

adviser, Mr. Nobbs has almost unintermittedly continued ever since among them. During that period, now between 24 and 25 years, several ships have visited the island; and the accounts brought back by the visitors of the singular innocence and simplicity of manners that prevail among the inhabitants, have from time to time excited great interest in the public mind.

"In the month of August last, Admiral Moresby, Commander in Chief in the Pacific, visited Pitcairn, and he has strongly confirmed, in his despatches, all the favourable accounts previously received of its inhabitants. In compliance with their wishes, he received Mr. Nobbs on board the 'Portland,' and provided him with an immediate passage to England, with the view to the fulfilment of their long-cherished desire of having a regularly-ordained pastor in the island.

"Under the authority of the Bishop of London, Mr. Nobbs was admitted to Deacons' Orders by the Bishop of Sierra Leone, on the 24th of October, 1852. He received Priests' Orders at the hands of the Lord Bishop of London on the 30th of November, and hopes to leave England for Valparaiso, on his way to Pitcairn's Island, about the middle of December.

"The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel has placed Mr. Nobbs on its list of missionaries, with a salary of £50 per annum.

"The very scanty resources of Pitcairn's Island, containing a population of one hundred and seventy persons, within a circuit of four miles and a half, with limited extent and imperfect means of cultivation, and the great need that exists of many articles of daily use, which they cannot at present obtain, induce some friends of Mr. Nobbs, and of this interesting community, on the recommendation of Admiral Moresby, to raise a fund of moderate amount for the passage and outfit of Mr. Nobbs, and for the supply of such things as are most pressingly required by the inhabitants. Labourers' and carpenters' tools, a proper bell for the small wooden church, communion plate, medicines, two or three clocks, besides clothing of various sorts; some simple articles of household furniture, and cooking utensils, together with stores of provisions, are immediately needed; and further supplies of these are likely to be required for some years to come.

"It may be right to add, that the Admiral has most liberally followed up his recommendation by offering 100*l* to the fund that may be raised for the above purposes."

It was agreed that £100, be granted towards the Pitcairn's Island Fund.

In communicating to Mr. Nobbs this unanimous vote of the Board, the Chairman expressed to him the warm interest felt by the Society, and by members of the Church generally, in the spiritual welfare of the inhabitants of Pitcairn. He had noticed with much satisfaction the friendly reception given to their pastor in this country; and now that he was about to revisit them as a clergyman, in Priests' Orders, he wished him a safe and happy return.

Sir Thos. D. Acland, Bart., M. P., after expressing his entire concurrence in the part taken by Admiral Moresby, as detailed in the statement laid before the Board, observed that it was important to have the testimony of the Rev. W. Holman, who has been left at Pitcairn during the temporary absence of Mr. Nobbs. The following extract from a letter addressed by Mr. Holman to his father, Captain Holman, in Devonshire, was read to the meeting:—

"The accounts of the virtue and piety of these people are by no means exaggerated. I have no doubt they are the most religious and virtuous community in the world; and during the month I have been here, I have seen nothing approaching a quarrel, but perfect peace and good will amongst all."

The Rev. G. H. Nobbs acknowledged the Society's grant which had just been voted, as well as grants of Bibles, Prayer Books, and Books and Tracts sent out on former occasions for the benefit of his fellow-islanders. These had proved most useful and acceptable. He had been more than once round the world; and in various places, at Valparaiso, Panama, the West Indies,

and other parts, he had met with books bearing the Society's stamp, and found them much esteemed.

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BIRTH.

At Pointe Levi, on the 24th January, the wife of the Rev. J. Torrance, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

On the 12th January, at St. Thérèse de Blainville, the Rev. Thomas Ainslie Young, to Charlotte Lucy, fourth daughter of J. B. Monk, Esquire, late Captain in H. M. 89th Regiment of Foot.

At Belleville, on the 4th January, the Rev. William Macaulay, M. A., Rector of Pieton, to Charlotte Sarah, second daughter of late Capt. Henry LeVesconte, R. N., of Seymour East, in the County of Northumberland, Canada West.

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