

for the purposes of education, may, with his continued blessing, exercise a most important and improving influence on this colony, through their timely and generous aid."

In a subsequent letter the bishop said: "The Rev. Joseph Baly, the Warden of St. Thomas's College, who has lately come out from England to undertake the charge, has entered upon his duties with zeal, and appears in every way qualified to maintain the institution in the full-est efficiency and usefulness."

"Mr. Senanayaka has two large Singhaleso schools close to his chapel, one of a hundred and eighty boys, and her of fifty girls, supported by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. A small grant of £6 for books would greatly benefit and assist him where he most needs help."

The sum requested by the bishop was granted.

A letter was read from Archdeacon Shortland, dated Madras, August 19, 1854, stating that a balance of £75 remains out of the £300 voted in July, 1848, towards the erection of churches in the smaller English stations in the diocese of Madras. He says:

"Previous to my visit to England, three grants of £50 each had been made from this noble contribution for churches at Vizianagram, Cuddapah, and Mount Road, Madras, and one of £25 for a church at Chicacole. All these have been finished, and another grant of £50 was made last year for a church at Mercara, the capital of Coorg, which is still under construction. Connected with the church at Cuddapah, the interesting mission has sprung from which such excellent results are hoped for.

"I have received a letter, of which the enclosed is a copy, applying for assistance for a small church which is contemplated at Combaconum.

"Combaconum is a small English station, but it is a very celebrated Hindoo city.

"The gentleman interested in this undertaking are all liberal contributors to the adjoining missions of the Tanjore circle, as well as generally to our various diocesan societies. The proposed church has the sanction of, and will be consecrated by the bishop, and the property is to be legally conveyed to the bishop and archdeacon, and under these circumstances I beg to solicit the sanction of the Standing Committee, and of the Society, if necessary, for the appropriation of a sum not exceeding £50, (in part of the remaining £75,) for this object."

This appropriation of £50 from the fund was approved by the Standing Committee and Board.

In another letter, the archdeacon conveyed to the Society the thanks of the friends of the Cuddapah mission for the grant recently made by the Board in behalf of Cuddapah.

"I have every reason to hope," said the archdeacon, "that your Diocesan Committee will now also determine on publishing a Telooogo translation of the Book of Common Prayer, with some other suitable works, which are more than ever called for by the circumstances of this vast diocese, in which, irrespective of varieties of dialect, five distinct languages are spoken."

A letter was read from the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, dated Halifax, Sept. 26, 1854, inclosing a letter from the Rev. E. B. Nichols, Liverpool, Nova Scotia, requesting a grant towards the erection of a church at Mills village in his mission. The cost of the building will be about £300.

It was agreed to grant £25.

The bishop also recommended the Rev. Robert Jamieson's request for aid towards the completion of a church at Ship Harbor, in the county

of Halifax, Nova Scotia. The poor fishermen and sailors of this and the adjoining little station, within six miles of the intended church, have subscribed to the utmost of their power.

It was agreed to grant £15.

In a subsequent letter, the bishop inclosed with his recommendation an application from the Rev. R. S. Uniacke for aid towards the erection of a small church in the parish of St. George, Sydney, Cape Breton. The sum of £15 would enable the friends of this object to complete the building.

The Board granted £15.

A letter was read from the Lord Bishop of Barbadoes, forwarding an application from the Rev. E. A. Eckel, for assistance towards the erection of a new church at St. Stephen's, Trinidad.

The sum of £35 was granted.

A letter was read from the Rev. F. Fleming, Chaplain to the Forces, Mauritius, asking for a grant of books for soldiers, and also for the poorer inhabitants of the place.

It was agreed to grant £20, chiefly from "Clericus."

A letter was read from the Rev. R. Kempthorne, requesting a grant towards a church at St. John's, St. Helena, for the use of Africans who have been liberated, and have arrived in that island.

The Board granted £40.

Several grants of books, both foreign and English, were made.

