

proclaim in advance that there is nothing in faith worth contending for. Not so has the Church held and taught, not so have her faithful sons thought and acted. "I believe!" has been the watchword that has rung all down the ages. "I believe!" has been the battle cry that has heralded all victories over sin; "I believe!" has been the legend upon shield and banner, of all the hosts of the Lord. The sublime mystery of the Holy Trinity has ever held a prominent place in the creed and worship of the Catholic Church. Take it away, you take all. There is no significance or value in the residuum; the Keystone is gone and it falls to the ground.—*Selected.*

#### GROWTH OF THE ENGLISH COLONIAL CHURCH.

WE mention this month the work in China, Japan, and Borneo. The population of CHINA is estimated at FOUR HUNDRED MILLIONS. The false religions are Buddhism, Taouism, Confucianism, and Mahometanism. The first was introduced from India in the first century of the Christian Era. The second and third were founded about 500 B. C. Christian missions were early introduced but died out. Roman Catholic missions were begun in 1579. The first English mission was that of the London Missionary Society in 1807. The C. M. S. began work in 1837.

The See of Victoria, Hong Kong was founded in 1849, North China in 1872. The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States sent a Bishop to Shanghai in 1844. Arranging these under proper heads, we find these results:—

*Victoria, Hong Kong.*—This comprises the Protestant colony of the Island of Hong Kong. The Bishop has also jurisdiction over the Church clergy in the Consular ports, or elsewhere in China, or on board of any vessel within a hundred miles of the coast. The present Bishop is Dr. J. S. Burdon (1874). In 1877, there were 28 clergy, 12 of whom were in Japan. The College of St. Paul is in Hong Kong, and has a local endowment of \$2500 per year.

*North China.*—In 1872, Dr. Russell, a C. M. S. Missionary at Ningpo, was consecrated Bishop of the Church of England in North China. Clergy in 1877, 19.

*Shanghai.*—The Bishop of Shanghai is supported by the Church in the United States. The first Bishop was Dr. Boone, sent in 1844. The present Bishop is Dr. S. J. J. Schereschewsky, a converted Jew, who was consecrated in 1878. There are about 10 Clergy and 26 Catechists and Teachers. The corner stone of St. John's College has recently been laid, designed for 200 Chinese Students.

*Japan.*—Dr. C. M. Williams was sent out by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, in 1866, having jurisdiction in China and Japan. He now resides in Tokio, Japan, and confines his labours to that country. Both he and Dr. Schereschewsky have rendered great service by their translations into different dialects of parts of the Bible. There are S. P. G. Missionaries in Yeddo and Kobe.

*Labuan.*—This diocese comprises the Island of Labuan and the Straits Settlements, viz., Singapore, Penang, Malacca, and dependencies.