

and knows what you do not know; and sees and knows among other things that a different style of labor, if apparently better for society at large, would be worse for these particular laborers; and that the best moral education for them is, to watch over a cradle, to adjust a pillow, to administer a medicine, and to soothe the painful or dying hours of one who cannot make known the nature and extent of its own calamities. The ministry therefore must stand still, even by the appointment of Providence; even while a cradle is rocked; and he who might be haranguing a multitude shall concentrate all his watchfulness upon one little infant. Perhaps the "judicious Hooker" comforted himself when called by his imperativo damo, he sat down to rock the cradle for his own infant.

(To be continued.)

Ecclesiastical.

SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.

67, Lincoln's Inn Fields.

The following letter from the Lord Bishop of Colombo, dated "Nuwara Eliya, Ceylon, February 9, 1853," was read to the Board:

"On my way to this Hill Station of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel for a short sojourn in its invigorating and bracing climate, at an elevation of 6000 feet above the sea-level, I passed a week as the guest of his Excellency the Governor, at Kandy, for the purpose of consecrating its church. It was the first work aided by the generosity of the Committee since the capital of the Kandyan kings became subject to British rule, and before the island of Ceylon was erected into a separate see. It shared again, on my arrival in the fourteenth century, the same honor as the Committee in their hexty 'God speed' on my departure from England. It was one of the earliest works I visited, when in progress under the energetic and most effective superintendence of Lieutenant-Colonel Philipotts, R.E. brother of the Bishop of Exeter.

"It is gratifying to me to acknowledge thus publicly to the Committee my sense of obligation to one who has long since left our island. Without his valued aid and most persevering efforts, amid unlooked for difficulties and obstructions, I doubt whether the church would have been so successfully completed. Before he left us for China, he finished the external fabric and tower, and provided the interior fitting in all becoming order, sufficiently to enable me to license it for use in Divine Service, where it was so urgently needed. The exertions of its late most earnest and lamented pastor, the Rev. F. Von Dandelszen, originally a missionary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, from King's College, London, while in England on sick leave, enabled him to furnish the windows, communion table and rails, timber for the roofing, and a rich east window. Little therefore remained to complete it for consecration; and his last act almost was to obtain from the Government, with the kind assistance of Sir George Anderson, a loan of £150 for this purpose. But he was not permitted, in the mysterious dealings of God's Providence, to which we bow submissively, to witness the fulfilment of his heart's most earnest wish. He was seized in August last with brain fever and dysentery; and, after a few weeks, sank under it, to the great sorrow, not of his own people only, but, I may say of the whole Church in the island.

"The consecration therefore was an occasion full of saddened interests. All the clergy in the Central Province assisted in it. Surrounded as it is on almost every side by Buddhist temples, two of which adjoin its enclosure, I fixed the Conversion of St. Paul, the chief apostle of the Gentiles, for the solemnity, to give both the dedication and name to the church. The building is large and massive, and, though not, perhaps, architecturally in very correct taste, has a good elevation, being in the form of a cross, and having a good tower. The interior, being without aisles or pillars, affords an ample area of (I believe) 120 feet by 80, with a chancel and transepts. The soldiers of the 37th regiment formed the choir on the occasion, as on every Sunday, with their band. I preached to a full congregation; and having many memorials before and around me of him who had been its first exemplary and devoted chaplain, and had labored so earnestly to build up the spiritual, as well as material fabric, of which he had the charge, I could not be unmoved. The very pulpit in which I stood was a tribute of affectionate regard from the non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the 15th regiment, who had felt the blessing of his faithful and

fearless ministrations among them, when stricken with that scourge of the East, the cholera, a few years ago. The desk from which the prayers were read was the gift of an intelligent native, a Singhalese of high Kandyan family, who had been converted to Christianity, and had attached himself to the English congregation, having an entire command over our language, to speak and write, as well as understand it. Indeed I might correctly have applied the tribute to his memory, as far beyond one of 'dull bold marble': 'Si quis monumentum, circumspice.' I shall ever look upon the church itself as his monument,—knowing that in many hearts he will so live, as best the Christian pastor should live,—though dead, yet speaking to them, by his warning voice, now that he is gone from us, as by his example while moving among us.

