

ASCENSION DAY.

God is gone up with a merry noise
Of saints that sing on high ;
With his own right hand and his holy arm
He hath won the victory !

How empty are the courts of Death,
And crush'd thy sting Despair ;
And roses bloom in the desert tomb,
For Jesus hath been there !

And He hath turned the strength of Hell,
And dragg'd him through the sky,
And captive behind his chariot wheel,
He hath bound captivity !

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Bishop Heber.

INTELLIGENCE.

FROM ENGLISH PAPERS.

SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.

March 7th, 1839.

The Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia in the Chair.

The attention of the Meeting having been called to the subject of the spiritual wants of the Church in the Colonies and dependencies of the British Empire; and the Right Reverend Chairman having expressed his sense of the state of destitution in which the Colonial Church is at present placed, and of the absolute necessity of making additional efforts in its behalf; it was agreed unanimously, on the motion of the Rev. W. Dudsworth, seconded by the Rev. J. Shergold Boone,

"That his Grace the President be requested to summon a Special General Meeting, on the earliest day convenient to his Grace, and that the Standing Committee be requested to prepare, in the mean time, a Petition to both houses of Parliament, on behalf of the Colonial Church, to be submitted to the Special Meeting."

The Rev. Sanderson Robins gave the following notice of motion for the next General Meeting:—

"That a humble address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that no system of National Education may be adopted, which does not include the free use of the Bible, or which would take the education of the people out of the hands of the Parochial Clergy."

The board agreed to present to the Right Rev. Dr. Hopkins, Bishop of Vermont, who is now in London, a set of the Society's Books and Tracts, towards adding to a Library which he is forming at the Seminary, attached to the Episcopal Institute, at Burlington, in his diocese.

We are glad that a special meeting of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge is to be held at the Society's House, in Lincoln's-inn-fields, on Tuesday next, to take into consideration the propriety of petitioning Parliament in behalf of the Church in our colonies. We hope the attendance will be great, and that the example will be followed by the Churchmen throughout the country. Mr. Pakington, one of the most excellent men in the House of Commons, Mr. Goulburn, Sir R. H. Inglis, and others, have already presented some petitions on the subject, and we shall rejoice to see them pouring in from all quarters.—*Cons. Jour.*

SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL.

VAN DIEMEN'S LAND.

Extracts from a letter from the Lord Bishop of Australia.

My able and most worthy coadjutor, Archdeacon Hutchins, is incessantly occupied in endeavouring to lighten, by his own exertions, the evil arising from the insufficient supply of pastors to so scattered a flock. With indefatigable activity he endeavours, and with great success, to extend his own powers of

usefulness, by preaching, as opportunity is afforded him, at many distant points the glad tidings of redemption; which, but for his activity and earnestness, could never penetrate thither. But this wide extension of labour casts upon him, I could not fail to observe, a very disproportionate burden of fatigue, anxiety, and expence, which he supports with the quiet determination of one whose views are fixed upon one high object, and who finds in its attainment the only reward he seeks. I have, therefore, learned with increased satisfaction, since my return to this colony, that so many additional clergymen would be provided for the archdeaconry, as it will relieve Mr. Hutchins from some of those labours which, being added to the proper duties of his office, have accumulated too much upon him. The inhabitants of that colony are (sixteen out of every twenty-three) members of the Church of England, and are, with some exceptions to which I have alluded, warmly attached to it. They are proceeding very generally in the erection of churches in the various parts; and more are in contemplation; to all of which I shall most readily extend such aid as may be in my power from the amount of the Society's grants still remaining at my disposal; though that aid will not be so extensive in amount as I should gladly have made it if my resources had been more ample.

I have omitted previously to mention that during my residence within the archdeaconry, I was gratified by witnessing the establishment, in Hobart Town, of a district committee of the Societies for Propagating the Gospel and Promoting Christian Knowledge. The meeting was well attended; his excellency, Sir John Franklin, the Lieutenant Governor, having honoured it by taking the chair, and, together with Lady Franklin, becoming a subscriber to the funds of the committee.

Calcutta.—The Singapore papers of the 6th of September state, that the Lord Bishop of Calcutta, with Archdeacon Dealtry, and the Rev. Mr. Hughes (chaplain of Malacca), had arrived at that station, and after inspecting the handsome church lately erected, convoked a meeting of the principal persons of the Protestant community, to determine whether the church should be immediately consecrated or not. The objection which some of the residents had to the consecration arose from the apprehension that a Protestant clergyman would not at all times be resident in the settlement to perform divine service; but the lord bishop explained that no difficulty was likely to arise on that ground; and therefore it was determined that the consecration should forthwith take place.

