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Calendar.
CALENDAR WITH LESSONS.

Date & Day	MORNING.	EVENING.
July 19, Sun. of Trin.	1 Sam. 13, John 7	2 Sam. 13, Titus 4
20, Mon.	Jerem. 9	8 Jerem. 5
21, Tues.	11	10
22, Wed.	13	12, Titus 1
23, Thurs.	15	11
24, Fri.	16	12
25, S. Jas. Ap & M ^o	Ecclus. 21	13 Ecclus. 22

* The Athanasian Creed to be used

Poetry.

AN ANCIENT GEM.

Written early in the seventeenth century, by Dr. Peter Heylin. Given with a Bible.

Could this outside beholden beo
So cost and cunning equally;
Or were it such as might surpriso
Tho' lurid of curious eyes:
Yet would I have my Dearest looke-
Not on the Cover but the Booke!

If thou art merric, here are aires.
If Melancholle, here a'a prayers.
If studious, here are those things writt,
Which may deserve the abtest wit;
If Hungry; here is food Divine.
If Thirsty, Nectar, & heav'ly Wine.

Read then, but first thy self prepare
To read with zeal and mark with care;
And when thou redest what there is writt-
Let thy best practice second it;
So twice each prec. it read shall bee-
First in the Booke, and next in thee!

Much reading may thy spirits wrong.
Refresh them, ther'fore, with a song,
And that thy music praise may merit,
Sing David's Psalms with David's spirit;
That as thy voice doth pierce men's ears-
So shall thy Prayers and Vows the Spheres.

Thus read, thus sing, and then to thee-
The very earth a heaven shall be.
If thus thou redest, thou shalt finde
A private heaven within thy mind;
And singing thus, before thou die,
Thou sing'st thy part to those an High.

Religious Miscellany.

Brief Report of the Recent Operations of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

MAURITIUS.

Before the consecration of the first Bishop, in 1855, the Society's operations in Mauritius and Seychelles were carried on with less energy than was desirable. But the residence of a chief pastor has had the natural effect of throwing increased vigor into every department of Missionary labor. The Society's work is no longer confined to the instruction of the young. One ordained missionary—the Rev. W. Taylor, formerly a catechist in Tinnorelly—has for some time been engaged with much success in proclaiming the message of salvation to the Tamil Coolies. And the Society has already sent proposals to the Bishop, for the extension of its Missions in Mauritius, in such directions as shall be thought most expedient.

CEYLON.

In this island, also, the Society's Missionary operations are about to be enlarged. The great success of the Native Industrial Schools,—particularly of that which is directed by the Rev. J. Thurstan,—and of the School attached to St. Thomas's College, in Colombo, seemed to call for greater encouragement from England; and the Society has here also requested the Bishop's advice as to the best method of employing some additional aid which it is enabled to afford to this diocese. Fourteen missionaries of the Society have continued their labors in this diocese during the past year, and the Bishop announces in the following terms a welcome addition to their number:—

"It was gratifying to me to admit, on March 5th, to the Diaconate another native laborer, after a probation of more than three years in the service of the Society at Badulla. His name is George Adam Rathna; and his steadfastness having been sufficiently tried, I have not hesitated, after due proof of his literary fitness, to ordain him. He is the son of a

* Concluded from last week.

converted Buddhist priest. I have known him long, having received him as the first Divinity Student in St. Thomas's College, where he gained the esteem and confidence of all. I hope well of his future usefulness."

EAST INDIES.

In the diocese of Calcutta, 12 missionaries, with 62 catechists and lay teachers, have been engaged in direct missionary work; 3,025 baptized converts, (including 1,402 communicants) are under their charge; and 873 natives are in immediate preparation for baptism. Most of these are in the city and neighborhood of Calcutta. The Rev. J. H. Sells has left the mission at Cawnpore, and has commenced itinerant work in Central India.

The Bishop of Madras has recently visited Delhi, the Society's remotest mission in Northern India, and has sent us the following account of its present condition:—

"I have never seen a mission commenced with greater promise than the Delhi Mission. I confirmed the first 12 converts, two or three of whom are men of very high standing and attainments, and the most hopeful converts I have ever known. They are filling situations of great usefulness, and in the most creditable and satisfactory manner. Your school, too, in the famous city of Delhi, of more than 100 boys, is in a most efficient state, and likely to be of the greatest service in the cause of the Mission.—Your Missionaries there command the utmost respect, by their talents, discretion, and piety, from all classes of the people. I was distressed to find that one of them, Mr. Jackson, was obliged to leave his post of usefulness, from sickness in his family."

Bishop's College, Calcutta, has within the last few months sent forth five well educated young men to educational or missionary work. Mr. Cockey, a student at Bishop's College, has studied the native language in Burmah, and the Society hopes, ere long, to avail itself of his services in commencing a mission in Burmah.

