

ANNIVERSARY OF THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR 1811.—The English Missionary Notices contains the following particulars of the approaching interesting occasion:—

We take this opportunity of stating that, if the Lord will, the Annual Sermons before the Society will be delivered on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, April 23rd, 24th, 25th, and 26th, 1811; that in the principal Chapel of each of the eight London Circuits, the Annual Missionary sermons will be preached on the following Sunday, April 28th; and that the General Meeting will be held in Exeter Hall, on Monday, April the 29th. With great pleasure we announce the Ministers engaged for the week-day services are the Rev. John Scott, President of the Conference; the Rev. James Hamilton, Minister of the Scotch Church, Regent-square, London; the Rev. Peter M'OWan, of Bristol; and the Rev. F. J. Jobson, of Leeds; and that in addition to these the Rev. Dr. Newton, of Manchester; the Rev. Thomas Jackson, of Richmond; the Rev. Dr. Dixon, of London; the Rev. Thomas Waugh, of Cork; the Rev. P. C. Turner, of Richmond; the Rev. G. B. Macdonald, of Leeds; and the Rev. W. M. Bunting, of London, have kindly consented to afford their valuable assistance on the Sabbath.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—The *John Bull* published in London, England, says, "There is a report in circulation that a large body of the 'Evangelical Clergy' are about to secede from the Established Church, and to set up a distinct communion on the principles of Episcopacy. Is there any truth in such a rumour? It is certain the following advertisement appeared in the *Record* [a church paper] of Monday last:—'It being in contemplation to form an Episcopal Church, separate from the State, with a revised Liturgy, all who are favourable to this object are earnestly requested to communicate by letter,' &c. We shall watch the progress of this business. Time will show whether there is truth in the rumour.

The *Freeman's Journal* states, that of ten church dignitaries, and of the numerous array of vicars and rectors appointed by Lord de Grey in Ireland, every individual is an opponent of the national system of education, which Sir Robert Peel professes to support.

The Earl of Roden is a Sunday-school teacher.

THE PUSEYITES.—It is stated by the *Oxford Chronicle* that the Hon. and Rev. Arthur Percival, one of the writers of the "Tracts for the Times," has withdrawn from the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, because of the admission of the Bishop of Chester's tract "On Justification by Faith." The Tractarians are getting remonstrances on the subject addressed to the Board of the Society.

ROMISH CONVERSIONS.

On Sunday, the 3d instant, seven persons who had been brought up in the doctrines and practices of the Romish faith, received the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the church of Money-more, in this country, after the scriptural manner of the Established church. These were brought to the knowledge of the truth through the instrumentality of the Irish Scriptures, being teachers for some time back under that valuable Institution the Irish Society, and attending occasionally on the spiritual instructions of the pious and exemplary Superintendent, the Hon. and Rev. J. P. Hewitt: till at length, from the constant reading of God's blessed word, they were led to renounce the false dogmas and unscriptural tenets of that corrupt and degenerate Church in which they had been blindly brought up from their infancy.—*London Mercury Sentinel*.

The Congregational Dissenters are purposing, at the commencement of the new-year, to add to our periodical literature a new magazine, under the title of *The Christian Witness*, which is to be edited by Dr. Campbell, of the Tabernacle, London.

INTELLIGENCE FROM THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.—Our correspondent at the Sandwich Islands puts us in possession of all the movements of interest and importance in that region. He speaks in the strongest language of condemnation & reproach of the conduct of Lord George Paulet, the British officer who took possession of the island. We are unwilling to spread before the public the facts which

we have received respecting the gross and loathsome licentiousness and moral corruption that marked the reign of that usurper. "Since the restoration" of the native government, our correspondent writes, "the streets have been more quiet both day and night, but nothing can be more obvious than that the leaven of Pautetism has dreadfully contaminated the people."

During the recent period of darkness and distress, under Paulet's sway, the Roman Catholics have gained some proselytes. They serve as a refuge and tower for the hard-hearted, lawless, and disobedient. They troubled the government and the protestant schools and churches exceedingly, and the missionaries expect them to be a living curse to the islands.

The Romanists have long been looking for a brig, Capt. Sullivan, from France, by which they were to receive a Bishop, Priests, Sisters of Charity, rosaries, pictures, images, relics, &c.; but the brig has never been heard of from beyond Cape Horn, and the strong probability now is that his op, priests and images, sailors, vessel and all, have gone to the bottom of the sea! A dreadful termination to a dreadful mission.

