

with subscriptions for the first four or five years of the infant life of the Church in Hawaii.

There are so many gratifying facts connected with this request of the King of Hawaii, that I doubt not we shall be able to raise the necessary means.

I. It is the first application which has been made to our Church from a sovereign prince for such a purpose.

II. It originated in the request of English and American Episcopalians and German Lutherans, all of whom will form the *corpus* of the first congregation of the future Church of the Sandwich Islands.

III. It is the most favourable—if not the only—ground on which the English and American Churches can meet and combine in the labour of planting and extending Christ's kingdom.

Such a call at this moment is to many a gratifying and cheering token of God's continued work in our Church, a proof that whilst her *stakes are strengthening at home, her cords are lengthening abroad*. May we be able earnestly and faithfully to respond to His invitation, and to sow the seed of His word beside all waters!

I am, &c.,

W. DENTON.

—*Col. Ch. Chronicle.*

INGENUITY AND WATCHFULNESS.—The Japanese have discovered that a few seconds previous to an earthquake, the magnet temporarily loses its power, and have ingeniously constructed a light frame supporting a horse-shoe magnet, beneath which is a cup of bell-metal. To the magnet is attached a weight, so that upon the magnet becoming paralyzed, the weight drops, and striking the cup, gives the alarm. Every one in the house then seeks the open air for safety. Let this watchfulness against temporal dangers speak to our hearts and bid us be on the alert to flee from spiritual danger. The day of the Lord cometh. Watch!

CHARITY.—I will tell you why charity seems to be signified by the oil. The Apostle says, "I show unto you a way above the rest. Though I speak with the tongue of men, and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." This, *i. e.* charity, is that way above the rest, which is with good reason signified by the oil. For oil swims above all liquids. Pour in water, and pour in oil upon it, and the oil will swim above. If you keep the usual order, it will be uppermost, if you change the order, it will still be uppermost; charity never faileth.—*St. Augustine.*

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