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THE SANDWICH ISLANDS, according to the census just completed, contain a population of 71,019.

PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND has adopted the Maine Law. The vote in the Legislature was 15 to 7.

MISSIONARY MEETING IN NEW YORK.

In connection with the Missionary Convention of various evangelical denominations in New York, a public meeting was held in the Tabernacle on Friday evening, the 5th inst., which was attended by a large concourse of persons, many, who came even before the exercises commenced, not being able to find seats. The Hon. Luther Bardish, the president of Convention, on taking the chair, made some appropriate remarks explanatory of the object of the Convention and of this meeting, and declaring that "he could not but view the simple fact of this Convention, the high Christian principle in which it had originated, and the catholic and evangelical spirit which originated, and prevailed all its proceedings, as among the most remarkable and the most deeply interesting signs of the times, and of most auspicious augury for the future." The missionary hymn, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," having been given out by the Rev. Dr. Anderson, one of the Secretaries of the American Board of Foreign Missions, was sung by the congregation. The Rev. Dr. Forsyth read a portion of the Scripture, and the Rev. Dr. Pomeroy led in prayer.

The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Murray then gave a detailed account of the origin of the Convention, and read to audience the resolutions which had been adopted, which will be found in another column.

The Rev. Dr. Duff, having stated that the position assigned him was neither of his own seeking nor at his suggestion, and that the meetings of that and the preceding day, had exceeded his most sanguine expectations, proceeded to deliver an address which was listened to with great interest. We have room only for his concluding remarks. Speaking of the relative claims of the home and foreign fields, Dr. Duff said:

"If the number of ministers were properly distributed in the United States, we would have about one to each thousand inhabitants; but they are not so distributed, and the consequence is, that there are spots here and there in the country where the gospel is not preached. There is work for all the ministers in this country. In the foreign missionary field there is also room enough, and when we find a place occupied, we should go further on in search of a field of labour. He hoped the time would come when the same principle would be applied at home that was practised abroad. He did not know whether there were Moravians in the city or not, but they furnished an instructive lesson to other Christian bodies. If we are to wait till we are perfect ourselves, and see to the perfection of our families, and the eradication of our own sinfulness, would we be conforming to what is taught us in the Scriptures? Would the apostles in Jerusalem have argued this, and said: No, no, Lord; let us stay till we make things all right at home? This is practically saying, Lord, though art wrong in commanding us to go to evangelize the world till it is perfected at home. If we say, Lord we understand better than thou, thou art foolish; it is the argument of an insane man. When I look at the world, I find this matter is dealt with contrary to what is taught in the Bible. The pastors kept at home, at the commence-

ment of Christianity, and the converts and the great lights were generally sent abroad to evangelize the world. The thing is now reversed. We keep the Pauls the Barnabasses with us, and, as it were, we send the leavings—those we don't care about—to the heathen. The work of evangelizing the heathen is about the most difficult work to engage in, and instead of sending striplings, we want some of the mighty men and sages; we don't want them all, we only want a fair proportion of them. Is it beneath the dignity of the most talented to follow the steps of their Lord and Master? If any should think so, they are unworthy of entering a heathen field of labour.

"In regard of giving support to the cause, he looked with disdain upon those who boasted of carrying forty thousand dollars on their backs when going to places of amusement, then come to church and gave a dollar to support Christianity, and grudged the half of it. (Laughter.) It is to perpetuate fashions which destroy the better feelings of the heart with the malignity of a moral pestilence.

"Allow me, in conclusion, to say the apostolic word farewell. I say it in the scriptural apostolic sense, farewell. O, there is an immense amount of meaning in the word! May you fare well; may it fare well with you in time; may it fare well with you through all eternity. Friends and brethren, he who is now addressing you, came to your country for the purpose of examining it, and judging for himself. He had no prejudices, hostile feelings, or antipathies. It was his prayer to look upon humanity in the light of Scripture. He rejoiced that the more he had come in contact with the real living Christians of this country, the more had his heart been drawn to them. He longed for a union between this country and Great Britain. Not a union on parchment; or a political union, but a real moral and intellectual union between the two countries. They were, it must be confessed, the two most highly favored countries on the face of the globe. The Atlantic cannot separate them—it is only like a river, or rather there is no river at all between them. There was a day when there was altercation between the two countries; but, brethren, the men on both sides of the water who were the principal agents in producing irritation are all gone to their account, on the one side and on the other. We are not personally answerable for their sayings and doings. We are only answerable for our own doings. Of this, I am sure, there is not a right-thinking Christian man, who, on looking back on the past, is not willing to confess that there were men then who dealt unkindly, and did no small amount of injury to this country. What more can you expect of their children than this acknowledgment? And when that confession is avowed, ought not this to bind us more and more together? (Applause.) There breathes the same unextinguishable spirit of liberty which has come down for generations in the Saxon race; there is the same hatred of tyranny and oppression, this is common to both countries. On both sides of the Atlantic there are follies, on both sides criminals and agitators, and on both sides there are fools. (Laughter.) Why should we allow a parcel of speculators to be the ruling spirit and index of the heart of a great nation? (Applause.) The real heart of the nation may beat soundly in another direction, scouting the sayings and doings of other persons."

After a few further remarks, Dr. Duff concluded. The Rev. Dr. Tyng offered a resolution, which was unanimously adopted, acknowledging the arrival of the Rev. Dr. Duff as a special mercy of divine Providence, in sending him to stir up and awaken a new interest in the evangelization of the heathen. After singing the 117th Psalm, "From all that dwell below the skies, the meeting adjourned.—Presbyterian.