The Rev. Dr. O'Meara, Missionary among the Indians at Mahnotahmang, in the diocese of Toronto, and translator of the New Testament and Prayer Book into the Ojibwa language, was present at the meeting, and gave a satisfactory account of the progress of his efforts among the Indians. He stated the need which exists of an addition to the number of clergymen in that promising field of missionary labor, which will probably form a portion of one of the new sees into which it is expected the large diocese of Toronto will ere long be divided.

Books were granted for the performance of divine service in seven new churches and chapels, and four Licensed School-rooms.

Forty-nine grants of books and tracts were made for schools, for lending libraries, and for distribution.

#### A PRAYER FOR THE ARMY AND NAVY.

From the English Churchman.

(For Families and Schools.)

ALMIGHTY GOD, in whose Hands are Peace and War, and the issues of Life and Death, for nations, kingdoms, and people; we humbly beseech Thee to be with our Fleets and our Armies, to preserve, bless, and prosper them, in all things. Let thine Eye ever watch over them, and thine Arm strengthen and guide them: give wisdom and faithfulness to those who command, and obedience and contentment to those who serve; and to all give Thy grace and heavenly benediction, that whether they live or die they may be Thy true soldiers and servants. Bless and support their relatives and friends, in mind, body, and soul, and give them a happy issue out of all their anxieties and afflictions. Hear us, O Lord, and grant us Thy grace, that in all our trials we may so look to Thee for help, and succour, that we may obtain that peace which passeth all understanding, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord, to Whom, with THEE and the HOLY GHOST, be all honour and glory, now and ever. AMEN.

#### UNITED STATES.

From the Gospel Messenger.

DIOCESE OF NEW YORK—1804 AND 1854.

The Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, in the Journal of the Convention of 1804, contained in ten pages, presents a striking comparison with the same body in 1854.

1804.—The convention met in Trinity Church from Tuesday, Oct. 2d, to Thursday Oct. 4th, the Rt. Rev. Benjamin Moore, D.D. presided.

At the opening service, the Rev. Bethel Judd, Rector of Christ Church, Hudson, read Prayers, and the Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector of St. John's Church, Yonkers, preached. Seventeen Clergymen besides the Bishop attended the Convention, and eighteen Churches were represented by twenty-eight deputies. Eleven Clergymen entitled to seats were not present. Of the whole thirty-two Clergymen then in the State, the only survivor is the Rev. Bethel Judd, D. D., now connected with the Diocese of Western New York. Of the twenty-eight Lay Deputies, none, I believe, survive.

The Rev. John Henry Hobart was the Secretary, and Mr. Hubart V. Wageren, the Treasurer.

St. Paul's Church Claverack, and St. Paul's Church, Warwick, were received into union with the Convention.

Four Missionaries, the Rev. D. Phelps, Jonathan Judd, Gamaliel Thatcher, and Geo. Strobeck, had been labouring in the Diocese since the last Convention.

Parochial Reports were sent in from fifteen Churches. No statement of the whole number of Churches in the Diocese is made, but by looking to the name of the Parishes of the Clergy who are reported as not attending the Convention, I make out about twenty-five Parishes in the State. The whole of Western New York was Missionary ground. The Rev. Mr. Judd reports "that at Utica they were building a Church, and at Paris Hill, their diligence and zeal were worthy of high commendation." The Parochial Reports present Baptisms, 817, Marriages, 261; Funerals, 510; and communicants, 1637.

1854.—Fifty years have rolled away. The venerable Clergyman who still survives, the Rev. Dr. Judd, beholds now on the same field two Dioceses, each with a Bishop at its head, four hundred and twenty-two Clergymen, three hundred and ninety-two Parishes. The Reports, as last published, present in this year, Baptisms, 5952; Marriages, 3271; Funerals, 2321; Communicants 27,045.

The whole number of Clergy of our Church in the United States in 1804, was 215; and in 1854 is 1762, having doubled three times in fifty years. Laus Deo. D.

#### TRINITY COLLEGE.

The Jubilee Scholarship founded by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and appropriated to the most deserving B. A. of the year, has been awarded to Ds. Yankoughnet.

The Law Scholarship has been awarded to O'Reilly.

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