

lation, the late Governor estimates that there may not be more than a thousand professedly heathen natives remaining. From being one of the most ferocious, warlike, and revengeful of the heathen tribes, they have been changed into a quiet, industrious, friendly, and even devout people.

"The useful arts of life—agriculture and commerce—have made considerable progress among them, and property once valued by the measure of a few hatchets, has become as well understood and as capable of ready conversion, as in many countries whose civilization dates from a remote period.

"And these marvellous changes in the character and condition of this nation have been wrought within the period of a single generation! The first convert to Christianity was baptized in the year 1825. The translation of the Holy Scriptures was commenced in 1828. A printing press and water-mill were introduced in 1830. These changes have been accomplished by agencies employed by England, under the guiding hand of its Heavenly Father; and 'first and foremost' among those agencies, according to the testimony of the late Governor of the Island, and of Bishop Selwyn, is that of the Church Missionary Society."

"The late Governor and the Bishop of New Zealand have concurred in strongly deprecating the immediate withdrawal of the Church Missionary Society's agents from the island, as a step calculated seriously to impair the admirable work that has been accomplished: a view in which the Society have fully agreed. The Bishop has, under these circumstances, submitted to the Society the following proposals:—

To divide the present Diocese into the following

- Now Zealand, or Auckland,
- Tauranga,
- Waipatu,
- Wellington;

and to receive a Commission to consecrate, with the assistance of the Australian Bishops,—

- The Venerable Archdeacon Brown,
 - The Venerable Archdeacon W. Williams,
 - The Venerable Archdeacon Hadfield,
- to be Bishops of the Sees, erected upon the basis of their respective Archdeaconrics.

"The Bishop offers to surrender the £600 per annum paid to him by the Society through the Colonial Bishops' Fund.

Allowing to each Bishop his present salary— $\frac{1}{3}$ of £600;

Granting landed estates, out of the Society's landed property;

- 800 acres at Auckland to Auckland;
- 1000 acres at Tauranga to Tauranga."

"Bishop Selwyn has been enabled to resign the £600 a year he received from the Church Missionary Society, and a similar sum allowed him by Government, in consequence of the native and European Christian population of the island having engaged to provide adequately for the support of the Established Church by tithes and land endowments. The Bishop however deserves great praise for the Christian disinterestedness and liberality with which he has, on this occasion, resigned a considerable portion of his emoluments for the advancement of the cause of religion.

It became a question of very serious consideration with the Church Missionary Society, whether they could, consistently with their principles and objects, as a purely Missionary Society, agree to the elevation of their agents to the episcopal office. They have decided, on mature consideration, upon accepting Bishop Selwyn's proposals, with the distinct understanding that the new bishops will continue to carry forward the missionary work in which they have been hitherto engaged. The important questions of the disposal of patronage and endowments, and of the ecclesiastical constitution of the Church in the Island, had to be considered. These questions were, however, necessarily left for future arrangement, as it is in the contemplation of the Government to bring forward next year some general measure on Colonial Church legislation. It is understood that the Society's views will receive due attention in regard to the details of this highly important measure.

By consenting to the appointment of their missionaries as Bishops, they have secured the incalculable advantage of these new sees being first occupied by men of sound scriptural and Protestant principles, and of long- tried and established piety. These New Zealand Bishops, by continuing to prosecute their noble missionary labours, will also present excellent models of the true Scriptural character of the Episcopal office. In accordance with the word bishop—'overseer'—we have ever felt that bishops should be continually occupied, as their first duty, in the 'ministry of the word' among their flocks.

The Wesleyan of this week, in noticing Mr. Hill's appointment to the Chair of Pastoral Theology in King's College, says:—"He carries with him not only the affectionate regards of that portion of the Church of Christ, with which, in his pastoral relation, he has been the most intimately associated, but the respect and good will of the members of all Christian denominations. His conduct has ever been such as to win the love of all; and if the future candidates for holy orders in the Church of England in this Province join the ranks of her clergy, imbued with the spirit which has been conspicuous in his life and conversation, we may justly anticipate for her an era of great spiritual prosperity."

