

all have Bibles; but if the Society would grant me about a dozen Prayer Books for the present, and 10s. worth of German Tracts, they might be distributed to advantage. The people will be scattered far and wide from me and from each other; but I shall frequently fall in with some of them in my travels."

The Board granted the books requested.

The Secretaries reported that large supplies of books had been recently forwarded by the Standing Committee, from the Emigrants' Fund, to Plymouth and Southampton, on the application of the Rev. T. C. Childs, the Rev. J. Scotland, and the Rev. T. Nightingale.

It was stated, that as the grants to the amount of £3000 placed at different times at the disposal of the Standing Committee, for the purposes of emigrants, had now become exhausted, the Committee would propose, at the next General Meeting, that a further sum of £1000 be voted by the Board for this object.

The Lord Bishop of London recommended to the favourable consideration of the Society an application made by the Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem, for aid towards the promotion of Christian knowledge in Palestine, and forwarded the following extract from a letter addressed by Bishop Gobat to the Rev. W. Douglas Veitch:—

"February 25, 1853.

'Among the native Christians here there is much enquiry; and a great number of Latins, Greeks, and Armenians seem to be desirous of joining our Church. Thus, during the course of last year, a goodly number of individuals and families have joined our Church, although only thirteen or fourteen are communicants with us; but all meet every Lord's Day, and two or three times a week, to hear the Word of God simply read and expounded, and to pray together, with the help of the Arabic version of our edifying Liturgy, which they all (Latins and Greeks) like very much. Indeed, they like it so much, and its dissemination in this country has had such an effect, chiefly on those who had been previously led to read and study the Bible, that I do not hesitate to attribute the chief cause of the formation of several Protestant communities in this country, from the Greek and Latin Churches, to the well-timed efforts of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, which, during the two last years, has circulated a great number of their Arabic Version of the Liturgy of our Church.

"You know that from the beginning my single object was to teach the children, and induce the adults of this country to read seriously the Word of God with humble prayer, leaving it, as much as I could, to the Spirit of God to direct their further steps according to the light of the Word. But since the above-mentioned Society has stepped in with the Prayer Book, that form of Christianity which these people want has been given them, and nothing could prevent them from leaving the Greek and Latin Churches, and forming themselves into Protestant communities of the Church of England, and thus placing themselves under my care. I have, therefore, a right to hope that that excellent Society will willingly help me in providing means for the edification of these people, in their and our common and most holy faith."

It was agreed to grant 200 Arabic Prayer Books, 100 Arabic New Testaments, and some Arabic Psalters.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL.

79, Pall Mall, May 7, 1853.

The Society has just received an account of the recent missionary voyage of the Bishop of New Zealand among the Loyalty, New Hebrides, and Solomon's Islands.

"The 'Border Maid' sailed from Auckland on the 19th June, 1852, carrying away all the Melanesian scholars, except George Apale, a boy from the Island of Lifu, whose death has been already recorded. It was full time that they should leave New Zealand, for the damp winds had severely affected their

health; and two were sent on board dangerously ill. A favourable wind speedily carried them into a warmer climate, where they soon recovered." The account concludes with the following summary of results.

"We saw Cape Brett, in New Zealand, on the 20th October, and anchored at Kohimarama on the following day, after a voyage of four months, from 19th June to 21st October, during which time we are able to thank God that no casualty of any kind had befallen us, and that even the ordinary inconveniences of a sea voyage have scarcely been felt.

"In twenty-six of these Islands we were able to hold some kind of intercourse, more or less, with the people; from eleven we have received scholars; in seven Mission Stations have been established by the London Society, three of which are proposed to be given up to the Church Mission. The aggregate of population cannot be less at the lowest estimate than 200,000 souls; with a different language or dialect, on a probable average, for every 5000 souls. This is evidently a field in which each body of Christian Missionaries may carry on its own work without collision with others; and upon this principle the operations of the Australasian Board have always been conducted. May the Holy Spirit so guide and bless the work of all, that 'the multitude of the Isles of the Melanesians may be added to the Lord!'"

#### CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Meeting of this Society was held on Tuesday, the 3rd May, in the large Room, Exeter Hall. The Chair was taken by the Earl of Chichester. On the platform were the Lord Bishop of Winchester; Right Rev. Dr. Carr, late Bishop of Bombay; Right Rev. Dr. M'Ilvaine, Bishop of Ohio; the Bishop of Norwich; the Bishop of Llandaff; the Bishop of Nova Scotia; the Earl of Carlisle, the Earl of Waldegrave, &c.

The meeting having been opened with prayer, the report was read by the Rev. Henry Venn, one of the Secretaries.

The gross income for the year was stated to be £120,932 3s. 11d., being an increase over the gross income of last year of £2257 13s. 9d. The gross expenditure had been £118,257 16s. 1d., being an increase over the gross expenditure of last year of £13,935 6s. 5d. The several resolutions were moved and seconded by the Lord Bishop of Norwich, the Earl of Carlisle, the Bishop of Ohio (Right Rev. Dr. M'Ilvaine), Rev. H. Stowell, Rev. E. Sydney, Rev. Dr. Tyng, of New York, Rev. Thos. Nolan, and the Rev. E. Hoare.

#### POSTSCRIPT.

The issue of this number of the *Gazette* has been deferred, in order that we might be enabled to furnish our readers with the account of the Annual Meeting of the Church Society; and we are thankful now to be permitted to announce the safe return to this city of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. His Lordship having been unable to carry out his intention of leaving England on the 11th June, embarked at Liverpool on the 25th; arrived at Boston on the evening of the 7th instant, and reached Quebec yesterday morning, having been two Sundays on the Atlantic, on both of which he officiated in the steamer. The Bishop preached yesterday at the Cathedral in the forenoon, and at St. Matthews Chapel in the evening. While awaiting the arrival of the Revd. Principal Nicolls in England, his Lordship had taken the opportunity of paying some hurried visits to a few private friends. He spent Whit Sunday at Fulbeck, in Lincolnshire, and Trinity Sunday at Hinton, in Northamptonshire, at both of which places he preached. In the week following his Lordship met the Rev. J. H. Nicolls in London, where he remained till the 4th June, having preached on the 29th May at St. Georges, Hanover Square, and on the 2nd June, attended Divine Service at St. Pauls Cathedral, on occasion of the Annual Meeting of the Charity Schools in