

have cost £6000, and in addition to this several members of the Church have contributed liberally towards the endowment of the proposed bishopric.

The committee cannot here omit to mention that much of the increase in the subscriptions to the Church Society, in this parish during the past year, are to be attributed to the judicious and indefatigable exertions of the ladies who kindly undertook the task of collecting. For it cannot be denied that the love and retention of property are sadly conspicuous amongst many in this parish "who profess and call themselves christians." And also that a very great number have yet to learn the nature and extent of their obligations to give as God has prospered them for the promotion of the relief, instruction, and salvation of mankind—the maintenance of the worship of God, and the extension of His Kingdom in the world.

RICHMOND PAROCHIAL BRANCH OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

Local wants press so heavily, that but little can be done for this Society by this Association for a time. To manifest a willingness to cooperate with the Society, in the great work in which it is engaged, we enclose £5 as the amount of our subscriptions and collections.

On Sunday, the 6th instant, the Church of St. John the Evangelist, erected by the Rev. T. S. Kennedy, on Victoria Square, Toronto, was opened for Divine Service by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Though the weather was unpropitious, yet the church was well filled—there being present from 400 to 500 people. The Bishop administered the rite of Confirmation to 33 persons. The Incumbent gave notice that, for the summer months, the services would be as follows:—Morning, 11; School, 3 p. m.; Afternoon service, 4 p. m.; Evening, 7 p. m.

English Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL IN FOREIGN PARTS.

79, Pall Mall, April 20th, 1858.

MY DEAR LORD,

The amount of business this year has compelled us to defer the annual grants one month beyond the usual time, and it was therefore only on Friday last that I was enabled to propose the grant to your Diocese. I have now the satisfaction of announcing to you that a sum of £400 a year for 3 years has been granted by the Society towards the maintenance of 5 itinerating missionaries in the newly settled districts of Grey, Bruce, Huron, &c. The allowance from the Society to each missionary will thus be £80, and is to be met according to an arrangement made with your lordship, by an equal sum to be derived from local sources. I enclose herewith a copy of our Finance Report, in the appendix of which you will find the conditions attached to the Society's grants generally, but I have also to invite your particular attention to certain other conditions which have been drawn up with a view to secure at the earliest moment possible an independent provision for the Clergy of your Diocese. I think it best to send the whole of the minute as it stands in the Journal of our proceedings.

(1) While the Society cheerfully undertakes to contribute towards the maintenance of five clergymen in the newly settled counties of Bruce, Grey

and Huron, it expects that the inhabitants will at once take measures to provide for their ultimate independence of extraneous temporal support to their Church.

(2) The Society makes it a condition of the present grant, and expresses a hope that the Bishops of Huron and the Church Society (or whatever body contributes towards the support of the above named Clergymen) will concur with the Society in requiring, that before the end of the three years to which the present grant is limited, one or more of the following steps shall have been taken by the inhabitants (with local resources) towards the independence of each of the five missions. (1) The erection in each of a parsonage with a glebe attached. (2) The erection in each of a Church. (3) The collection and investment of an Endowment Fund in each mission equal to half the Society's grant, or sufficient to produce an income of £10 a year.

(3) The Society abstains from offering any advice as to the means by which local funds should be raised for the above named objects: whether by the weekly offertory, or by periodical collections in connexion with sermons, or by the agency of a paid collector, or by other means which have been found successful in various dioceses. But the Society having in view past experience, earnestly represents to the Bishop, the Church Society, and the inhabitants of each district that the Clergymen ought not to be burdened with the chief care and responsibility of such an undertaking, that while he will of course embrace every opportunity of exhorting his flock to such efforts, he ought to be free from the necessity of taking a personal share in the duties of a collector or treasurer, and at liberty to devote his whole energies with a quiet mind to the weighty spiritual duties of a Missionary Clergyman.

(4) The Society will be glad to receive from the Bishop an assurance that the above mentioned condition is published in the Canadian Ecclesiastical Gazette, and made known to each of the Clergymen, and to the inhabitants generally, of the districts, before any portion of the Society's grant is drawn for.

