

Villages, there are attentive congregations, and several persons who seem serious, but are not yet decided. Some of the people there have given over 6,000 bricks to build a new school-house.

An English gentleman has also proposed to give ten thousand pounds, on certain conditions, for the spread of the Gospel in Africa. This proposition has been made to American Christians, who have suggested that 5,000*l.* of the money should be expended in the purchase of a Missionary ship to convey well trained natives, acquainted with African dialects, to the points nearest to their proposed field of labour.

Such practical suggestions, backed up by such liberal offers, are of immense value. Much wisdom is therefore needed as to the appropriation of available funds. We doubt the prudence of expending so much money upon a ship, which would entail a permanent expense. If this fund, which might be augmented by other voluntary contributions, were placed in the hands of some neutral Society, it might be voted in grants to the various existing Societies now working for the evangelization of Africa. This would prevent a large portion of it from being swallowed up in working expenses. Each of the Societies have converted natives under their influence who are now living near the unevangelized districts. Amongst them are men more or less prepared for the pioneering work so much required in the African countries where Europeans have scarcely penetrated. If it be found that black Christians from the West Indies or America, by a suitable course of training, should be fitted to labour in their fatherland, they might be sent over to Africa at a comparatively trifling expense. Christian ship-owners would often gladly give a free passage to such men.

We conceive that the chief difficulty in the evangelization of Central Africa will arise from the removal of the native Missionary from one feudal circle to another.—*Missionary News*.

SOUTH SEA ISLANDS.

During the last year, 827 new members were added to the Churches by profession. The whole number of members is now 17,397. At Kailua, a very interesting work of grace is in progress, and many are enquiring the way to Zion. At Hilo, 78 have been gathered in during the year. Most of the native preachers and pastors appear well, and the Churches are being established in the truth of the Gospel. The Micronesian mission has received 144; the Church on the Marquesas Islands, 47.

On the Fiji Islands, the King and Queen are both hopefully pious. The Bible is translated into the language of the people. There are 653 Fijian local preachers, and 663 native catechists; 22,000 in Church fellowship, 1,909 class leaders, and 90,000 listening to the Gospel of Christ.

There are now fourteen native Christian Churches in Calcutta.

The contributions of the entire Christian world for Foreign Missions last year were about \$5,000,000.

General Religious Intelligence.

PROGRESS OF ROMANISM.

In an elaborate article upon 1868, the *Weekly Register* and *Catholic Standard* rejoices in the number of converts to Romanism in England during the past year. The *Register* does not wish to give offence to the