

of the Upper Yang-Tszo, which he thinks may in time be a refreshing refuge to Europeans from the heats and lassitude of the seaboard towns. In one part they found coal, cropping out in the cliffs, and worked. Captain Blakiston, who has contributed a survey of his own, bears strong testimony to the general accuracy of the maps of the country, as far as he tested them, for which we are indebted to the great Jesuit survey of China, in the beginning of the eighteenth century.—*London Guardian*.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

SYDNEY, July 22, 1862.—During the past four weeks our principal discussions have been of a politico-ecclesiastical character. It has long been a matter of regret that the proceedings of Parliament were not opened with prayer, and on the 24th ult., on the motion of Mr. Holt, the Assembly resolved that the Speaker should on taking the chair, utter the following words:—"May the blessing of the Almighty attend our counsels, and may he guide us to the advancement of the welfare and happiness of the people whose interests are committed to our care." This was carried by 18 to 17. Such a mockery of a prayer—not even the slightest allusion to our Saviour—created great dissatisfaction both in the House and out, and its adoption was regarded by religious people as an admission that the Assembly was such a mixed nondescript body, that it was almost impossible to settle the question satisfactorily, many going so far as to say that unless the House would agree to have a chaplain, it would be better not to attempt a system which must assuredly degenerate into an irreverent if not profane ceremony. It was, therefore, with much satisfaction that the public ascertained a few days after, that the resolution had been rescinded by a majority of 20 to 9. The Bill for Regulating the Church and School Lands Trust has passed the Assembly. The lands are to be sold, and the money funded, and the proceeds devoted to such purposes of "religion and education" as Parliament may direct. In these latter words lies all the mischief, as the present Assembly would certainly direct all the money except a nominal sum to be devoted to the Irish system of education. The bill is before the Legislative Council, and will probably be amended to guard against this evasion.

A strong attempt is being made to do away with State aid, as it is called. A bill for this purpose is now before the Assembly, and will probably be carried by a small majority. It is not, however, likely to become law this session.

We have also a Divorce Bill before the Assembly. Soon after the passing of the English Act, Lord Stanley sent a circular to the different colonies, recommending the passing of a similar law. The Government, however, did not take the matter up, but two attempts have been made to pass such a bill. It is, however, meeting with very great opposition, and will probably be again rejected.—*Correspondent of the Guardian*.

The will of his Grace the Most Rev. John Bird Sumner, D.D., P.C., Archbishop of Canterbury, was proved in her Majesty's Court of Probate on the 1st instant. The trustees and executors nominated are his son, the Rev. John H. B. Sumner, M. A.; his son-in-law, the Rev. John Thomas, D.C.L.; and his nephew, Mr. Charles Sumner, barrister-at-law. The personalty was sworn under £60,000. The will bears date 1858, signed "J. B. Cantaur," and witnessed by his secretary, Mr. Felix Knyvott, solicitor, and Mr. W. H. Withall, solicitor, Parliament street. The will is contained in a few brief sheets. Dr. Sumner's

wife died in 1820, the year after his elevation to the see of Chester, leaving several children. The archbishop bequeaths all his copyright and MSS. to his son Robert G. M. Sumner, and his son-in-law, John Thomas, subject to the right of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge to publish any of his expositions of Scripture. To his daughter Georgiana, who is already provided for, he leaves a legacy of £1,000. To the trustees of his late daughter Eliza he leaves one-tenth of his entire property, real and personal, for the benefit of her only child. The estates in Cheshire, Lancashire, and Northumberland, and all other his estates, real and personal, he directs to be divided between his sons John and Robert and his daughters Maria and Louisa. On the decease of his daughter, Louisa Sumner, a sum of £5,000 is left to be divided among the children of his late daughter, Ann Colpoys, and on the decease of his daughter Maria the interest of her share to be paid to her husband, the Rev. John Thomas, and the principal to their children on coming of age. His Grace has left legacies to all his servants proportioned to their length of servitude.—*Illustrated News*.

SPECIAL ORDINATION OF MISSIONARIES.—On 27th June the Bishop of Sierra Leone, acting under a commission from the Bishop of London, held a special ordination in the parish Church of St. Mary, Islington, when fourteen missionary students were ordained deacons for the missions of the Church, namely, one graduate of Wadham College, Oxford; one graduate of Trinity College, Cambridge; ten students from the Church Missionary College at Islington; and two returned catechists who have laboured some years in Africa, and who, after a residence in the college, are about returning for future labour in the diocese of Sierra Leone.—The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. J. Perowne, M. A., Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, from the 8th verse of the 1st chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

MISSION BOARD, DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

This Board met on Tuesday, November 11th, 1862.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. A statement of the balances *pro* and *con* of the various districts was read.

The following correspondence was read: From Rev. A. N. Bethune, in reference to stipend of missionary lately appointed to Woodbridge and Vaughan.

Moved by Rev. A. PALMER, seconded by the Rev. Dr. FULLER,

"That it be referred to the committee of the district branch of the Church Society, to report as to whether they are prepared to assume any additional liability, with a view to the payment of a portion of the stipend of the Rev. Mr. Davidson, and if so, to what amount."

From Rev. G. Hallen, with enclosed guarantee for an assistant. Resolved that Mission Board was not able at present to entertain application for aid in this case.

Resolved, "That The half-yearly stipends of Messrs. Stewart and Creighton, to the 1st Dec., be paid so far as the money has been received by this Board on account of his parishioners, and that the other bondsmen be written to, to pay up promptly."—Carried.

From Mr. John Burkett, stating that he was unable to proceed this winter to the Little Current, and offering to do catechetical duty in his neighbourhood. Resolved that the sum voted was specially for the Indian Mission Fund; and that as the bishop purposes sending a clergyman

to supply Mr. Ross' place, Mr. Burkett's services will not be required.

Moved by Rev. J. G. GEDDES, seconded by Rev. S. GIVINS,

"That the Lord Bishop of Toronto be respectfully requested to recommend that a collection be made in the several churches and stations of this diocese, on the day appointed by authority for a General Thanksgiving, in aid of the mission fund of this diocese."—Carried.

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