In Madras 28 of the Society's missionaries have under their care 16,876 baptized native converts (including 3,731 communicants), and 5,824 catechumens. Some of the missions have been agitated by a necessary measure—the steady enforcement of the abolition of caste distinctions among the native Christians. Great and meritorious efforts have been made, and not unsuccessfully, to raise the mission schools to a standard of excellence which will qualify them to receive the benefits of Government grants and Government inspection. The educational labor of the Rev. H. C. Huxtable at Sawyerpooram are specially worthy of notice. A desire to enter upon itinerant missionary work among the heather has been shown by many of the missionaries, and in some places, as by the Rev. J. Kearns, of Puthiampathur, it has been successfully carried out. Detailed accounts have been recently published of the interesting mission of the Rev. J. Clay, at Cudapah, among the Telogoes, a people who are new to the Society's missions. The important work of female education is not neglected. One mission, that of Nazareth, under the Rev. A. F. Cammerer, has 228 female pupils in its schools. The same mission is distinguished by the zeal which the people have shown in commencing an endowment fund for the maintenance of a native ministry.

BORNEO.

The progress of Christianity in Borneo has been hindered recently by the want of missionary laborers—two of the small band having returned to England—and by the illness of the Bishop. The Society is now prepared to send out three clergymen, if that number can be found possessing the necessary qualifications, and has appealed urgently and repeatedly to the English Universities and clergy for additional missionaries. The Rev. W. Gomez has spent some time in Singapore superintending the printing of some educational works in Malay. The Rev. W. Chambers was compelled to leave his own mission at Banting, and remain at Sarawak during the Bishop's illness. The recent disturbances caused by the Chinese have entailed a serious loss of property upon the mission, the full statement of which has not yet arrived in England. The missionaries and their families have been providentially preserved from injury.

AUSTRALIA.

The growing wealth and independence of the Australian dioceses gradually relieve the Society from charge on their account. About 30 clergymen on the continent and in Tasmania still receive some portion of their maintenance from the Society, and have been employed at their several stations during the past year. One place of special interest, the Poonindie Mission to the aborigines at Port Lincoln, in South Australia, is thus favorably mentioned in a recent letter from the Bishop of Adelaide:—

"The Poonindie Mission is now recognised as a Church of England mission, and eventually will be self supporting. Mr. Hammond has secured the regard of the natives and their confidence. Five of the 60 inmates lately came up from Poonindie to Adelaide; spent a week with propriety and good conduct, and returned, taking back with them two more young natives, whom they met in Adelaide.—They thus themselves became missionaries to their fellow countrymen. One day they spent at my house, and the next they joined in a game of cricket with the boys of the collegiate school; a sight at once pleasing, and indicative of the civilizing power of the Gospel."

NEW ZEALAND.

Nine clergymen whom the Society partly supports in New Zealand have been engaged at their stations during the past year. The Bishop of New Zealand, on his way to the Solomon Islands, visited and administered confirmation to the Pitcairners, who are now settled with their pastor, the Rev. G. Nobbs, in Norfolk Island. Interesting details of this visit and of the altered circumstances of the Pitcairners have been published in the *Mission Field*.

EUROPE—CONSTANTINOPLE.

The Society's operations in Europe, always on a limited scale, have increased in interest and extent since the last war. Without lending any assistance from its own funds, the Society has acted for nearly 100 years as the channel by which the pastors and teachers of the persecuted Protestant communities in the valleys of Piedmont, and at Debrutzen, in Hungary, have received the annual proceeds of the liberal gifts of a former generation of English Churchmen. The Society now occupies missionary ground in a more distant and famous corner of Europe.—Two clergymen have been sent to Constantinople and Orakoi, with instruction to give their chief attention to the English sailors and residents, and take such opportunities as may occur of making known to inquirers of every race and communion the pure doctrines of Christianity which are taught by the Church of England.

The Society cannot conclude this brief Report without urgently appealing for men and means for the maintenance of the vast work which it has been called to undertake. The help received from St. Augustine's College, which presented in April eight candidates for missions to the Society, cannot be too thankfully acknowledged; but a larger supply is required for the exigencies of the Church in foreign parts. The Society must renew its appeal to our Universities, which alone can afford a sufficient number of well trained laborers, for whose presence the vast field of missions is waiting.

And while the Society thankfully acknowledges the increased amount of pecuniary support which has been received, it ventures to express a belief that still larger means of usefulness would be entrusted to the same stewardship if its constitution and its operations were known more widely and more correctly. By inviting the personal presence and co-operation of friends at its meetings, by publishing every month detailed accounts of the labours of its missionaries and of its financial condition, the Society strives to place the necessary information within the reach of every friend of missions. All who feel their Christian obligation to propagate the Gospel are called upon to make a new effort in favor of the Society, in every quarter to which their influence may extend.

Mrs from deep places can see the stars at noon day; and from the utter depths of her self-abasement, she (the Syro-Phoenician woman) catches the whole blessed mystery of Heaven: like St. Paul's Christian, "in having nothing, she possesses all things." No humility is perfect and proportioned,