

Australia, £703; in Tasmania, £300; in Victoria, up to this time £800. These sums had been raised by the Sabbath-school children since the 24th of March last. Those children will grow to be men and women, the future members of their churches, their ministers, and their missionaries; and he (Mr. Paton) knew of no better training than that we should give the true missionary spirit now. They ought also to seek to extend their missionary work, and to give it the unity of completeness, by embracing in it every part of the Australian group, and every section of its people who have not yet received the gospel. Their fathers went out as men of God, labouring to convert men to Christ, and they succeeded. The field was as open to us as to them, but prayer must be offered, labour must be attempted, and sanctified intelligence must be consecrated to the work, and the divine blessing promised would not be withheld. He (Mr. Paton) begged to thank them very warmly for the assistance they had already given him, and for all the kindness they had shewn him; and to request for himself, his mission, and the work in which he was engaged, their continued prayers.

The reverend gentleman was listened to throughout with much interest, and evidently secured the sympathy of the Assembly for his mission, and for his purpose in this country.

Rev. Dr. CAIRNS said he had not prepared a speech, but he must express his deep sympathy with Mr. Paton, his thanks to that gentleman for that excellent and noble speech, and his gratitude to God for having, in his providence, brought him to this country. He (Dr. Cairns) earnestly trusted that Mr. Paton's proposals and suggestions would be received and deeply pondered by every member of that Assembly. They were Christ's servants, this was Christ's Church. He had given them work to do, and it was at their peril if they neglected it, or failed to do it. An obligation lay upon them to provide special instruction for the poor unfortunate aborigines. They had been brought into contact with those people in this land, not surely that they might exterminate them. No, but for a definite purpose, viz.—that they might learn from us the will of God for their salvation. The same with reference to the Chinese. And now here was a voice from the heathen islands in our vicinity, a call to duty, loud as a trumpet blast. A handful of men are labouring there in the midst of difficulties, and sorrows, and are doing a great work. Let us then strengthen their hands. Is not this God's will? Is it not the mind of the Spirit? The command is—"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Timid men objected—Are you not going too far?—You cannot raise funds for all of these

schemes.—The other interests of the Church will suffer! He said—No! All such pleas were purely fallacious. Men take Providence into their own hands, and make up their minds as to the course they will pursue. Time was when the Church had no missions. Was she more prosperous, or her members in better circumstances then? The first mission to the heathen, under Dr. Duff, did great good among the heathen no doubt, but it did much more good to the church itself. It was found that the farther she extended her operations, the better it was for its own interests. At the outset Dr. Inglis expressed a hope that he would see a permanent missionary income of £500 a-year. But in a little time the income reached £5000 a-year. At the time of the Disruption, fears were very generally entertained that there would be great loss, and that their missionary schemes would be destroyed. Were these fears realized? Not one of them. He (Dr. Cairns) remembered that in his own church that year the collection in aid of the heathen mission was greater than it had ever been before. There was more wealth in this land, in proportion to the population, than in any other under the sun. Funds were to be had in abundance if they only asked for them in the right way. All that they had as yet received was but as a dribble to the stream of Christian liberality with which he believed the Divine Spirit would yet enrich the church. Had that little mission Church sent out no fewer than twelve missionaries, and was this Church to lag behind? No! we must do that which it is our duty to do. They need our sympathies. They need our prayers. They need our money. They need men, too, to carry on the work. We must give all we can, and give it freely. And while we help them, they shall be free to employ our help consistently with their own plans, and without any interference on our part.

Ireland.

Primate Cullen and his Archbishops and Bishops are uncommonly active in their efforts to uphold the Roman Catholic Church, with all its idolatrous worship, in which Mariolatry is prominent and pre-eminent, over all the Emerald Isle. In one of his Pastorals, Dr. Cullen says of Mary:—

"Through her was achieved the union of earth with heaven, and she was made the sanctuary of that reconciliation of God with man, for which the patriarchs and prophets, and all just men of old, had so ardently sighed; through her was the long wished for Redeemer granted to us; by her were broken the fetters of our slavery, the abyss was vanquished, and all heresies overcome; through her and her divine Son has heaven been opened to our hopes, and all the riches