

"Of Chinese large numbers are continually arriving, and we are likely to have a vast population of them. Mr. Sheepshanks at Westminster has had several under instruction, and has been pleased by their eagerness to learn. One of these, a young man, I spoke to, and remarked his intelligence and respectable bearing.

"With regard to the Chinese, you will be interested to know that Twong Lee, a Chinese merchant, has contributed £5 to the new church in Westminster, and £10 to that in Victoria. May God grant this ministering to us of his worldly things may be an omen of the future readiness of his people to receive back of our spiritual things, even the blessed Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the saving of many souls.

"I must now conclude my letter, leaving to the Committee the consideration of these several pressing needs.

"With the earnest prayer that the great Head of the Church will bless and prosper the designs and work of the Society, I am," &c.

PROPOSED RESIGNATION OF THE BISHOP OF NATAL.

Portions of a letter were read from the Bishop of Natal, dated Natal, February 7, 1860.

In this letter the Bishop expressed his desire to proceed at the head of the Zulu Mission to Zulu land. He added that he was prepared, should it be found necessary, to relinquish the See of Natal, and live in the Zulu country.

With regard to means, it appeared that the Bishop had communicated his views to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel; and he expressed his hope that the Society for promoting Christian knowledge would vote 1,000*l.* for general purposes.

The Secretaries stated the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel had lately granted 500*l.* a year for three years to the Bishop; 1,000*l.* a year for Missionary Work for three years; and 1,000*l.* for buildings.

The Standing Committee gave notice that they should recommend, on Tuesday, October 2nd, 1860, that 1,000*l.* be placed at the disposal of the Bishop for general purposes in Zulu land, should his Lordship be enabled to carry his plan into effect in a satisfactory manner.—*Monthly Report of S. P. C. K.*

ENDOWMENTS FOR COLONIAL DIOCESES.

At the recent meetings of the Society, for the progress of the Gospel the vast benefits likely to accrue to the Colonial Church by a well-regulated system of endowments, has been forced upon the attention of the members, especially in letters from the Bishops of Adelaide, Nova Scotia, Quebec and Montreal.

In the first-named diocese no grant whatever is made for Church purposes by the Colonial Government, and everything depends upon voluntary contributions.