

that the poor man actually trembled when he heard the substance of his own expressed wish full from my lips. He feared that his secret was known to the natives attending school. I quickly assured him that no one but the christian native and I knew any thing of his wishes. This seemed to compose his mind. But although thus assured, he had not sufficient confidence to appear in school for three or four evenings after I spoke to him on the subject. Finding that the men really knew nothing of his confidential communication, he recovered himself, attended school as usual, and immediately afterwards joined my class of catechumens. Another hopeful disciple has been deterred from publicly confessing Christ from other reasons. He feared that his friends would cast him off; and besides, he had paid a number of cows, as an instalment, for a girl whom he still wishes to marry. He believes that a public confession of religion just now would prove fatal to the realization of his hopes. I have much faith in the sincerity of this young man's desire to become a christian. He daily accompanied our baptized convert to receive religious instruction in my house, and on these occasions he seemed to me most inquiring and anxious to know more and more of the truths of religion. He has told me several times that he is determined to enter the Church, and it is with him only a question of time. After he has cautiously broken the subject to his friends, and his intended wife's friends, he will then resolve on the course to be pursued according to circumstances. The young man seems disposed to make great sacrifices, if he finds that it is absolutely necessary to do so in order to become a christian.

"As our mission work advances in the city, I see more and more the great necessity of having in or near the city a Church Mission Settlement. I think we should, if possible, try to arrange for our people, married and single, to live together as a little community."

SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL.—The Dean of Westminster in the chair. Present, the Bishop of Labuan and several other members of the Society.

It was announced that Mr. Taylor, the builder, had abandoned the contract for the church at Constantinople. A letter was read from the Rev. Professor Slater, resigning his professorship at Bishop's College, Calcutta. A letter was read from Bishop Williams, of Connecticut, asking for copies of all the society's publications for his Diocesan Library, which was granted. A grant of £100 was made to the Bishop of Colombo, for increasing the stipends of native deacons and catechists. It was agreed, in compliance with the recommendations of the Bishop of Calcutta, that the sum of £1,000, which had been transferred to the society from the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, for educational purposes in Delhi, should for the present be invested, and the principal be reserved, but that the interest should be expended in the publication of religious works. It was understood that this arrangement was to be a temporary one. The bishop stated that he had urged on the Government the foundation of an additional bishopric. The government had already complied with his request for the establishment of ten additional chaplaincies. A letter was read from the Rev. Mr. Curtis, of Constantinople, and the sum of £100 was voted for his school—£50 for rent, and £50 for the guardian who takes care of the house, &c. A letter was read from the Bishop of Natal. He stated that the Rev. Mr. Robertson had already set out on his mission to the Zulu country. A grant was made for the expenses of Mr. J. P. Williams, a converted Turk, at St. Augustine's College. Another of the same family is at the college. A

letter was read from the Rev. Dr. Baylee, of St. Aidan's College, Birkenhead, offering to send missionary candidates to the society, provided, that in case they should be approved, the society would repay the expense of their education. Several votes were made for missions in the different dioceses. A vote was passed for assistance for churches to be built in the Diocese of Mauritius, one for a Tamil population, one for Malays, one for immigrants from Madagascar and East Africa, and one for a mixed population in the Seychelles. It was voted that the orphan sons of the Rev. Mr. Haycock, who was murdered at Cawnpore in the Indian mutiny, and whom the society has adopted, should be sent to the King's School, Canterbury.

SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.

67, Lincoln's Inn, Fields.

Tuesday, January 1st, 1861.

A letter was received from the Rev. D. A. Browne, Secretary of the "Association for Promoting Christian Knowledge," Dublin, forwarding a copy of a resolution passed by the Board of the Association at their meeting, in Dublin, on 6th December, thanking the Society for the grant of books to the amount of £50., in furtherance of the book-hawking operations of the Association. The Resolution was signed by the Archbishop of Dublin, and Archdeacons West and Russell.

