

where his perfect knowledge of the language and the general usages were of the greatest advantage in carrying on the negotiations which have terminated so advantageously to his country. It was just at the moment when Mr. Morrison's services were about to be rewarded by higher office, and their value probably more substantially recognized by his Sovereign and country, his Excellency Sir H. Pottinger having only last week appointed him a member of the Legislative or Executive Council, an officiating Colonial Secretary of the Government of Hongkong, that, on the 23^d of last month, he was attacked by the Hongkong fever, which has lately deprived us of so many valuable lives. The fever which terminated his life, and which must be called the Hongkong fever, combines, we are told, in its symptoms, the appearance of the jungle fever of India, and of the yellow fever of the West Indies, and has hitherto, in too many instances, defied medical art, although the latest advices from Hongkong, we are glad to say, mention the recovery of several that were considered in danger from the same illness."—*Canon Press.*

IRISH PROTESTANT CHURCH.—It appears that the net income of the whole Protestant Church in Ireland under the Ecclesiastical Tithe Composition is but £266,781. The net revenue from parochial glebe lands is £81,372. "Net income" on the "Amount of Rent Charges payable on behalf of Parochial Clergy," £295,121 7s. 6d. Now, taking the Protestants of Ireland in number at one million, and the Church revenue £330,000, we find that the amount for their spiritual and moral instruction is only six shillings per annum for each Protestant. Taking the inhabitants of Ireland in round numbers at 8,000,000, and the net income of the Protestant Church in round numbers at £400,000, we find that the whole taxation of Ireland in support of the Established Church is 1s. per head per annum.—*Hutchman.*

THE ANTI-STATE CHURCH CONFERENCE.—The Executive Committee have announced that the sittings of this Conference will commence on the 30th of April, at the Crown and Anchor Tavern, London, and state that it is probable that the sittings will be held morning and evening, and that the proceedings will occupy three days. Representatives are to be elected by congregations, by public meetings, and by collegiate institutions, the number being limited in each respective case to two. Of representatives thus elected the Conference is to be exclusively composed, and each representative is to give his assent to a distinct declaration of his conviction that the union of the Church with the State is derogatory to the kingly character of Jesus Christ, contrary to the principles of the New Testament, and injurious to the interests of religion; that it is therefore his bounden duty to employ every legitimate means for promoting the separation of the Church from the State; and that a conference, composed of individuals entertaining these sentiments, and being the chosen representatives of those who also entertain them, is a desirable method of commencing a serious movement towards the dissolution of so injurious and unscriptural an alliance between things civil and things sacred.—*Leeds Mercury.*

CITY OF LONDON SCHOOLS.—The Corporation having devoted the fine of £400 paid some years ago by Mr. Thomas Tegg, bookseller and publisher, to be excused from serving the office of Sheriff, towards the establishment of an exhibition to one of the universities for the benefit of pupils of the above school, Mr. Tegg has manifested his approval of such an appropriation by recently making the important addition to the fund of £100; and, in return for so distinguished an act of liberality, the committee of the school have agreed that the exhibition shall in future be designated "The Tegg Scholarship or Exhibition." Mr. Tegg has also accompanied his gift with a number of valuable books for the library of the school.

THE BIBLE FOR CHINA.—A Translating Committee, designed to include all Protestant missionaries for the Chinese, has been recently formed at Hong Kong for the purpose of preparing a new version, or a revised edition of the

Holy Scriptures in Chinese. The precise manner in which this work is to be performed is not stated. The work, however, is considered one of great importance, and it was expected that it would receive support and attention.—*N. Y. Observer.*

FACTS FOR THE SKEPTICAL.—In four groups of islands in the Pacific ocean, where, thirteen years ago, the people were idolaters, most of them cannibals, there are now 40,000 members of Christian churches. In one district in Southern India, the Church Missionary Society have 19,000 candidates for baptism, and 693 communicants. In New Zealand, in a district of the island, the average attendance of the natives upon divine worship is 7,517; candidates for baptism, 1,400; native Christians, 898. By the labours of missionaries of the American Board, fifty-nine churches have been gathered among the heathen, embracing about 20,000 members.

THE CHRISTIAN MIRROR.

MONTREAL, THURSDAY, MAY 30, 1844.