"On the following Sunday, as the first after its consecration, at an early service, the holy rite of confirmation was administered to about forty, and at eleven o'clock, the holy communion: in the afternoon, at three o'clock, confirmation was again administered in Singhalese at the mission chapel to twelve candidates, most of whom had been baptized as adult converts by the Rev. W. Oakley. Their reverential deportment and earnest expression of intelligence was very pleasing. May an abundant ingathering, in God's own best time, be prepared for his blessed harvest.

Agriculture.

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL FAIR.

From the Royal Gazette, April 27.

A large and highly influential Meeting was held at Mason's Hall, this afternoon, for promoting the establishment of an Agricultural Fair at Halifax, in the ensuing autumn. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor took the Chair, and opened the meeting with the following remarks:—

GENTLEMEN,—The Parliament of this Province having voted a certain sum in aid of an Agricultural Fair or Cattle Show to be held this autumn, I considered that I should best carry out the wishes of the people of this Province, thus expressed through their Representatives, by calling a public meeting of all parties interested in Agricultural pursuits, and I now come among you this day to offer all the assistance in my power in promoting the proposed undertaking, which if judiciously carried out, cannot fail, in my opinion, to create a new era in the farming interests of Nova Scotia.

Here as well as elsewhere, I have ever avowed myself the warm friend of the Farmer, and the staunch supporter of agricultural pursuits, and it is with much pleasure that I see before me so large a number of influential persons in this community, who share with me in these sentiments, as it inspires me with the confident hope, that we shall be enabled to carry out our views in a spirit that will give general satisfaction, and in a manner that will reflect credit on the native skill and industry of Nova Scotia.

To those parties who may consider that this subject is one of but secondary and trifling importance, when compared with the other great staple branch of industry, our fisheries, I would say, that ready as I am to admit their full value, contributing as they do essentially to the welfare and prosperity of Nova Scotia; yet no valid reason can be assigned, why the produce of your lands, the rearing of your stock, the breeding of your horses, should not receive at least an equal share of the care and attention of the Legislature. The object of the meeting assembled here this day, is to consider and arrange how the aid that has been granted for the promotion of these several Agricultural pursuits can be best employed; and I trust that the arrangements which will presently be submitted to your consideration will receive your approval and support.

Gentlemen,—I have only to add, that you may with confidence rely on all the assistance I can give in promoting the objects of this Exhibition, and I on my part likewise reckon on your cordial co-operation.

Actuated with such feelings, we cannot but anticipate favourable and successful results to our endeavours in making the first general Provincial Agricultural Exhibition worthy of the City in which it is proposed to be held, and worthy also of the whole farming interests of Nova Scotia invited to participate in the benefits which cannot fail to accompany this important undertaking.

The Speaker then moved, and Hon. J. E. Fairbanks seconded the following Resolution, which passed unanimously, viz:—

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition authorised by the Legislature, should be held at Halifax during the month of October next, when the new and improved breeds of Stock that have been ordered from England may be expected, and will be offered for sale; and His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, having convened this meeting as a preparatory step, and expressed a warm interest in the success of the Exhibition, we will cheerfully co-operate in whatever measures may be thought most advisable for conducting it with unanimity and spirit, and stimulating and attracting the farming classes throughout the Province.

The Hon. M. B. Almon moved, and John Esso Esq. seconded the following Resolution, which also passed unanimously:

Resolved, That the following gentlemen form them-

selves into a Committee for conducting the Agricultural Fair, with power to add to their number, viz:—

Committee for conducting the Agricultural Fair.

The Speaker, Messrs. Michael Tobin, E. Collins, H. H. Cogswell, J. W. Johnston, James McNab, W. A. Black, Mather B. Almon, Hugh B. H. Samuel Creelman.

The Agricultural Committee of the House of Assembly, viz:—Messrs. Hall, B. Smith, James Campbell, Holmes, McKinnon, Annand, Zwicker, Conneau, and Hon. James McLeod.