D. C. SOCIETY.

THE Sixteenth Annual Report of this Society has lately issued from the Press, and is in course of circulation. It is gratifying to perceive from it a steady and increasing contribution by the Churchmen of Nova Scotia to this most useful and important Society.

The income for 1854 already received amounts to £934 16 10 $\frac{1}{2}$, which is £100 advance on the last. Amherst has sent £5 2 7 more than in the previous year—Ariochat three times the amount of 1853—Dartmouth £7 8 0 more, notwithstanding £150 contributed during the year for their neat School-house.—Digby 1-4th more than last year.—Granville, also considerably exceeded its former self.—Guysborough £4 4 5 plus.—Liverpool 25 per cent. of increase, but abounding liberality is nothing new from that quarter. Lunenburg £3 10 of increase. Pictou has the praise of always augmenting its quota. Ship Harbour (E. Shore) £2 11 3 increase. Margaret's Bay, (Rev. W. R. Cochran then in charge) 25 per cent. more than previous year. Sydney, plus £8. Truro 1-3rd beyond 1853. The fund for Endowment of Parishes amounts to £1,117 11 2.—Of this £665 7 8 belongs to St. Margaret's Bay, and £133 11 7 to Digby.—St. George's, Halifax, £81 8 4. The Bishopric Endowment Fund amounts to £1,750. Jubilee Fund £34 10 2. Widows and Orphans £30 2 3.—Alas! for those who are depending on it. It has however received an addition by Thanksgiving collections in the City of about £100. The total number of contributors to the funds of the Society is upwards of 4,700, or about 1-8th only of the Church population.

The Report contains a few extracts (we think it would add to the interest if there were more) from the letters of the Clergy. Mr. Campbell, of Granville, a long tried and faithful Missionary, thus writes:

"Permit me here to mention a circumstance in proof of what well directed zeal in a good cause can effect. I allude to the recent restoration of an old Church situated in the lower district of this Parish. It was built about the year 1790, at a time when both money and materials were scarce, and therefore was necessarily both slight and imperfect in construction. This building has of late been thoroughly renewed both externally and internally, at a cost of more than £200, made up by the voluntary subscription of the inhabitants residing near the Church, aided by the sale of pews since the completion of the repairs last summer. Thus from having been one of the most dilapidated Churches in this part of the country, it has now become one of the most substantial and comfortable, with a small surplus revenue, and proving to all engaged in that good work (who have need of such a proof) that as, notwithstanding such an outlay on their parts, the means and comforts of none of them have been thereby abridged; so they may reasonably hope that no future exertions of theirs in the cause of God and true religion, will leave them in a worse condition as to worldly means than they were before, but happily bring down a blessing upon themselves and their substance. If such considerations have the effect of promoting the interests of the D. C. Society among them, I shall greatly rejoice, while I am persuaded that their own good will in this way be effectually advanced."

Honourable mention is also made of the Rev. T. Morris, of Manchester, who out of his slender means, has returned the £75 lent to him by the Society when pursuing his Education at the College, laying it out by permission on the Parsonage House.

The Rev. T. H. White relates a praiseworthy act of one of his poor widows, who has since added more "mites" to the College Fund. He describes her as upwards of 70, "who earns her living by the labour of her own hands: in her thoughts the D. C. S. has always a place, and from the moment her contribution is made, she begins to prepare for the next. The consequence is, that she has always given 5s.—(this year 5s. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$.) to the D. C. S., besides 20s. for local Church purposes. I doubt not her alms and her prayers comes up as a memorial before God; and the Society that has such supporters must succeed. Others may of their abundance cast into the treasury of the Lord, but she of her pious bath cast in all that she had."