WESLEYAN MISSIONS.—The Anniversary of the Montreal District Auxiliary Wesleyan Missionary Society, was held on Monday evening last, in the Wesleyan Chapel, Great St. James Street. Notwithstanding the unfavourable state of the weather, the chapel was well filled. The claims of the heathen world upon the sympathies of Christians generally were most ably advocated by the numerous Ministers who thronged the platform on this very interesting occasion. The cause of Christian Missions is one which should be dear to the heart of every true Christian; indeed the very first impulse of the heart of a new-born child of God, almost invariably, is, an ardent desire that others should experience the "like precious faith." Notwithstanding, comparatively little has yet been done towards ameliorating the condition of the vast multitude of the human family who inhabit "the dark places of the earth," compared with what might and ought to be done, were Christians generally rightly impressed with the solemn responsibility which attaches to them, in view of the wretched and degraded state of a lost and perishing world. We sincerely trust that the touching and powerful appeals made on this occasion will be faithfully and promptly responded to.

We understand, that it is intended, tomorrow, at half-past two o'clock, to hold a service in St. James Street Chapel, in connection with the laying of the foundation stone of the new Wesleyan Chapel. At the close of the service, the Ministers and friends will walk in procession from the Chapel to the site of the new building. The ceremony will doubtless be of a peculiarly solemn and imposing character—from the circumstance that all the ministers of the district are now in this city, and may be expected to be present.

"INDIAN RESEARCHES."—It will be perceived by an advertisement in our last page, that the Rev. Mr. SLAGHT's work is now in the press; so that there need be no hesitation on the part of those friends who intend subscribing. We have obtained permission from the Rev. author to make an extract or two from his MSS., which we intend to avail ourselves of in a short time. In the

meantime, we earnestly recommend the work to all our readers.

FOR THE CHRISTIAN MIRROR.

A CHAPTER FOR CHILDREN.

DEAR CHILDREN,—I would offer my assistance to aid you in your walks and diversions; for, while taking your exercise, for health and pleasure, you may at the same time, be storing your minds with useful knowledge.

The child, like the industrious bee, should gather honey every day, and from every flower or object that comes in his way. I entreat you to look through nature's works to nature's God.

The birds, the bees, and the little ants, will teach you a very profitable lesson. The birds will teach you to sing God's praise. The bees and ants will teach you to be industrious and improve your time. When walking abroad to take the air during this delightful season, your ears are delighted with the music of the feathered songsters, your eyes behold beautiful flowers, with all the delightful variety of the vegetable kingdom. All nature is praising God, and can you be silent, dear young friends?

You should learn to make some profitable reflections, and spiritual improvement upon what you see and hear. A child was once walking with his kind father, and expressed his great satisfaction in viewing a most delightful landscape, then extended before him, clothed with all the beauties of spring; the father said to him, "My son, if you could see and taste the goodness and mercy of God displayed in the plan of salvation by Christ you would be still more highly delighted." Another child when walking with his teacher in the spring, while passing by a garden where the lilac and roses were putting out, asked his teacher if there was not something that should remind them of little children? "What, my child?" "Why, Sir, these little buds, which are just ready to blossom." Thus we see, that children are capable of making great improvement.

Parents and teachers ought to walk and talk with their children as much as possible. And the elder children in a school, or family, might greatly assist the younger.

T. OSGOOD.

HORTICULTURE.—The Horticultural Exhibition, of which we published a notice, took place in the City Hall on Wednesday, and was visited by many ladies and gentlemen, who were not only delighted to see what had been produced at the expense of much culture, and arranged for the public with much taste, but hear the Band which was in attendance. We had fifteen minutes' look at the scene, and were surprised at the fineness of the early vegetables; and while we cast our eyes over the plants and flowers, a couplet in Thomson's Seasons gave us pleasure:—

'And in yon mingled wilderness of flowers
Fair-handed Spring unbosoms every grace.'

Such an exhibition is innocent and useful, and brings to the heart this moral lesson.—The Creator is kind; and our wish is that other places may follow the earnest example of Toronto; and that our gardeners and florists may be still more successful in producing what is good for food, and in giving Flora's beauties and fragrance to the wilds of Canada.—*Chr. Guar.*

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—This Church seems to be brightening in all her departments. Dr. Chalmers has lately written to a friend of his in Canada, and says:—"The prosperity of our Free Church is indeed marvellous, and the state of our College forms not the least wonderful part of it. I have almost three times a greater number of first-year students than I had last year in the University; and the number preparing for the University of the Free Church is very nearly double the number of Students of Divinity at all the four Colleges of Scotland."—*Chr. Guar.*

RELIGION IN SABBATH SCHOOLS.—An Anniversary Meeting was lately held at Leeds, in England, at which it was stated, that of nearly 700