

in order to place the operations of the Society on an adequate scale.

"The intelligence received from India during the past year is on the whole of a gratifying character. The Bishop of Calcutta prefaces his charge to his clergy, delivered in the year 1838, with an address to the Bishops of Madras and Bombay, congratulating them on their happy arrival in their dioceses. By that event the framework of the Protestant church in India, as his Lordship observes, is completed, after a lapse of more than twenty-four years from the erection of the sea of Calcutta; and every friend to the propagation of the Gospel will rejoice at this blessed consummation. The prospects which it opens before us, need not be pointed out to any one who takes an interest in the cause of missions.—But it also affords a strong argument for renewed and increasing efforts to avail ourselves of the opportunities which are offered for spreading the name of Christ over the whole peninsula of India, after the urgent and repeated applications which the Society and other religious bodies have made to the British government for an increase in the Indian Episcopate, it would argue a great want of zeal, and a still greater want of gratitude, and of faith, were the members of the Church of England to shrink from the burden now at length imposed upon them. Each of the new dioceses erected in British India must become a centre of new missionary operations, new at least in the extent to which they are carried, as in the superintendence they will enjoy. And where ten or twenty European clergymen have hitherto been considered as the greatest number the Society were required or enabled to maintain, there will be an irresistible demand upon them for three times that amount, as well as for a still larger addition to the number of native priests, catechists, and schoolmasters, and means must be provided for meeting the additional cost of a largely increased establishment."

The Bishop of Calcutta speaks in the following terms of the Society's principal missions in Bengal:—

"India seems to me given to us as the field of missions. Palestine in the heart of Western Asia was scarcely more calculated for a centre for the diffusion of the Gospel in the time of the Apostles, than Hindostan in the heart of Eastern is now.

"In the revolution of ages," observed Bishop Middleton, "no event has apparently been more propitious to the interests of the Gospel than the acquisition by a Christian state of Hindostan. I do not except the discovery of America."

MADRAS.

The Bishop in a letter, dated June 4th, 1838 informs the Society that he has admitted Mr. Von Dalsen and Mr. Schmitz into Deacon's orders, and expresses a conviction that they will prove a valuable acquisition to the Society's missionaries in his diocese. The Bishop concludes his letter thus:—"We have still many important stations unoccupied, and I cannot too earnestly impress upon the Society the claims and necessities of Southern India. Continue to send us labourers fit for the work, and I humbly hope our labour will not be in vain in the Lord."

BOMBAY.

The report contains an urgent application from the Bishop for missionaries from England. Especially for the province of Goojurat, where there are a considerable number of Indo-British. The following is the concluding paragraph of the Bishop's letter:—"Let me, dear Sir, plead for Goojurat, if you cannot send two missionaries, could you not send out one missionary and a schoolmaster? I pray that it may please God to direct the heart of some one toward us."

During the last month the Rev. A. M. Campbell, the secretary, has been attending several meetings in North and South Wales, at which great interest in the proceedings of the Society has been excited.—Much of the effect produced in the principality is due to the active support given to the Society by the Lord Bishop of Bangor, who himself presided at the meetings held at Caernarvon, Beaumaris, Amlwch and Bangor.

Extract from a speech of the Rev. Edward Bickersteth, at a public meeting held at Hartford on the 17th September.

"To revert to the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts, especially in connexion with our colonies,—let us look for a moment at our possessions in the colonies. There are seventy distinct possessions in different parts of the world, scattered over the whole earth. In them there are one hundred and one millions of fellow-subjects, (I speak from official returns,) and probably another 100 millions under our influence. These possessions are so situated as to surround every quarter of the globe;—all round Africa, going largely into Asia, covering North America, with the West India Islands in the centre, &c. The colonies of the British empire are contact with and spread over the whole earth. God raised us up from among the Reforming Churches with the purest faith, and blessed us with extent of dominion, and commerce, and influence. Can it be for a small purpose, or of little moment, that God has given to Great Britain a talent of greater weight and responsibility than tongue can utter? I feel that it rests upon us in the ministry and in the Church of England, and on all who value our national institutions, our beloved Established Church, to make it the blessing of the whole earth. The Society for Propagating the Gospel gives us great advantage. I rejoice in its mitred prelates, seeing that they give this Society such enlarged access for doing good through our colonies. I pray that all who see the benefits already conferred, will, with one heart and mind, facilitate its exertions in all parts of the world. I do feel that the Church of England, by this Society, will be an amazing blessing throughout the world. But a solemn responsibility lies upon us. The more attacked and the more scorned is that Church, the more determined ought to be our adherence to it. The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel has taken a most noble position. When the government withdrew the grant, weaker societies would have contracted their issues; but this society did not. It said, 'We will increase our exertions;' and let us show that we accord and agree with them. I felt it an important duty notwithstanding I have other societies, to have in my parish a district association in aid of this society; and although but of a very recent date, I am happy to say that a sum of 28l. has been realised. I cannot but feel with my friend Mr. Faithfull, that we have not done enough to make this Society known."

His Lordship the Bishop of Newfoundland visited St. John's Church, Pembroke, on Sunday morning last, and delivered a most excellent Sermon, in his usually impressive and happy style of eloquence; taking for his text the former part of the 41st verse of the 19th chapter of St. John.—His Lordship was still evidently suffering from the effects of his late indisposition.—*Bermuda Gaz. Nov. 26.*

THE CURIOSI.—We commend the following to the notice of all whom it may concern, and it concerns many in our own land:—

*The Curiosi.*—There is one sect in the religious world, which, although not mentioned in any book of denominations, or in any theological dictionary; which, although it has neither distinct creed nor separate temples, still it is entitled to specific notification; this sect I shall denominate *Curiosi*. Their identifying trait is a *love of novelty*. They may belong to any preacher who, for the time, can interest them by something new; and they attach themselves to every congregation that has something going on out of the common way. Thus they are carried along the stream of profession, like chips and twigs that are floating near the edge of a river, they are intercepted by every weed, whirled in every little eddy.—*Rev. J. A. James.*

A SEASONABLE TEXT.—"Send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto the Lord. Neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength."—Nehemiah xiii. 10.

THERMOMETER—at Lunenburg, marked at noon—northern exposure—

	Average.	Highest deg.	Lowest deg.
September	...66	.....80	.....45
October	...56½	.....70	.....42
November	...44½	.....56	.....35
24 days of Dec.	39½	.....50	.....28

☞ We have reason to be thankful to the Great Ruler of the Seasons for such a continuance of fine weather, during the autumn and up to the present time, as has not been remarked by the oldest of our inhabitants.—As yet we have had nothing like severe cold, and the ground is bare of snow.

AGENTS FOR THE COLONIAL CHURCHMAN.—It has been suggested as one reason for the tardiness of remittances, that perhaps the Agents may be unknown. To meet this difficulty, we subjoin our list, and hope it may be useful. Agents themselves will be kind enough to collect and forward all dues to the end of the year, together with those in hand.

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DIED.

At Sierra Leone, on the 30th day of July last, Staff Assistant Surgeon WILLIAM WINNIETT TWINING, eldest son of the Reverend Doctor Twining, in the 24th year of his age.