The Bishop of Colombo, in a letter dated Colombo, Ceylon, October 29th, 1860, mentioned with great regret the death of Mrs. Long, the head of the Female Institution. At the time of her death, Mrs. Long had forty children under her instruction, with the certain prospect of increasing numbers. "Encouraged," said the Bishop, "doubtless by the late generous grant of the Society, she has left £500., to be applied, at the discretion of the Bishop, to female education in the diocese." The Bishop proposed at once to secure the fund by investment at 7 per cent., in trust to himself and successors, jointly with the Diocesan Treasurers of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel and the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

In another letter, dated November 12th, 1860, the Bishop conveyed to the Society, at the request of the Diocesan Committee, the expression of their sincere regret at the loss sustained by the lamented death of the Rev. T. B. Murray, and added his own thankful appreciation of Mr. Murray's regular and prompt attention to his communications and requests. The Bishop noticed the death of the Rev. F. Whitley, a missionary of the Church Missionary Society, who was killed instantaneously by the fall of a portion of one of the school buildings, of which he was superintending the removal.

A letter was received from the Bishop of Quebec, dated Quebec, November 16th, 1860, giving an account of the manner in which he had appropriated the grant of £100 made by the Board in February last, for Church purposes in the diocese of Quebec, of a nature more immediately pressing. The amount had been dispensed in aiding the completion and improvement of four new churches and two parsonage-houses. The Bishop concluded his letter with a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Murray.

The Bishop of Nelson, in a letter dated Nelson, October 4th, 1860, conveyed the thanks of the diocese, in Synod assembled, for the grant of £400. voted by the Society in aid of church building in the diocese of Nelson.

A printed report of the proceedings of the Adelaide Diocesan Synod was laid before the Board.

A letter was received from Archdeacon Kissing, dated St. Stephen's, Auckland, September 18th, 1860, acknowledging the Society's grant of Bibles and Common Prayer Books in German. The Archdeacon hoped shortly to give a monthly service in German in one of his churches,—which he said, but for this gift could not have been undertaken.

The Archdeacon asked for aid towards a new church, which was now finished, but upon which there was a debt of £300. incurred under the peculiar circumstances mentioned in his letter, as arising out of the war.

The following is an extract from the Archdeacon's letter:—

"With considerable delicacy I now venture to bring under your kind notice a difficulty altogether new to me, in a course of missionary and ministerial labours extending over a period of thirty-three years. I have had to do with the building of many places for Divine worship, but have never incurred a debt which I was not enabled to meet. The case is now otherwise: be so kind as to allow me to give a few particulars. My present church, St. Barnabas, in the eastern suburbs in Auckland, was erected by local contributions, and paid for on the day of its consecration. I have officiated in it for the last twelve years, both to English and native congregations. As the parish has increased, and want of additional accommodation has become urgent, about twelve months ago the members of the English congregation resolved on building a new church, and to leave St. Barnabas exclusively for the use of my native flock, for whom it was indeed originally erected. The Bishop of New Zealand cordially approved of the undertaking, he gave a splendid site for the church, opposite to the cathedral ground, and prepared a plan for a very neat church with a steeple, to cost about £800. Subscriptions were liberally entered upon by people of no large means; and when the amount had reached £500., we thought ourselves warranted to proceed with the work, hoping that, as it was carried on, the small stream of contribution would continue to flow. But before the edifice had been half completed the most lamentable war at Tarunaki was commenced. The immediate effects were want of confidence, stagnation of commerce, trade, and labour, poverty and distress. Many of those who had a little property have removed and are removing to the neighbouring colonies. The difficulty of raising funds at this time is peculiarly great. The church is finished, and is an ornament to Auckland and its vicinity. The Bishop purposes to open (might I say consecrate?) it on the 14th. of October. How shall we raise funds to meet a debt of £300, in these troublous times? The whole income of myself and my assistant from the parish amounts to £160. I have proposed to take all the duties upon myself in addition to those of the native church, and let £60. per annum go towards the liquidation of the debt; but even this does not remove the embarrassment. "Under these peculiar circumstances, may I appeal to the Committee of the Christian Knowledge Society, and other kind friends, to lend us a helping hand in this unforeseen and painful position? "We had cherished the hope, that the infant Church in New Zealand had gained sufficient strength to support itself without any further aid from the mother country for such purposes; but the Great Head of the Church has, in His wisdom, seen fit to teach us a lesson of humility." Under the peculiar circumstances of this case, the Board made a grant of £60. to be drawn for when the Bishop shall have fixed a day for the consecration of the church.