

(abandoned since the Carib war) fired by the lately emancipated negroes. The vast number of communicants who approached the holy table, to receive the blessed Eucharist from the hands of his lordship, spoke trumped tongues for the piety of the faithful and for the zeal of their revered clergy. The sacrament of confirmation was administered every where with great solemnity, and produced a singularly happy effect upon all, particularly on the labourers of the rural districts. His lordship celebrated Pontifical High Mass, with assistant priests, deacons, subdeacons, and master of ceremonies, dressed in splendid gold vestments; next followed an eloquent sermon by one of the gifted missionaries; appropriate hymns and cantiques were afterwards sung by amateurs; and the morning devotions were terminated by an impressive discourse, delivered by his lordship. In the evening, after vespers, a numerous and well regulated procession took place, amid the pealing of cannon and showers of musketry, which was concluded by the benediction of the blessed Sacraments. The number altogether confirmed amounted, as I have been informed, to about six hundred. As the great bulk of the population is composed of negroes, who are not yet sufficiently instructed in the principles of their religion, and as none but those who had made their first communion were presented for confirmation, it will not appear strange that a larger number did not receive this sacrament. There are at present about fifteen hundred young people of both sexes attending a regular course of instructions, imparted by the clergy three times a week, for the purpose of making their first communion before the close of the year. The population of the island before emancipation was far under twenty thousand souls: it amounts by the last official return to twenty-six thousand six hundred. Of this number there are scarcely three hundred Protestants of all religious denominations. The Bishop of Agua during his sojourn amongst us, collected considerable funds and made all necessary preparations for the erection of a new church: his lordship entered also into all the requisite arrangements with the clergy and laity, for the appointment of four additional missionaries in the island: we shall, therefore, have shortly, with the Divine blessing, ten parochial churches, with ten parish priests and two curates. The labourers of the colony appeared peculiarly delighted at the prospect of having resident clergymen in all the populous districts. Unasked, they furnished their esteemed pastors with abundant stores and provisions to entertain the bishop and his suite during the visitation, besides such attendance and other services

as they required. His lordship, on his departure, on the 11th instant for the islands to the southward, expressed his unfeigned satisfaction at the happy progress of religion in the island, and his sincere gratitude for the hospitality and kindness shown him by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, our venerated clergy, and by some of the most respected families of the community. I have been informed, on undoubted authority, that his lordship the Bishop of Olympus was eminently successful in his visitation of the island of Grenada, in May last, when his lordship confirmed between eight and nine hundred persons, well instructed in the principles of our holy religion.—Dated St. Lucia, July 18, 1843.—Correspondent.

Summs received from the collectors by the "Secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith," for the month ending Monday, the 2nd of October.

Recd. from Mrs. E. Kenny,	£1	1	10½
Mrs. Dillen,		5	0
Mrs. Power,		5	0
Mrs. Connors,		2	2
Miss Barber,		5	9
Miss McSweeney,	1	0	0
Miss Matthew,		5	0
Edward Daley,		5	6
Patrick Magee,		1	8
James Conroy,		2	6
Mrs. Dowling,		5	3
Miss Heffernan,	10	1	
Margaret Donovan,		2	1½
Miss Longard,		2	0½
Miss Moser,		2	2½
Miss Brennan		1	9½
Mrs. Martin Doyle,	10	2	
Mrs. Thomas Tobin,		12	6
Miss Frances Power,		7	6
Mrs. Hickey,		7	1½
Miss Eliza Power,		7	10½
Miss Ann Fagan,		7	6½
Miss Compton,		1	8
Mr. Philip Compton,		6	3
Mrs. Michael Tobin,	1	3	0
Mr. and Mrs. Swaney,		5	3
Mr. Young,		5	5
Mr. Wallace,	1	15	7½
Miss Foley	1	7	6
Miss K. Foley		8	6
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Total £12 17 4½