Mr. Alston has just completed at the Glasgow Institution press, the printing of a beautiful edition of the English Liturgy for the use of the blind. It is printed from a new sort of types, and is the most perfect specimen of Mr. Alston's unique typography that has yet appeared. It forms a cheap and handsome quarto volume, which will, no doubt, be received as a great boon in England, where, we are glad to learn, Mr. Alston's system is making rapid progress.—*Scottish Guardian.*

The Church.—The Lord Bishop of Barbadoes left this county last week to return to his Diocese. His lordship's departure is much regretted. Mrs. Coleridge and the family remain at Ottery St. Mary.—*Cornwall Royal Gazette.*

Christ's Hospital.—(From a Correspondent.)—In consequence of the unexampled prosperity of Christ's Hospital, and the great increase of its governors by benefactions, 200 presentations for the admission of children were yesterday issued for the current year, being the largest number ever known.—*Cons. Jour.*

Mumificent Bequests.—The late Mrs. Ann Kyrwood, of Droitwich, whose death we announced last week, has left £1000 to our infirmary; and the like sums to the Hereford Infirmary, and to the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.—*Worcester Guardian.*

Cavan, March 7.—The important trial of three of the ruffians, John Brady, James Brady, and Terence Rudden, charged with attempting the life of the Rev. Mr. Beresford, by shooting at him, while through his diocese.

on his way to Church on Sunday, the 22d of July, commenced here yesterday, and did not conclude until two o'clock to-day. The usual attempt at an *alibi* was made but failed, and the trial was adjourned until this day. Baron Foster charged the jury in a most able manner. The jury retired for a short time, and brought in a verdict of *guilty* against John Brady; Terence Rudden and James Brady *not guilty*.

The Countess of Norbury and her sorrowing family took their departure from Ireland on Friday—driven by murderers from their native home—and never to return. This is one of the practical effects of a hellish conspiracy, deadly in its conception as it is universal in its ramifications.—*Dub. Evening Mail.*

FROM AMERICAN PAPERS.

INDIAN CITIES.

Dacca.—This once magnificent city, the metropolis of the country, is now crumbling into dust; its population, once numerous, is now dwindling away; its manufactures, once the glory of Bengal, have ceased to exist, except on the page of history.

Gaur.—The origin of this most ancient capital of Bengal, stretches back 2500 years; and when the Portuguese arrived, three or four hundred years since, it was in the midst of its glory. Nothing remains to indicate to the traveller the site of this vast city, which extended fifteen miles in length and three in breadth, but a few ruined buildings of stone or marble.

Rajmahl—the city of a hundred kings—Buddhist, Hindoo and Mahometan, is now a miserable village, with one sole vestige of its ancient grandeur, a chamber of black marble overhanging the river, which has been transformed into a coal depot.

Salgong, the royal emporium of Bengal, from the time of Pliny downwards, and which existed in undiminished grandeur after the Europeans had begun to crowd the Hoogly with their factories, has not one stone remaining on another. It is a wretched hamlet, occupied by a few paper makers. *See transit gloria mundi.*

Protestant Episcopal Church in Paris.—The establishment of a church in Paris, in which the authorized services of the United Church of England and Ireland should be celebrated in the *French Language*, has long been considered necessary, not only by natives of France on their own account, but also by many benevolent and enlightened persons on behalf of several hundred families of Anglo-Gallicans, the result of intermarriages, where one of the parties being English, the children either in right or by admission are Protestants, but there being no church in which the services of the Church of England are conducted in the *French language*, most of them, it is found, attend no place of divine worship, and not unfrequently are unbaptized. The important design now in progress to supply the above deficiency, has met with great encouragement in England, and liberal contributions have been made to carry it into effect.—*English paper.*

The Duke and Duches of Gordon did much for education in Fochabers, but we are all delighted and astounded by intelligence that a sum of £22,500, has been left by a Mr. Milne, late a merchant in New Orleans, to found a free school in our village. What are we to make of so large a sum? Send all the boys to college, of course. Mr. Milne was a native of Fochabers, where he had long been forgotten, but his heart must have been warm towards the banks of the Spey.—*Inverness Paper.*

In the Glasgow gaol every inmate weaves enough coarse cotton cloth per week to defray the expenses of his keep; every prisoner is kept separate, having a cell large enough for his loom and bed. Four religious books are placed in each apartment, and if the prisoner cannot read he is sent to school for one hour a day.

The present Bishop of Calcutta, Wilson, is the first Indian Protestant Bishop who has been permitted by divine Providence to make a second visitation