The following extracts from the General Report deserve continual attention:

"The time cannot be very far distant when the calls upon this Society for aid in supporting Clergymen will be even more urgent than at present. Those missions which are now receiving assistance from abroad must ere long, in the natural course of events, be dependent upon their own resources, and such help as can be given through this Society. It might not therefore be inexpedient even now, out of the very limited amount at the Society's disposal, to make some provision against the time when more missionaries must be supported by local exertion. This might be done indirectly by an equal donation to encourage those who are endeavoring to make a permanent provision for the ministrations of the Church among them."

For some time past the Society has felt the necessity of providing assistance for the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen. This object has been recognized; but by the present Rules no part of the General funds of the Society can be thus expended; and only special donations for that purpose have been reserved according to the wishes of the donor. This mode of proceeding is however quite insufficient to meet the necessity, and it is thought advisable at this time to bring the subject so prominently forward, as to excite the interest and sympathy of all members of the Society in this benevolent object. The subject however, from its great importance and difficulty of detail, requires mature deliberation. A Sub Committee was appointed to take the matter under their consideration, and based upon their Report the following Resolutions have been adopted by the Executive Committee:—

"That a standing Sub Committee be formed, to whom shall be intrusted the subject of assistance to Widows and Orphans of Clergymen, in accordance with the 11 object of the Society. 2nd. That it is the opinion of the Committee that we should endeavour immediately to procure the sum of £1,000 toward a capital fund for carrying out the 11th object of the Society with reference to the above Resolution."

ELECTION OF A GOVERNOR OF KING'S COLLEGE.

AMONG the numerous engagements of next week, let not the members of the Alumni Association forget that on Friday 13th they will be called upon to elect a Governor of King's College, in place of Judge Parker, who has resigned. New Brunswick, containing as it does, a large number of Alumni, duly organized in a Branch Association, and contributing liberally to the funds of the Institution, has a right to a representation at the Board, and of course the person elected to fill the vacancy should be from that Province. Nor can there be much doubt that the Rev. Dr. Gray, one of our most distinguished Alumni, will be the individual on whom the choice will fall. All persons having paid a subscription of £1 for the previous year, are entitled to vote, as well as those who have contributed £20 or upwards to the Endowment. Those at a distance can send their proxies to P. C. Hill, Esq., Secretary of the Alumni.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CHURCH TIMES.

Dear Sir,—We have much pleasure in requesting you to publish the enclosed names of those who have added their subscription towards the General Endowment Fund of King's College, Windsor:

- William Lawson - - - £50 0 0
- John Tempest, of Dartmouth 5 0 0
- W. & E. W. Dimock, of Windsor 5 0 0

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GEORGE W. HILL.

P. E. ISLAND.—We observe in Hazard's Gazette an address from the Congregation of Crapaud, to the Rev. Mr. Roach, on the occasion of his removal to another Parish, with his reply. The interchange of sentiments and feelings therein expressed, is creditable to both parties. The people point to improvements in their Church and School-houses as proofs of Mr. R.'s activity and zeal, but they add a still more comfortable evidence of his usefulness, in expressing their belief that "some have been brought to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, through his unremitting efforts."

Weymouth.—The Ladies of St. Mary's Bay, in this Parish, kindly assisted from Digby and Weymouth, held a Bazaar for the sale of useful and fancy articles, on the 27th ult. A tea Soiree was also held on the evening of the same day, joint proceeds £27, which in addition to what they hope to receive from generous friends elsewhere, will enable them to repair and improve the little Church in that neighbourhood, and put it in that state in which all Christians should delight to see the Lord's Sanctuary.—Com.

The Rev. T. M. Clark, D. D., has just been elected Bishop of Rhode Island, which has been some time vacant.

We are sorry to hear that another life has been lost on the Railroad, a poor labourer having been crushed by the falling of a bank of earth. Another was seriously injured.

We beg to acknowledge thankfully the courtesy of those who have sent us a free ticket to the Exhibition.

The Horticultural Gardens are open to visitors during the Exhibition daily, (gratis) from 11 A. M. to 6 P. M.—a delightful promenade.

The contributions from Pictou and Albion Mines, noticed in last week's paper, were for the Clergy Widows and Orphan's Fund, not for the Soldiers' Widows, as there stated.