

about two months; it will not, I believe, exceed the estimate of £300, for which I have made myself responsible. I send a sketch of the school-house and of Mr. Gomez' church.

*Consecration of Dr McDougall, as Bishop of Labuan, to govern the Island of Borneo.*—This memorable consecration cannot be better described than in the words of the venerable Bishop of Calcutta, by whom the following letter was sent to the Society:—

“CALCUTTA, Bishop's Palace, }  
October 22, 1855. }

“Thank God, the consecration took place with complete success on Thursday, October 18th, St. Luke's Day. The Bishop elect arrived some days before, the Bishop of Victoria on the 16th, and Bishop Dealtry on the 17th. The crowded cathedral marked the interest which was excited. We sent out 200 printed invitations to the gentry, besides requesting the clergy to attend in their robes. There were more than eight hundred jammed in the cathedral, and hundreds could not gain admittance. The clergy were thirty.

“After Morning Prayer, the assistant Bishops conducted the elect Bishop to the vestry, where having attired himself in his rochet, he was presented to me when seated near the Communion table. Her Majesty's mandate was then read, and the commission of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury. The several oaths were next duly administered by the registrar of the Diocese. The Litany was devoutly read by the Bishop of Madras, and afterwards the examination of the candidate took place. I should have said that the sermon followed the Nicene Creed; it was by the Bishop of Madras, the text being taken from 2 Tim. i. 6, 7; “Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou sur up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” The Bishop has consented at my request to print the discourse, which I shall have the pleasure of sending copies of for the Archbishop and yourself. I was gratified in observing that the text is taken from the solemn words used at the very act itself of consecration.

After the examination, the Bishop returned to the vestry to put on the rest of the episcopal dress; and as the vestry in the cathedral is at the west end of the building, he had to pass down the 120 feet conducting to it, with the eyes and hearts of the congregation fixed upon him with wonder and pleasure.

“On his return, the *Veni, Creator Spiritus*, was sung, each alternate line being

answered by the Bishop and clergy, with the accompaniment of our fine organ.

“After the appointed prayers which are directed to follow this hymn, the imposition of hands took place, and the words of consecration pronounced by myself as presiding Metropolitan. The Bible was next placed in his hands, with the admirable exhortation prescribed—an exhortation which I think incomparable and almost inspired, as indeed the whole service is.

“The collection at the offertory was made for the Sarawak Mission, and above 500 C. rupees collected. The whole service concluded with the Holy Communion of the body and blood of Christ.

“The new Bishop preached at St. Thomas's Church on Sunday, the 21st, for his mission, and a single gentleman contributed 1000 C. rupees. He will preach at the cathedral on the 28th, when some thing more will be gathered. The Bishop of Madras has presented the 400 C. rupees of his voyage expenses from Madras to Calcutta and back to the same blessed cause.

“I have had three breakfast parties (for I don't give dinners) to meet the Bishop of about forty each, on the day after the consecration, and on Saturday and this morning, and the addresses made by Bishops Dealtry and Smith were most warmly received. Thus has this great occasion passed off—the first consecration, I believe, that has ever taken place out of England since the glorious reformation, and perhaps the first Missionary Bishop sent out by our Church, for the Bishop of Mauritius may be considered as having preceded him. It was indeed a singular event that four Protestant Bishops should meet in the heart of heathen India, amidst 150 millions of idolaters and worshippers of the false prophet.

“It adds to the other sources of pleasure that Sir J. Brooke is publicly declared and gazetted as entirely cleared of the suspicions raised against him, and will be ready to encourage the new Bishop with increased authority.

God be praised for this completion of episcopal functions in India!”

#### A VISIT TO VEDIARPURAM.

An interesting work is in course of publication at Leipzig, giving an account of a journey to the East Indies, through Palestine and Egypt, by Dr. K. Graul, Director of the Evangelical-Lutheran Mission at Leipzig, whose valuable contributions to Tamul literature are procuring for him an European reputation. In this book Dr. Graul dates a letter on 6th January, 1851, from VEDIARPURAM, containing the following description of the congregation and seminary under the charge of the Rev. H. Bower, the well-known and valued Mis-

sionary of the *Society for the Propagation of the Gospel*.

“The next day was Sunday. I heard Mr. Bower preach to a congregation of about 150 Hindoo Christians: his discourse took the form of a dialogue, a method which is certainly, under existing circumstances, exactly suited to the place. It is incredible how difficult it is to the poor Pariahs (of whom by far the greater part of the congregation consists) to comprehend anything. Here also the old Tranquobar Hymn-book is always used. We began the beautiful psalm, ‘Oh, that I had a thousand tongues,’ &c.

Mr. Bower is placed here at the head of a Seminary for training native labourers for the Mission. There are about fifty-three pupils. A Christian-minded Englishman has given a large sum for the foundation of scholarships. But as he has made the renunciation of caste an express condition of admission to a scholarship, they are at present held chiefly by Pariahs, who have nothing much to lose by it. This, Mr. Bower owned, was a great inconvenience, as the Sudras far surpass the Pariahs in character and general ability. Up to the present time, only one ordained clergyman has proceeded from the Seminary, though there has been a considerable number of Catechists and Schoolmasters. Besides these, Mr. Bower has a somewhat important congregation of about 600 souls under his care. Their first teacher was Haubroe.

“I hear that there are in this neighborhood Sudra Gurus, devoted to the special service of Vishnu, who go round on appointed days of the week and hold assemblies, to whom they preach on some moral sentence. They particularly admonish the people to avoid lawsuits, and to take care of the sick and poor. Their addresses are begun and ended with singing. These heathen lay-preachers are content with performing a praiseworthy act; they are accounted better than the other heathens. Have they copied this method of caring for the souls from the Missionaries?”—*Graul's Reise nach Ost-Indien*, iv. 223.

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