

of humbler station strangled!—Hobd, Aug. 19.

AUSTRALIA.

SYDNEY.—THE JOURNALS.—The Australasian Chronicle of Sydney, of the 1st June, describes the state of that journal as improving. It owes £800 but its available debts are £2,000 which the body of proprietors have resolved to call in immediately. Its annual expenses have been reduced by £800 and its advertisement increased by £500 annually during the editorship of the Rev. Mr. McEncroe. The proprietors, who met on the last day of May, have resolved to place the journal at the disposal of the archbishop who is to place it in one hand, instead of leaving it to the direction of the body of proprietors. Mr. Duncan has announced his intention of publishing another Catholic paper.

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY, CATHOLIC INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIA, AND SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH.—The Vicar-General president at the periodical meeting on the last Sunday in May, and announced the annual meeting for the first week after Trinity Sunday. Among the plans for raising the fund, he said that a number of children should be selected from the various schools of the city and that each child should collect small subscriptions (say a penny per week each) from about a dozen persons residing in his or her immediate neighbourhood. By this means if they could obtain a sufficient number of these youthful collectors, they would, without question, be able to raise about four or five pounds a week extra; for surely no person would refuse to contribute so small a sum as a penny a week to a little child who solicited it in the name of St. Patrick. During the ensuing fortnight, he should have no less than £100 to pay, and he was sorry to say that there was not more than £20 or £30 left at present in the banks to meet this sum; but he knew that he might calculate, with the utmost certainty, upon the strenuous support of the society, £16 6s. 10d. were collected in the room. The very rev. chairman then opened the business of the evening, on behalf of the Branch Association in aid of the Catholic Institute and Society for the Propagation of the Faith. As far (he said) as they had yet learned, there was every reason to anticipate the most happy results from the mission recently undertaken to the aborigines. In this mission, his grace the archbishop was accompanied by four of the missionaries whom he had brought with him from Italy, and it was his intention to send for further aid from Europe, if he should find it necessary. By the kindness of the Governor, the missionaries had obtained leave to commence operations upon an island separated by a small

creek from Moreton Bay, and peopled by about three hundred of the aboriginal natives, without the presence of a single European, instead of having to proceed to a distance in the interior, as was originally intended. Of this island the Governor had given them the possession, rent free, for two years, and the spot was as advantageous a one for the commencement of their undertaking as could well be desired.—Dr. Simpson, who had been a commissioner of Crown lands in that neighbourhood, gave a very favourable report of the natives residing upon this island, representing them as a harmless people, among whom he should not hesitate to fix his residence for a considerable period. If this mission succeeded, there was another island about a hundred miles north of the one above alluded to, and containing some thousands of aborigines, which they would visit forthwith. The people of Sydney had come forward with their usual liberality in the supply of materials for clothing their sable brethren; and these materials having been made up by the school children and other parties who had kindly volunteered their services for that purpose, they had sent down clothing for two or three hundred natives. One of the missionaries could act as a physician, and the Governor had given to the mission the services of two men who had resided for a long time among the natives, and were, therefore, thoroughly versed both in their language and their general customs; indeed, one of these parties had lived for no less than three years upon the very island now occupied by the mission, and would therefore, be of the highest use to its members. His grace the archbishop would probably be absent from Sydney for two months longer; for when he once resumed his ordinary duties, it might be some time before he would be enabled to pay another visit to that distant part of the colony; and now that he was upon the spot, it was his intention to visit the interior and inspect all the localities of the vicinity; in order that he might be the better able to form and carry out the necessary arrangements.

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