Judge DesBures, Col. Bazalgette, the Mayor, Capt. Cheasley, Capt. Lytleton, Messrs. John Esso, Henry Pryor, Rev. A. Forrester, Capt. J. Bly, J. B. Bland, John Spay Morris, James Foreman, Jr., H. Y. Mott, J. W. Nutting, W. Murdoch.

Members of the Central Board of Agriculture, viz:—Hon. John E. Fairbank, Messrs. A. Farquharson, M. Richardson, Jas. N. Shannon, John King, Andrew Shields, Joseph Jennings, Hon. John Morton, Messrs. Bronan, Edward Sutherland, James Lyons.

President, Vice President, Officers and Committee of the Halifax Agricultural Society—Mr. E. Pryor, jr. President; Mr. C. D. Hunter, V. P.; Mr. J. Esso, V. P.; Mr. Joseph Jennings, Treasurer; Mr. Wm. Scott, Secy.; Committee—Messrs. F. v. E. Creelman, J. Richardson, A. Reid, Durney, G. McKenzie, M. Doran.

His Worship the Mayor moved, and Rev. Mr. Forrester seconded, the following Resolution, which also passed unanimously:

Resolved, That a Subscription List be now opened in aid of the First General Provincial Agricultural Exhibition.

A Subscription list was then handed round, and upwards of £100 was subscribed.

Letters from Bridgetown and Amherst, approving of the object of the meeting, and in answer to His Excellency's Circular of the 10th instant, were then read.

The Honorable the Chief Justice moved as follows:

That the cordial thanks of this meeting be given to His Excellency the Lieut-Governor, for the zeal and interest he has shown in promoting Agricultural improvements in this Province, and particularly in calling the present meeting, over which he has so ably presided.

Which being seconded by his Honor the Master of the Rolls, was put by His Worship the Mayor, and passed unanimously.

JAMES THOMPSON.

Secretary.

News Department.

From Papers by the R. M. S. Canada, April 16.

ENGLAND.

PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE COLONIAL EPISCOPATE.—The Archbishop of Canterbury has invited the bishops, clergy and laity of the Church of England to meet him on Wednesday next at Willis's Rooms, for the purpose of considering the means to be adopted for erecting bishoprics in those colonies and dependencies of the British empire which are virtually cut off from episcopal superintendence, and especially with a view to raise a sufficient sum to complete the endowment of additional bishoprics in South Africa and Western Australia.

One of the first objects which the Council for Colonial Bishoprics intend to promote is the subdivision of the enormous diocese of Capu Town. They propose to divide the diocese, now under the episcopal supervision of Dr. Gray, into three portions. The eastern province of the Cape Colony, together probably, with the Orange River Sovereignty and British Caffraria, will form one diocese, the bishop of which will be stationed at Graham's Town. From which he will take his title. The colony of Natal will constitute the other diocese. Some progress has been made towards raising an endowment which will provide an income of £800 a year for the future bishop of the eastern province. The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts out of its Jubilee fund has devoted £5000 to this purpose; and to this sum £2000 have been added by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. Donations have been further promised by individuals to the extent of some hundreds more, but a considerable additional sum will be required before the see can be erected.—In anticipation of the formation of the diocese of Natal, a missionary party are on the point of departure from England to commence their labours among the 115,000 Zulus, who constitute the native population of that country. The establishments which it is intended to found will have for their object the civilization of the Aborigines as well as their conversion to Christianity. Towards the erection of the see of Natal, the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge have contributed £2000; and it is expected that the unappropriated balance of the jubilee fund of the Propagation Society, probably about £1000, will be available for this object. A lady has given £600 to be invested in land, and there are the only contributions of any amount as yet promised.

The Colonial Bishops' Council also desire to plant new bishoprics in Australia, to subdivide the present unwieldy Indian sees, and to erect a bishopric for the Mauritius, at present under the episcopal supervision of the Bishop of London. These are the principal points to which the attention of the meeting next Wednesday will be directed. It may be stated that, since public attention was first called to the subject at the great meeting which was held in the year 1841, sixteen new colonial dioceses have been founded—viz. New Zealand, Gibraltar, Antigua, Guiana, Ta'mania, Fredericton, Colombo, Melbourne, Capu Town, Ade-