

gress. The committee state that the proposed fund is "not designed to supersede, but to call for and aid local efforts, and would, if judiciously expended, suffice to keep up with the probable increase of population during the next ten years." They add the following important passage:—

In distributing the funds entrusted to them, the committee leave the local subscribers, in every case, to determine in whom the patronage shall be vested, and are careful to avoid all unnecessary restrictions or requirements. They intend, as sufficient funds are placed at their disposal, to promote in large parishes the formation of new districts, to which a minister may be appointed to collect a flock, and to obtain temporary accommodation for the performance of Divine service until a permanent structure can be provided.—*Record*.

Miscellaneous.

ARRIVAL OF BISHOP WEEKS AT SIERRA LEONE.—By the African mail steamer Candace, which arrived at Plymouth, on Tuesday, we (the *Record*) learn that Bishop Weeks and his missionary party reached Sierra Leone in safety on the 14th of November.

The *New Era*, a Freetown paper, thus notices the arrival of the bishop in his diocese:—

"The Ethiopie brought us our-looked-for bishop, the Right Rev. J. W. Weeks, D.D., with a number of missionary clergymen, for this and the coast. The arrival of Dr. Weeks among us, as may have been expected, from the familiar acquaintance with him of the many who had, in days long past, experienced the benefits of his earlier ministry, created an almost indescribable excitement. One and all rushed to the wharf to greet him who, though *new* as bishop, was still their same old friend.

"The demonstration on the part of the native people was pleasing in the extreme. All eager to shake hands with their old father, and their beloved matron, Mrs. Weeks, they seemed, for the moment, to forget all decorum; and hugging as closely as possible to the beloved pair, a little timidity alone restrained them from giving vent to their natural warmth of African gratitude and affection.

"The appointment of a bishop to this colony could not have been more happy. The people seem to feel at home with him, and to regard with him the affection of a father, whom they have loved. Their simple and unaffected demonstrations could not fail to be pleasurable even to the most disinterested observer."

THE CHURCH IN JAMAICA.—The Legislature has passed a Clergy Bill, with a duration clause of fourteen years, whereby a saving of twelve and a-half per cent, on the salaries paid to the clergy has been effected, or about £3,000 per annum.

COMPLETED.—The iron church and parsonage granted by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, to Diocese of Melbourne, have been erected at Williamstown, and are said to answer very well.

BATTERSEA TRAINING EXTRAITS.

The Examination, which commenced on the 10th and terminated on the 20th of December, was superintended by Her Majesty's Inspectors, the Rev. F. Temple, and Joshua Huddock Esq.

There were ninety-four resident students, candidates for certificates and annual grants; and seventy-seven pupil teachers, candidates for Queen's Scholarships. Twelve of the latter were examined at other colleges.

Thirty-six masters in charge of schools were also candidates for certificates, and five were candidates for grants of apparatus. Fifty-four resident students are now leaving the Institution to take charge of schools.

The Rev. W. Fry, of Leicester, offered eight prizes for the best examination papers on the English language and school management, four to be given to the senior students, and four to the junior.

THE GOSPEL IN TURKEY.—Missionary advices state that the fall of Sobastopol has quieted the adherents of the old Armenian Church, who before had hoped that the triumph of Russia would annihilate Protestantism in Turkey. Another most extraordinary sign of the times, which is referred to in every recent letter, is the readiness of Mohammedans to read the Bible. It is impossible to tell whereunto this may grow.

On Christmas day a Methodist Sabbath School in Brooklyn gave us their united offering to the missionary cause, the sum of one thousand dollars, collected entirely from among themselves.

The Rev. Mr. Clark, in referring to the extensive range for missionary work in Yoruba, Central Africa, says: "From morning till night, had we the power, we could preach the Gospel to listening multitudes. I believe we have here the elements of a religious revolution, under the power of Divine truth which will make the ears of the religious world tingle with delight."

THE DEANERY OF DOWNS.—This deanery has been conferred on the Rev. Thomas Woodward, Vicar of Mullinger, and a younger son of the Rev. Mr. Woodward, Rector of Fethard. As an author, the now dean has distinguished himself as the editor of the works of the late Rev. W. Archer Butler, formerly Professor of Moral Philosophy, Trinity College, Dublin.—*Times*. From this it would appear that the original announcement of the nomination of the Rev. John Gregg was incorrect, or that the appointment, if offered, has been declined by that gentleman.—*Record*.

THE ANTICIPATED VISIT OF DR. MEDHURS TO ENGLAND.—For nearly forty years this distinguished Chinese scholar and indefatigable missionary has prosecuted his labours in the Gospel: first in the Malayan Archipelago, and, since the year 1843, in China proper. Having

recently learnt that the progress of these labours has begun to tell with serious effect upon his health and spirits, the Directors of the London Missionary Society have invited him to pay a visit to his native country in the course of next summer.—*Missionary Magazine*.

SWEDEN.—The remarkable work of God is making progress in Sweden. The present revival has extended over a very large proportion of the parishes of Dalecarlia. A gentleman, says the *British Banner*, holding the office analogous to that of Sheriff, in Scotland declares that many of the rich and powerful have come to believe in the Lord Jesus, and work zealously for the kingdom of God. Mr. O. H., proprietor of iron mines and of a large estate in the dark district in which he resides, every Sabbath gathers around him large companies, and proclaims to them the gospel. The King and the Crown Prince during their recent journey to Norway, visited Mr. H., and at his invitation, took a meal at his house, when he spoke of his doings, in proclaiming the gospel among his dependents. In many parishes remarkable and extensive awakenings have appeared and continue. The instruments have been, one christian minister, besides many colporteurs.

On St. Luke's Day, (the 18th ult.) the first Bishop of Lebaun was to be consecrated at Calcutta, by the Metropolitan of India and the Bishops of Victoria and Madras; the first instance of an English Bishop being consecrated out of England. In a recent letter to a friend in London the now Bishop asked the prayers of the English Church.

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