

with the paramount importance of providing for the religious education of the lower orders, have also granted £500 to each parish to aid them in erecting additional places of worship, independent of three grants to the Church Missionary Society and grants to the members of the Scotch Church, the Roman Catholics, and the Wesleyans. The total amount of the additional expenditure which the assembly has incurred in these particulars exceeds £29,000; thus making the annual expenditure defrayed by the colony for religious instruction, exceed £80,000.

**MADRAS.**—At the June Meeting of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, the following interesting documents were read from a letter from the Bishop, dated 25th March, Bangalore :—

“ I have been anxious, for some time past, to address our venerable society; but continued ill-health, in addition to the daily increasing labour of my office, and perhaps want of matter sufficiently interesting, have hitherto prevented me.

“ I will begin by giving a brief account of my stewardship in pecuniary matters.

“ Of the £500, so kindly placed by the Society at my disposal, I have expended and promised about £200.

“ I subscribed £50, towards the erection of a church at Madras, solely for a native congregation, whom I have placed under the care of the rev. Christian Aroolappen, a native clergyman, ordained by me last June, and one of the most exemplary clergymen that I have ever known, full of zeal and discretion, and rich both in the knowledge of the holy scriptures, and in the rarer gift of faithfully and correctly teaching and explaining them to others. I have the highest confidence in this excellent man, and heartily pray that we had a hundred such among us. I am very desirous that a parsonage-house should be erected for him near his church, which might be done at a trifling expense; but I do not feel justified in applying any of the society's money to such a purpose without especial permission to do so. The church of St. John the Baptist will be a very pretty building, and, as I have already observed, the first church erected at Madras for the sole use of a native congregation.

“ The rev. George Trevor, one of the chaplains at Bangalore, having raised a local subscription, and erected with most praiseworthy zeal, and in excellent taste, a beautiful little church for his native congregation, I have given £50, on the part of the society, towards the expense of the building. I hope, in a few days, to consecrate St. Paul's church, at Bangalore.

“ One of my schemes for the religious and moral improvement of the native character and condition, is the erection, at Madras, of a school for girls of high-caste. At present the growth of Christianity there is sorely hindered by the total absence of the means of giving a christian education to the females of rank, the girls who attend our schools being almost exclusively from the lowest orders. Could we succeed in educating even fifteen or twenty girls of high-caste at the presidency, we should provide as many men of similar caste with Christian wives, and thus domesticate Christianity among them. The benefit in a few years would, with God's blessing, be incalculable. I hope to be able to build the school-room at my own expense; and I should be glad to learn if our venerable society would give some small grant (we do not require much) towards the maintenance of some scholars. This little establishment, if I succeed in establishing it, will be under the immediate pastoral care of the rev. Christian Aroolappen, and will be visited by Mrs. Spencer, and other ladies, at Madras.

“ I have given away, or promised, about £100 more, for the assistance of the schools in different parts of my large diocese.

“ Our society may be desirous to know my present opinion on the prospects of Christianity in Southern India, and whether a year's experience has changed or materially modified my earlier impressions. It has not: my opinion remains the same.

“ I am satisfied that Christianity is making progress—slow, but sure progress—in this diocese, notwithstanding the many and great difficulties in its way

and whatever may be the impression to the contrary among those who judge by mere outward appearances. I do not say that the natives manifest a warmer desire to receive the gospel—would that I could say it!—but the ground is evidently being broken up for its reception. The Hindoo of the present day, is in one most essential point, very different from his forefathers: he is becoming daily more indifferent to his own superstitions, because he becomes daily more awake to the priestcraft of the Brahmins. And surely it is a matter of deep interest to the Christian philanthropist, to see the rooted prepossessions—the first encourages him in the blessed assurance, that, at God's good time, his whole heart's desire for them will most certainly be accomplished.

Hitherto one of the chief obstacles to the successful progress of missionary labour in the East has arisen from the fact, that we have not merely to write new ideas upon minds where scarcely any thing has been written already, but to clear away a mighty mass, not only of prejudice, but of organized systems of falsehood, before we can reach the heart, in order to write there a single word of truth. This I think God's gracious providence is now gradually effecting for us, by thus conspicuously weakening the stronghold which the Brahmins formerly possessed over the affections and the fears of the other classes; for I verily believe, that the Hindoo, at present, neither loves his priest nor fears him. A way, then, however narrow and crooked, is thus opened to Christianity, which was not visible to the earlier servants of our blessed Lord in India; and the prudent and watchful missionary will not be slow to profit by it.

“ These observations apply with still greater force to Ceylon. The Cingalese is of a more teachable spirit than the native of the continent, because the chains of caste are not so heavy upon him. If then I am cheered by what I see and know in India, my hopes for Ceylon are still more lively: it is far more manageable, on account of its comparatively small extent; and education, if properly conducted upon a sound and practicable plan, must have an effect there which at present you would look for in vain in India, both because it is easier to bring home to the islanders, and because, in my opinion, they are in a better state of mind for receiving it.

