

year, the total ordinary income of the Society had been £130,766 18s. 4d., while the special fund for India up to March 31, 1858, was £24,717 16s. 11d., making the total received in the United Kingdom, £155,484 15s. 3d. The balance on hand, after providing for all payments, was £1,444 18s. 11d. The local funds raised in the missions and expended there upon the operations of the Society, but independently of the general fund, were not included in the above statement. They were estimated at £9,915 8s. 10d. The total number of clergymen employed by the society was 225; the total number of European laymen, school-masters, female teachers, catechists, &c., was 2,077.

WESLEYAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—Annual meeting in Exeter Hall. The Right Hon. Lord Palmerston (late Secretary of War) presided, and congratulated the society that the results of the previous year had far exceeded those of any former year in financial position, and in the exertions of the society in foreign countries. With regard to contributions, they had increased from £119,000 last year to £123,000 this year. The society now occupied 493 central or principal stations or circuits: they had nearly 4,000 chapels, missionaries and assistant missionaries to the number of nearly 700, agents to the number of nearly 1,000, unpaid agents and Sabbath school teachers to the number of 11,000, and 121,000 full and accredited church members. During the past year they had added 33 missionaries and missionaries' wives to their noble band of laborers. The year's home receipts were £91,050; foreign ditto, £32,012. The entire charge on expenditure is £123,062 18s. 11d. (In this is included £2,500, reserved as special contributions on behalf of India,—to be expended during the current year in sending additional missionaries to the Madras and Mysore districts.) Twenty-two missionaries, and twelve wives of missionaries, together with one school-mistress, have been sent out by the society since the last anniversary.

RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY.—The following is a correct statement of the operations of this society during the past year:—Total number of new publications during the year, 261; total issues from the depositary during the year, 34,638,470. Of these, nearly 14,000,000 were tracts, between five and six millions were handbills, and nearly 11,000,000 were periodicals. The subscriptions, donations, and collections during the year amounted to £8186, while the grants were £10,248. The total receipts were £8,730, being an increase of nearly £1,000 over the past year.

SOCIETY FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE JEWS.—The public meeting of the London Society for the Conversion of the Jews was held, Lord Shaftesbury presiding. The gross receipts of the society, exclusive of

the jubilee fund, amounted to £31,368, and the expenditure to £35,150. The receipts of the temporal relief fund were £680, and the expenditure £373. The jubilee fund on the 31st March amounted to £1,015. The report gave an account of the operations of the society, and referred with satisfaction to the benefits it had conferred upon the community during the last fifty years, in bringing back the Israelites to the Throne of Grace; and from the success which had attended their efforts, it held out the best promises for the future. (Cheers.)

RAGGED SCHOOL UNION.—The report of the Ragged School Union was very interesting. There were 135 Sunday Schools, having 20,500 scholars in connexion with the Union; 98 day schools, with 14,390 scholars. There were nine shoe-black societies in various parts of London—the three most important being the red, yellow, and blue, numbering 190 boys, who had earned last year £3,229 by cleaning boots and shoes in the streets, being an average of £17 each per annum, or above 1s. per day for each boy. In two years over 2500 of the scholars had been placed in a position to gain their own living by their own efforts.

Bible Circulation in New Brunswick.

The friends of the Bible will be pleased to learn that the travelling agent, Mr. Isaac Smith, has again entered upon his agency duties, under the direction of the committee of the New Brunswick Auxiliary Bible Society. In 1856, he accomplished much during the nine months he labored among us. We anticipate as much good from his labors this year, and we hope that wherever he goes he will be received by Christian people with favor, and be assisted by them in establishing branch societies, and in circulating the invaluable Bible, the Book of Books, the book for all people, high and low, rich and poor.

On his journey hither from his home in Prince Edward Island, he had the happiness of forming a branch to the Auxiliary at Dorchester. The following statement, which to us is highly gratifying, is from his own pen:—

A meeting was held in the court house at Dorchester, on Monday last, the 17th instant, for the purpose of forming a Branch Bible Society for that place.—Blair Botsford, Esq., High Sheriff, in the chair.

The object of the meeting was very appropriately stated by the chairman, and further explained by Mr. Smith, travelling agent for the Auxiliary. A resolution moved by Joseph L. Moore, Esq., seconded by T. S. Sayre, Esq., approving the object and constitution of the Parent Society, and adopting rules, &c., for the formation of a branch, to be designated "The Dorchester Branch Bible Society," was unanimously adopted. The following gentlemen were then nominated and elected as office bearers, &c., for carrying into effect the design of the meeting, viz:—Hon. E. B. Chandler, President; R. Godfrey, Esq., Vice President; J. L. Moore, Esq., Secretary; J. E. Upham, Esq., Treasurer; T. S. Sayre, Esq., Thos. Keillor, Esq., J. Hickman, Esq., Mr. P. Weldon, and Mr. George Black, Committee; Mr. Upham to be the Depositary.—*St. John Church Witness.*

Synod of Canada.

The Synod of Canada in connection with the Established Church of Scotland met at Montreal on the 26th ult., Rev. G. M'Donnell, of Fergus, Moderator.

The Synod met this day at half past 9 A.M. The new Moderator, Rev. GEORGE BELL, opened the proceedings with prayer.

The Clerk of the Synod, Rev. Mr. SNODGRASS, then read the minutes of the preceding meeting, which were approved of.

A report was read from the Committee on Bills, Records, &c., recommending the order of business during the Synod.

Rev. Dr. COOK, of Quebec, suggested that the most important business of the Synod be taken up first. They had now a full attendance of members, which they would not have next Monday and Tuesday, the last days of the Synod.

The ex-Moderator, Rev. Mr. McDONNELL, also reported that, in accordance with the instructions of the last Synod, he had written to the Minister of Agriculture and of Statistics, Hon. Philip Vankoughnet, on the inaccuracies of the last census.

Rev. Dr. Barclay reported that he had attended the Synods of the Church in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, as the representative of this Synod; and that he had found them willing to co-operate with them in many things—amongst others, the Widows' Fund.

Presbytery of Edinburgh.

The monthly meeting of this Presbytery was held on Wednesday—the Rev. Dr. Balfour, moderator.

Dr. Fowler intimated that the Colonial Committee had appointed Mr. Douglas, a licentiate of the Church, to a charge in the Presbytery of Glengary, Canada West. The Colonial Committee had been requested to supply five charges in that district, three Gaelic and two English. Mr. Douglas had been appointed to one of the latter, and his appointment was the first instalment of the demand of that colony.

The annual meeting of this Presbytery in behalf of the Schemes of the Church was held on Wednesday afternoon in St. Andrew's Church, and in connection with the meeting the Presbytery had appointed the ordination to take place of the Rev. James Struthers Douglas, as one of the missionaries of the Church of Scotland to Canada West.

The Rev. Dr. Arnot preached and conducted the ordination services, in the absence of Dr. Fowler, who had been called from home; after which, Mr. Duff, Presbytery Clerk, read a statement of the collections made by the different congregations within the bounds during the year ending April, 1858, in behalf of the Church's schemes, and for other religious, educational, and benevolent purposes.—The total amount collected for the year was £11,248, being an increase of about £1000 over the collections of the previous year, and of nearly £5000 over those of 1854. Dr. Arnot then addressed the meeting on the different schemes of the Church. He quoted extracts from the