

### ESTABLISHMENT OF A ROMAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHY IN INDIA.

A few weeks ago, at Bangalore, a proclamation was read, formally annexing India to the spiritual dominions of the Pope. The Pope evidently thinks that the establishment of a Roman Catholic hierarchy in the country will increase the influence of his church, and so bring in a greater number of converts.

The *Times*, however, asks what the Pope can really expect to gain by this course. It says that new ecclesiastical dignitaries "can be created or multiplied at discretion by a single stroke of the pen, and whether it pleases His Highness to assert a spiritual empire over India or over the moon, the means are equally at his command, equally cheap, and perhaps equally effectual." As one of our local papers remarks: "A Papal brief is independent of time and money; but to build a college or a hospital, or to endow a fund for furnishing medical aid to the women of India demands both."

It is of course very easy for the Pope to issue a brief of this kind and take possession of India on paper, and it is easy to laugh at him for so doing; but there is another way of looking at the matter. This establishment of an Indian hierarchy seems to point to a determination on the part of the See of Rome to make a more earnest effort than ever has been made for the conversion of the natives of India to the Roman Catholic faith. It is a lesson to our Churches to be up and doing, while the door is open and the opportunity lasts. If the old fetters of idolatry are to drop away from the Hindoo mind, it would be a pity if the bonds of Roman superstition should take their place. The pure gospel of the Lord Jesus, which, when believed and loved, gives real liberty, is in our hands. Let us not withhold it from those who need it.—*Miss. Herald.*

At the last meeting of the New Hebrides Mission Synod a resolution was passed looking to the training of a native agency for the evangelization of the group. The Synod minute is as follows: "Considering the difficulty we have had and still have in increasing the number of European missionaries, the many doors that God has in His providence been opening in recent years for the proclamation of His Gospel,

the large number of intelligent young men (viewing our station as a whole) now receiving instruction in our schools, many of whom can be trained for the special work of teachers and preachers within the bounds of our mission, our rapidly extending knowledge of the languages spoken in this group, it was moved by Mr. Robertson, and agreed to, "That in accordance with the spirit of minute 1st, 1879, the brethren be enjoined to devote special attention to the training of native teachers for the occupation of the whole group as speedily as possible." That resolution has the right ring about it. An example of what can be done in this way is seen in the Island of Mai. Two years ago teachers were settled there. Now the whole population is under Christian instruction. The change that has taken place, in its suddenness and extent, is almost equal to that of any of the islands of the group.

### CHURCH LOYALTY.

As an actual fact the Christian who is loyal to Christ is commonly loyal to that specific regiment or company in Christ's army in which he is enrolled. Every Christian ought to belong where he goes, and go where he belongs. His growth in grace, his comfort, his influence and his effective usefulness will depend upon his fidelity to his own church and to the sense of responsibility which he feels right here. His spiritual roots are there if he has any; his influence casts its shadow—larger or smaller—there; the fruits of the Spirit which he produces are a part of the harvest of that particular field. Brother Steadfast and brother True-as-Steel, and sister Perennial are the sort of church members that warm a pastor's heart. "Brethren," exclaimed glorious old pastor Paul, "my joy and crown! so stand fast in the Lord, my beloved!"—*Dr. Cuyler.*

The best name by which we can think of God is Father. It is a loving, deep, sweet, heart-touching name; for the name of father is, in its nature, full of inborn sweetness and comfort.—*Luther.*

Were you building a monument to remain for the ages, how majestic and substantial would be its construction! How much more august and solemn is life!—*Dr. R. S. Storrs.*