We shall be glad to learn whether you are able to find well qualified men in the colony to take up these important missions, or look to have them sent out from England.

I am My Dear Lord,

Yours very faithfully,

ERNEST HAWKINS.

The Lord Bishop of Huron.

NORFOLK ISLAND.

Our readers, we are sure, will be glad to read the continuation of the lively and life-like sketch of that unique little company of Christians, the Piteairners, now domiciled in Norfolk Island.—The school opened in the large Barracks on the 14th July. The great whitewashed barrack room is excellent for the purpose; and here Mr. Nobbs and his son Francis keep school, from nine till two, five days in the week; the younger children being allowed one hour out of this time in which to run about and eat oranges and lemons, which are to them what lollipops and pies are to the junior branches of the English nation. A mid-day meal is not the fashion, so there are no dinner bags hung round the room, the children wait complacently till six o'clock. Mr. Nobbs kindly assigned an adjoining barrack to me by way of class-room, a huge place with three large windows on each side, and glaring with whitewash, large enough to have held a dozen such classes as the two he gave into my charge. We made a cosy establishment in one corner with maps and books, and the brightness of the pupils, together

with the entire freedom from all conflicting household and other cares of their teacher (except such as came in the way of teaching also,) made it thoroughly enjoyable. There is neither coming nor going on the Island; a sail now and then is seen in the distance, which seldom comes to the chiefest excitement known to this people is the landing of a captain; so till the arrival of the *Southern Cross*, when I should share in the distraction produced by the landing of her captain, we were alike undisturbed. The two classes consisted chiefly of Quintal and Christian, cousins or sisters, every one. In the one below these two is a young thing, aunt to seven of the great girls in the classes above her. They have been well taught in all routine work, thanks to Mr. Nobbs' daily care and the school apparatus provided for them by the *Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge*, which is ample as far as it goes, but they want more and better reading-books. The girls often come with a pretty wreath of flowers, or a string of beads round their shining braided hair, and always with pleasant smiling looks. Their some what tropical movements give little foretaste of the brightness and intelligence there is among them, for they would walk in as if they were following a funeral. Yet the heartiness of their amusement at any fun that came in the course of the lessons was temptation to make plenty of it. The first process was of course to open the lids, after which effected, any amount of instruction may be poured into the vessel, i. e. the head that is to hold it; and for lack of this preliminary step much good knowledge often slips over instead of going in. Geography appeared to be the most popular study, and it was an amusing novelty to find a little bit of an Island like Pitcairn's, so far away from every thing, made a starting-point for every place, and the gauge for all the rest of the earth. It is observable that no one, to prove perhaps their Tahitian descent, ever says the letter *s* at the end of a word if it can be avoided; but this is balanced by a vigorous demonstration of their English origin in their saying *mischievous* and *abstract* as pleasantly and naturally as children in any nation; school will do. Graver lessons follow in the confirmation classes, of which one or two meet every day at Government-House. There are two matrons, two of girls, and one of boys, or young men so to call them. At first the younger married women only assembled, but the generation above were desirous to come also, and indeed were rather hurt at being left out; and a pleasant earnest set of learners they were, with hearts as willing, though their heads perhaps were less instructed than those of their daughters, still far beyond the poor old Maori women, into whom I have so often heard the Bishop unweariedly endeavor to instil, with but limited success, some notions of what they were come for. There was no doubt about these being in earnest, as was testified by their ready response to any thing they did see, and the oft-repeated thankfulness of some at being taught:—"We are very much obliged to you Ma'am: it is what we have always been wishing for Ma'am." There position has been in some ways so happy, in all so peculiar, that it is curiously different from teaching other people. They know very little about the world and its wicked ways; they never saw a poor person; and though they may have passing disputes, we do not hear of great quarrels. John Adams' precept, of not allowing the sun to go down on their wrath is not a dead letter; and in having all things common, they are brethren beyond most other communities; too much, therefore, that is matter of ordinary experience with others cannot be appealed to with them, though doubtless enough remains of the infirmities belonging to all the sons of Adam, to illustrate and bring a subject