

weigh the solemn promises made in their baptism and that day renewed. He implored those present who had not received the sacred rite neither by word nor deed in any wise to retard by sneer or contempt the good work that day begun. The singing of the *Te Deum* by 1,200 convicts in union was particularly striking.

On Sunday, August 19, the Bishop of London passed the afternoon and evening in visiting the cholera patients in the workhouses of St. George's-in-the-East and St. John-of-Wapping, and in preaching to the people in the new Church of St. Peter, Old Gravel-lane; which is the centre of the cholera district; and assuredly, if ever the Premier Bishop of England spent a day well, says the reporter, that did Bishop Tait among these poor afflicted people. The right Rev. Prelate and Mrs. Tait arrived at St. Peter's Church, Old Gravel-lane (which his lordship consecrated on the 29th of June last,) and was received and taken into the always-open church by the Rev. C. L. Lowder, the incumbent, who has worked the district for ten years and successfully overcome all sorts of difficulties—ecclesiastical, parochial, and pecuniary. Thence the Bishop and his wife were conducted by Mr. Lowder to a building detached from the workhouse of St. George's-in-the East, set apart for cholera cases. Most of the patients appeared to be in a convalescent state, especially one female who had suffered from the horrible blue cholera or blue plague. Nothing could be better than the arrangements: the kind Sisters of Mercy attended on the poor people; there were cleanliness, plenty of air, disinfecting fluids on the floor, and on the walls appropriate texts of Scripture. In the particular ward the Bishop's party went into there were about ten or twelve patients, but there were happily some vacant beds. The right Rev. prelate, after speaking to several of the patients—Mrs. Tait also making kind inquiries as to particular cases, and saying a few gentle words of comfort to the people—knelt down and offered up a fervent extempore prayer suitable to the occasion, and gave his blessing.

On Sunday afternoon August 26, the Lord Bishop of Chester a second time visited the Cholera Hospital in Ashfield-street, near St. Martin's Church, Liverpool. He was attended by the Rev. Cecil Wray, Dr. Evans, the superintending physician, Messrs. Croskery and Heys, surgeons, Mrs. Wray, and the Rev. J. W. Fawcett. His lordship passed through all the compartments, and showed a deep interest in the condition of the patients. At the conclusion of the visit, the Bishop having been requested to ask a blessing upon the work in which the medical officers and nurses were engaged, as many as could be momentarily spared assembled at the entrance of the convalescent ward so as to command a view of both rooms, and having knelt down, his lordship offered some prayers from the Liturgy, with the following:—

“O Lord God Almighty, without whom man has neither strength nor wisdom, grant Thy blessing to the efforts that are being made here for the assuaging of pain and the checking of disease. Give patience to those who suffer, courage and thankfulness to the nurses, and wisdom to the physicians; and strengthen and prepare us all to do or suffer whatever Thy wisdom may order for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

UNITED STATES.—In the Diocese of Indiana out of 65 persons confirmed in Christ's Church, Indianapolis, within six months, there were, of Church Education 16; Presbyterian 18; Methodist 14; Congregationalist 5; Baptist 5; Campbellite 4; Romanist 1; Universalist 1.