Many of our readers will remember the case of Bartimeus, one of the earliest converts at the Sandwich Islands,—a blind man, and one of the most wonderful monuments of the power of the gospel that missions to the heathen have furnished. He died Sept. 17, '43.

Bartimeus, or *puaaki*, was more than thirty years old before he heard of the gospel, but hearing the Bible read, and the preaching of the missionaries, he was converted, and became a preacher himself, and obtained a better knowledge of the Bible than almost any one of whom we ever hear in Christian lands. He preached with great fluency and native eloquence; and the aptness, the readiness, and the power with which he quoted and applied passages of scripture, were astonishing to all who heard him. He had laboured long and faithfully in the service of his Master, and has now gone to his reward.

An interesting revival of religion, under the labours of Mr. Hitchcock, at Molokai, has resulted in the hopeful conversion of three or four hundred souls.—*N. Y. Observer*, April 6th.

THE CHRISTIAN MIRROR.

MONTREAL, THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1844.

HAPPINESS.—Happiness is the object which every one is eagerly pursuing; but a mistake concerning the nature of that which they desire to possess, is apparent in the conduct of every unregenerate man. In this state we are "of the earth, earthy."—We are blinded by "the god of this world"; and therefore, as incapable of seeing in what true happiness consists, as we are to obtain possession of it. Some imagine that happiness is to be found, where nothing but misery is deposited; and the conduct of many would lead us to suppose that they wished to revive the Sadducean heresy—deny the existence of the soul, and seek for "happiness" in the gratification of the animal passions.

Any that are seeking for comfort, or inward satisfaction, out of Christ, are performing as absurd a part as they would do, were they to look for the fruits of the earth in the ocean, or seek for the living among the dead. The very things which have been put in the place of religion are ashamed of the honour that is heaped upon them; and they have, in an infinite variety of ways, borne witness to the foolishness of their admirers, and sharply rebuked them for the meanness and foolishness of their idolatry. Wealth—honour—fame—learning—all these declare that "HAPPINESS" is not in them; and yet, these are the very things after which unawakened and uncon-

verted men are toiling and panting; and although, they lead them into intricate and dangerous paths, and cause many to fall and perish by the way, the chase is kept up with unabated vigour; and the warnings and admonitions of religion, are looked upon as impertinent intrusions.

RELIGION stands at every corner, and sees these poor misguided dupes toiling and sweating in pursuit of shadows, that mock them—phantoms, that can never be overtaken—bubbles, that burst as soon as they are touched. The foolishness and guilt which such conduct involves, fills the heart of Religion with sacred grief; and to save the perpetrators of it from the wrath which they are "treasuring up unto themselves," she lifts up her voice, and cries aloud,—"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God!"—Seek not honour one of another—Remember that the world by wisdom knew not God—HAPPY is the man that trusts in the Lord—HAPPY is the man that hath the God of Jacob for his help—HAPPY is the man whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sin is covered."

These warnings are listened to by some; and by others they are laughed to scorn. A few turn unto the Lord and find mercy; but the greater part go on—on—following the devices of their own hearts—and as they increase the distance between their own souls and the mercy of God—they rejoice in what they are pleased to call their own good sense; and recompense Religion for its solicitude and kindness as the Jews recompensed Jesus of Nazareth when they insulted and buffeted him.

But, blessed be God, RELIGION does not relinquish her visits to his people. Wheresoever they assemble she is present; and as a spirit of light, and peace, and love, she hovers over them. SHE hears them singing his PRAISES—SHE SEES them listening to his WORD—SHE beholds them reposing under the cloud of his PROTECTING LOVE—SHE sees them feeding upon the emblems of his BODY and BLOOD;—the delightful spectacle fills her with rapture—and giving utterance to the feelings that causes her heart to throb and swell, she magnifies the name of the Lord and congratulates his saints: "There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun; he is glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders. He is known in Judah, and his name is great in Israel. HAPPY—HAPPY are the people whose God is the Lord. Yea, HAPPY art thou O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people, saved by the Lord."

EDUCATION.—Next to the disruption in the Scottish Establishment, we regard the great movement which has lately taken place in various dissenting Churches, on the subject of education, as the most important event which characterises the present eventful period of the Church's history. And in order that our readers may have all possible information respecting so important a movement, we have copied the following excellent speech of the Rev. Dr. BUNTING, on the subject, delivered