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"Of the Missionary spirit there is no nobler outcome than the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. Catholic in its sympathies, acknowledging no limit short of the full breadth of Christ's own command, it takes the objects to which its exertions are directed, in their proper order. . . . A society which has preserved to the hundreds of thousands who have left our shores, in whatever remote corner of the earth they may be found, the ordinances of our holy religion, a society, too, which has striven as she could to illuminate the darkness of heathenism by the Gospel of Jesus Christ."—*The late Provost Jellett.*

THE Coadjutor-Bishop of Cape Town in notes upon the work of the diocese during the year 1897 shows very steady growth and extension both in the number of Clergy and in church-buildings. Activity in the building or enlarging of churches as he says is very noteworthy. Funds were being raised or operations have actually been commenced towards this end in no less than ten parishes or districts. He also reports a distinct increase of missionary spirit in the various parishes of the diocese; parochial associations for this purpose being common and a considerable amount of pecuniary aid being given to other dioceses in the Province as well as to the Missionary Societies at Home.

THE Bishop of North Queensland has expressed the opinion that there is no race of human beings among whom Mission work is more productive of results than the South Sea Islanders employed on the plantations in Queensland. A judge said in his court recently that he had never known a Christian Kanaka speak untruly in giving evidence. There are many Japanese also in Queensland, some of whom are Christians. At Thursday Island the latter have built for themselves a church, which the Bishop recently dedicated. To give an idea of the extent of his diocese and the difficulty of travelling, the Bishop mentions that it takes him as long to get from his house to some parts of the diocese as it does to come to England. It is proposed to form a new diocese to embrace Northern Australia.

In reporting the baptism of three Hindus and eight Mohammedans in the Jammu Mission, the Rev. Yakub Masih, the native pastor, says that they have all suffered more or less for the sake of Christ, but one of them named Prabhu Dass has suffered much. Several times his

brothers held a committee over him, and pressed him to renounce the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. But they failed in their endeavours. "At last they commenced giving him affliction. So much so that they even destroyed his house, pulling down the roof. Even in this state he patiently bore up. Their intention was that if he said anything they would have a row with him, and bring him before the court and have him punished. Nevertheless, he prayed to the Lord Jesus Christ for His help. He has rooted again a corner of his house, where he lives with his two little children; but the enemies do not give him much rest."

SIMILAR testimony comes from Western India, where the Rev. Keshri Prasad Shinde, a native missionary of the Society, in his work among the famine-stricken people, was (to quote his own words): "strongly impressed with the real love of the Christians for the dumb millions of India, and the utter indifference and apathy of the rich and educated Hindus and Mohammedans for the suffering of their own fellow-countrymen. The people have observed this, and their faith in Brahminism is shaken. They distrusted the Brahmin officials appointed by Government to distribute relief, and applied to Christians for help in their distress. My house was daily crowded by hundreds of applicants of all castes and creeds, and my hands were full from morning till late in the evening in attending to their wants. It is no exaggeration to say that I had not an hour's rest day after day, but it was a blessed privilege to serve these "little ones" in the name of the Master."

At Cawnpore there is a brotherhood of five English clergymen in the Society's Mission besides the Rev. R. Dutt, and sixteen agents of the Women's Missionary Association. But this staff is not sufficient for the rapidly expanding operations of the Mission, and we quote the following passage from a letter from the Rev. G. H. Westcott, in the hope that it may meet the eye of some one who is in a position to seize this opportunity of joining in a remarkable advance of the Church of Christ:—"Should any one, clergy or laymen of private means, wish to come out here for a few years we would gladly find work and house accommodation, without any extra charge to the Mission. All the college teaching is in English, and we should feel great relief if someone would volunteer to come out and do Mr. Crosthwaite's work, in English and Mathematics, while he is on furlough. Could you kindly let this need be known? We could supply a volunteer with almost any kind of work, and whatever he did it would mean that some one of us would have more time for some