

SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN
KNOWLEDGE.

Well worthy of notice and appreciation are the objects of this Venerable Society, founded 1698.

It is the *Bible and Prayer Book Society* of the Church of England, and distributed during the past year 604,378 of these books or portions in more than seventy-five languages.

It is a Church of England Tract and Pure Literature Society circulating works by able writers, on science, history, and general literature, as well as a great variety of moral and devotional reading. Its publications on Christian Evidence have been written to meet the free thought and sceptical ideas of the present time, and it makes grants of Books for Lending Libraries and Tracts for soldiers and sailors and others.

It is a Missionary Society. It assists in the maintenance of Bishops and Clergy for the Colonial and Missionary Dioceses by contributing to permanent Endowment Funds, training candidates for Holy Orders, and in preparing Native Students for Mission work.

It is a Church and School and College Building Society, for the Colonial and Missionary Diocese. It has contributed within the year £6,235 to the erection of 91 buildings for Church purposes in 36 Dioceses.

It is an Emigrants' Spiritual Aid Society. It has within the last five years set aside £6,090 for the spiritual and moral welfare of Emigrants. The Society's Chaplains are in all the principal ports. Chaplains and matrons appointed by it frequently accompany parties of emigrants to the Colonies.

It is, in general, the Handmaid of the Church always ready so far as its means allow to give favorable consideration to all plans for promoting Christian knowledge throughout the world, when commended to it by those in authority in Church.

The total number of Bibles, Testaments, Prayer Books, other Bound Books and Tracts, issued by the Society in the year ending March 31st, 1886, was 9,687,980.

The Province of British Columbia has been generously aided for many years and still is so by this Society. As its means of usefulness depend upon voluntary subscriptions we commend it to all interested in the higher welfare of others. Subscriptions and donations will be thankfully received and transmitted by the Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, St. James', Victoria.