



HE Reports of the Missionary work being done are of deep interest, and are calculated to awaken within us the enquiry, what are we doing for the Mission cause either among our brethren at home or strangers abroad? There is great need for Missionary effort, an urgent want of men and means if the work is to be rightly performed; in our own country and among our own people there are labourers wanted, and in a review of the whole Mission field there is much to cause in us feelings of melancholy and doubt, when we see so little real progress made even with the efforts of all denominations. We might be utterly cast down, did we not know that the promises of God are Yea and Amen, when we see that there are 960 millions of heathens and Mohammedans in the world, and only 76 millions of Protestants. Even in Scotland it is stated that half a million have fallen away from all ordinances whatever, and yet a great work is going on there. From the reports of the General Assemblies, we learn that the Church of Scotland has last year raised for Home Missions proper, £35,000, the Free Church £12,306, and the United Presbyterian Church, £7,780. For the Education Scheme the Church of Scotland raised £23,970, the Free Church, £11,150, the total for all the Churches in Scotland being £38,700. In addition to this the Parent Church has raised for the Endowment Scheme no less a sum than £30,000. For these three Branches of the Home Mission field, a sum, therefore, of £133,850 has been collected, of which the Church of Scotland, notwithstanding all the abuse which has been levied upon her of being effete, worn out, dead, has raised no less than £88,970. In England, exclusive of the Bible Society, which alone has a revenue of £100,000, there are recorded from various societies, an amount of about £220,000. A very large amount that is raised does not appear to be made public, and this is particularly the case with the Education Scheme in England, for which there only appears in the published reports, a sum of £29,000.

In Great Britain there are now six societies for the conversion of the Jews. Three of these are in England, and three in Scotland. Those in Scotland raised last year £10,500, our own Church contributing of this amount, £3,500, with which twenty agents are maintained. Besides that, how-

ever, £5,000 more have been raised through her agency, for the erection of a church and school at Alexandria, and another sum, not quite so large, for a similar purpose in Constantinople. Two of her Missionaries have been sent to Abyssinia last year, where they established ten schools. They are now in prison for the sake of Christ, but the work is not stayed. The English societies contributed £46,000. The one in connection with the Church of England supplied of this £34,600, being fully three-fourths of the whole amount. During the year the baptism of ninety-eight adult Jews and fifty-three children was announced. There are one hundred ministers who were born Jews, and the work of conversion makes progress.

Last year the Foreign Missionary Societies in Great Britain contributed £600,000 and the Bible Societies of England and Scotland and Religious Tract Society, £310,000. The Church of England has two Missionary Societies, the Church Missionary Society, and the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. The income of the first was nearly £160,000 last year, with two hundred and seventy-eight missionary ministers, and two thousand other agents, and 17,783 communicants scattered over one hundred and forty-six stations in Asia, Africa, and America.

The other Society had a revenue of about £100,000 last year, and maintains upwards of five hundred missionaries. The Wesleyan Missionary Society had a revenue of £140,000, supports nearly one thousand missionaries and fourteen hundred catechists and teachers. The London Missionary Society, chiefly supported by the Independents, has raised £90,000, and maintains a hundred and seventy-nine catechists, &c. There are altogether thirty-one Missionary Societies labouring in India, spending there nearly £300,000 yearly. It is matter of encouragement to find that £50,000 have been raised in India itself, no less than £18,000 coming from native converts. There are 213,000 native Christians, the fact being that the number of converts had nearly doubled at the end of ten years over what it was in the beginning, native missionaries have quadrupled and native churches quintupled in the same time. The parent church has, exclusive of the agents of the Ladies' Association, eighty-five agents employed. There are six native churches, and the income was rather more than £11,000. Last year, the total amount