

Kaffirs in South Africa, £100.; Emigrants Spiritual Aid Fund, £100.; Missionary and general purposes in New Zealand, £200.; New Bishopric of Montreal, £200.; College in Diocese of Guiana, £100. We were glad also to hear of two other anonymous gifts, one of £100. towards the Church University in the Diocese of Toronto, and one of £100. for Prince Rupert's Land. A letter from the Rev. W. Kay, the new Principal of Bishop's College, Calcutta, was read, announcing his arrival, and giving a hopeful view of that institution. The Vepery School, (Madras), under the superintendence of its new master, Mr. Wright, is rapidly filling with pupils.

The following interesting letter from the Bishop of Capetown to the Secretary, was read at the meeting:—

Capetown, Feb. 5, 1850.

"The time has, I believe, arrived, when it becomes the duty of the Church in this diocese to enter upon direct Mission work. Any longer delay on our part would, I think, be an evidence of unfaithfulness to the great trust committed to us. Our internal organization has been now for nearly two years completed by the addition of the Episcopate. During this period we have been enabled to supply the most crying necessities of our own people. Thirty Clergy have been added to the fourteen whom I found on my arrival in the diocese. Several more indeed are absolutely required, and the work of education, which is forcing itself on our attention, is as yet almost untouched. Yet, notwithstanding this, I repeat, there are circumstances which lead me to feel that we may not any longer, without sin, defer the attempt to found a Mission.

"From almost the first hour of my landing in the colony, I have been impressed with the conviction, that it would become our duty, at no distant day, to seek the conversion of the tribes on our border. Providentially, we seemed to be called to this work. Others had entered upon it but partially; and there seemed to be some prospect of a withdrawal rather than an increase of missionary effort. More distant fields, indeed, offered greater promise of success. The very name of Kaffir (infidel) is in itself discouraging. The bloody and destructive wars which have so frequently taken place between the colonists and these noble savages, have tended to alienate them from us and from christianity. But these difficulties, it appeared to me, should rather stimulate our zeal than damp our ardour. Two courses only seem open to us,—their conversion, or their entire subjugation. We know how this last course would terminate. It would issue with them as with other tribes who have been brought under our yoke. They would fade away before us. With these convictions on my mind, I have deeply felt that the Church in this land had a solemn call to preach the Gospel to the Kaffirs, and that she ought not to delay entering upon the work longer than was absolutely necessary. The same impression exists in the mind of most of the Clergy with whom I have conversed. As an evidence of this, I may observe, that the Clergy of the Archdeaconry of Graham's Town, at their meeting of the 1st of January—the Feast of the Circumcision—agreed to petition the Bishop to take immediate steps for the formation of a Mission, and pledged themselves to give 100*l.* a year towards it. The Clergy of the Western Province are, I am sure, prepared to make a similar promise. The only question with me, of late, has been, where we were to begin. Mr. Green, the Rural Dean of Natal, has been very urgent in pressing the claims of the 100,000 natives in that dependency who speak the Kaffir tongue. The Archdeacon has leaned, I think, more decidedly to the formation of a Mission in British Kaffraria, near King William's Town.

"While I was debating this subject in my mind, and had almost come to the conclusion that I would defer any decision upon it till I had visited both of these fields, which I purpose doing (D. V.) this year, I received from His Excellency the Governor the very interesting report of Colonel Mackinnon, the Chief Commissary of Kaffraria, of which I inclose a copy, accompanied by a letter from the Governor, in which he invited me to found a Mission at the spot pointed out by Colonel

Mackinnon, viz., in Umhallas territory, about thirty miles to the east of King William's Town.

"After mature deliberation, inquiry, and consultation with others—and not, I trust, without prayer to Almighty God for guidance—I have come to the conviction, that it is the duty of the Church to accept the invitation thus given; and I have written to the Governor to say, that I shall be prepared to attempt the foundation of a Mission, in that part of British Kaffraria to which he has drawn my attention. This done, it becomes my duty to communicate with you, as Secretary to the venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, and to seek your advice and co-operation.

"The plan upon which we propose to proceed is this. To endeavour to engage in the first instance, as a commencement of the work, the services of a Priest and Deacon, who shall proceed at once to the field of their future labour, and commence the work with the aid of a Kaffir interpreter, already provided. We do not contemplate going to any great expense in the erection of a Mission station and premises. We hope that the Clergy who may feel disposed to offer themselves for this work, will be prepared to lead a simple, self-denying life; engaging to some extent in manual labour, and willing to live with but few mere comforts about them than those possessed by the people to whom they will be sent. We do not propose, therefore, to offer any stipend, but only to undertake to provide for the actual wants of our brethren. I am fully aware that I am making a proposition which but few will be prepared to accept. Some will shrink from a life of toil and hardship; others will fear on the score of health, although the climate is especially favorable to health. But I feel assured that there are many earnest devoted spirits in our dear mother church, who will be prepared literally to give up all that flesh and blood hold dear, even their wholeselves, to make known Christ and His truth to those who are sitting in darkness and the shadow of death. That I am not over-estimating the spirit and devotion of English clergymen will, I hope, appear from the following extract from a letter from my noble-minded Archdeacon, which shows that there is at least one of our number prepared to sacrifice himself and all he has for Christ's most holy cause:—

"You ask me, Do I know of a fit man to head the Mission? I really do not; but I can say that I know a willing man, and, what is of more consequence, a man willing with his whole house. Myself, my wife, Miss Short, Jetters White, and Kaffir Wilhelm, would all think ourselves honoured if we were sent on this Mission together. I know of some more agents that would join us. I should be quite willing, and my wife concurs, to resign my office here to another, salary and all, should you deem it more easy to find a fresh Archdeacon than a fitter Missionary; and this may possibly be the case, especially a year hence, when the work of the Archdeaconry is a little more consolidated, and put into regular train. As soon as the parochial system is somewhat moulded, our foundation stones will be laid. But all this I leave entirely to your judgment, being *in utrumque paratus*. My young family might render the Mission expensive, as they could not all live quite Kaffiric, though I am sure they could and would live very simply."

"That he does not underrate the self-sacrifice required in a Missionary to the Kaffirs, may be gathered from the same letter, wherein he expresses his conviction that they who undertake the office 'should go and live a hard self-denying life in a Kaffir kraal, eating like Kaffirs, sour milk and melies, and working with and for Kaffirs, till they have mastered the tongue and acquired influence.'

"Now, my dear friend, if you think that you or the venerable Society can aid us, either in finding the men, or providing the means needful for this undertaking, I shall be grateful. I am most anxious that a Priest and Deacon should be at work in Kaffraria before the end of the year, and I shall be thankful if the Society will send out two duly qualified Missionaries, even though they may not be able to assist us with money. For although my own means are entirely exhausted, I am not careful about funds. The diocese itself, even in its present