“ I think, therefore, that in Ceylon every encouragement should be given to the clergy, at all the chaplain-stations, to enable them to bring up the native children in sound church of England principles. The people there are ripe for this, being sufficiently advanced in christian knowledge to judge for themselves, which is the best way of learning the Gospel.

“ Southern India and Ceylon, then, have a strong and, on some accounts, a peculiar claim on our christian sympathy; and I am satisfied that those claims will never be disregarded by our venerable society, to whose prayers and brotherly assistance I earnestly commend my diocese and myself.”

**SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL IN FOREIGN PARTS.**—The Society has on its list 273 Missionaries, of which number are stationed,—

In the diocese of Newfoundland,.....	15
” Nova Scotia,.....	65
” Montreal (Lower Canada),.....	38
” Toronto (Upper Canada),.....	43
” Barbados,.....	33
” Jamaica,.....	19
” Calcutta,.....	9
” Madras,.....	18
” Bombay.....	1
” Australia,.....	30
At the Cape of Good Hope,.....	2

The number of catechists and Schoolmasters is 182.

**ORDINATION.**—Yesterday, in the Cathedral Church, Mr. C. J. Morris, M. A., of King's College, Nova Scotia, was admitted by the Lord Bishop of Montreal to the order of Deacon. The destination of this gentleman is, not definitively fixed; but it is understood that he will be employed in Gaspé Bay.—*Quebec Mercury*, July 21.

On Sunday the 21st June, the following gentlemen

were admitted to Deacon's Orders, in the Cathedral Church of this city, by the Lord Bishop of Montreal:—

David Bernard Parnter, Theological Student, arrived recently from England: to occupy a station, under the auspices of the London Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, in the County of Megantic.

William Bennet Bond, Theological student, arrived recently from St. John, Newfoundland: to occupy an itinerant charge in the neighbourhood of Russelltown Flats, Hemmingford, District of Montreal.

William Beauclerc Robinson, Theological Student, recently from England: to be travelling Missionary in the District of Quebec, in connection with the Missionary Association formed in this City, having the duty attached of serving at the Quarantine Station at Grosse Isle, during the summer months.

On the same day, the Rev. W. W. Wait arrived from England who is appointed to the charge of the Church Congregations at Port Neuf, Bourg-Lewis and Jacques Cartier River, and will reside at Port Neuf.—*Ibid.*

**The Church in the Colonies.**—The Bishop of London has addressed a letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury, explaining and defending the following plan:—“ 1. That a fund should be formed by voluntary contribution, for the endowment of bishoprics in the colonies, and distant dependencies of the British crown. 2. That this fund should be held in trust, and administered by the Archbishops and Bishops of the English Church. 3. That, as a general principle, grants should be made for the endowment of bishoprics, to meet a certain proportion of the whole amount required for such endowment, raised in the colonies themselves. 4. That the money set apart from the fund for the endowment of a bishopric, should be laid out at the earliest opportunity in the purchase of land within the colony. 5. That contributions may be made, specifically, for the endowment of particular bishoprics.

**Drunkennes.**—It is calculated that 50,000 drunkards die yearly in this country, and that one-half of the insanity, two-thirds of the pauperism, and three-fourths of the crimes of the land are the consequences of drunkenness.—*Dissenting Paper.*

**S U M M A R Y .**

The Bishop of London has submitted to the Archbishop of Canterbury a plan for the endowment of an additional number of Colonial Bishoprics, at the Cape of Good Hope, Ceylon, Van Dieman's land, New Zealand, and Malta.—Very urgent statements of the necessity of such a measure are published in the Ecclesiastical Gazette. The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge have voted £10,000 towards the fund. The income of the Church Missionary Society for the last year was £96,250; of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge £92,487.

The Pope has addressed a letter to “ his beloved Son the Earl of Shrewsbury,” in which he expresses the hope, that “ the light of Divine faith,” i.e. Popery, “ will again shine as of old upon the minds of the British people,” and that “ the long lost sheep may come back into the fold of Christ.” With this view, his holiness has paternally divided the kingdom into eight apostolical vicarages, with a Bishop to each.

**DOMESTIC.**—The *Quadrennial Bill*, having been confirmed by her Majesty, a new Election is to take place in this Province.

The Governor General, after visiting New Brunswick, has returned to Quebec. We trust his visit will have a beneficial effect. He has been received with great respect.

A meeting has been held at Halifax to erect a monument to the memory of the late lamented Dr. Almon, and the Commissioners of the Asylum have passed Resolutions expressive of their respect, and their sorrow for the loss of his valuable and faithful services.

**MARRIED.**

At Halifax, on the 14th instant, by the Rev. C. Churchill, Mr. ALFRED HANNEY, of Yarmouth, to Miss ELEANORA, second daughter of Mr. Peter Southwick.