the laity of the diocese, to establish a Scripture-readers' Association for the county of Kent. I have long been convinced that the cause of religion has been greatly promoted in our larger parishes when such assistance is afforded to the clergyman.

"I regret, however, that one part of your plan, if I am correctly informed, makes it impossible that I should take any share in your Association; I mean the appointment of the reader by the Committee, independently of the clergyman of the parish.

"Permit me to suggest that your great object, usefulness, will be best promoted by your following the regulations of the parent Society of London, which gives to the incumbent the option of admitting a reader into his parish, and leaves with him also the approval of the reader that the Society may propose, while it provides the whole or part of the salary.

"Should it not be inconsistent with the views of your committee to admit of this modification of your plan, I shall be happy to promote your scheme and to be enrolled among your subscribers.

"I remain, &c., &c.,

"J. B. CANTUAR.

"J. P. Plumtre, Esq., &c., &c.

"Tunbridge Wells, Oct. 12, 1851.

"My Lord,—I have had the honour of receiving your Grace's obliging communication of the 7th inst., in reference to the Kent Scripture-readers' Association.

"The judgment and experience of one whom the Committee of the Association so deeply and cordially respect as your Grace, cannot but have great weight with them. And hoping, according to the opinion expressed in your note, that the usefulness of the Association, which they mainly desire, may, under the Divine blessing, be best promoted by our following the regulations of the parent Scripture-readers' Society in London, the Committee are willing to adopt your Grace's suggestion, and to act upon the rules of the parent Society, rather than upon those they originally proposed.

"Moreover they cannot but attach high value to the patronage which your Grace has so kindly offered to them should such a change of regulation be adopted by them.

"I have the honor to be, my Lord, &c., &c.,

"JOHN P. PLUMTRE, Chairman."

Mr. Scobie is requested to accept the Editor's best thanks for the copy of the Canadian Almanac sent to him.

Payments received.—Revs. G. O'Grady, S. S. Wood, Lockhart, Torrance, (2 cop.), Messrs. Turner, Adair, Rickaby, Ritter, Sanderson, Kirby, Edgar, Johnson, Grasset, Semple, Edw. Posen, Taylor, Buchanan, Dr. Holmes, Miss Orden.