

The *C.M. Intelligencer*, for May, announced a deficit for the year of £12,681, which with last year's deficit makes a total of £23,058. This is accounted for by a falling off in the legacies of the year, the ordinary income having exceeded the amount of ordinary expenditure. The total income of the Society amounted to £297,625, being £400 in excess of expenditure although that had been far in advance of the estimates. This total is larger than any income available for ordinary purposes that has ever been received by the society. The gross income (which includes receipts for *special* funds during the year amounting to £43,769) reached a sum of £341,395, being in advance of the highest previous total by £44,000.

The Church of England Zenana Missionary Society has 69 students in India, Ceylon and China. There are upwards of 200 ladies who have gone out for the society from England and Australia and more than 100 assistant missionaries appointed locally. These are assisted by over 700 native Bible women and teachers, of whom many are either converts themselves or are the daughters of converts. Of the English ladies seven are fully qualified doctors, and many others have considerable knowledge of medicine, sufficient at least to give effectual medical help in case of need. So far as known 6300 Zenanas are visited where the women are being educated and the Bible taught with the consent of the male relatives. Upwards of 9000 girls attend the various day-schools. Over 178,000 women and girls have during one year been under treatment in the hospitals and dispensaries, or in their own homes. The Society, in a late report, says: "It is a recognized fact that the women in these eastern lands can only be reached through female agents, and it is by such agency that this society carries on its work. But the number of agents and the means available are quite inadequate to take advantage of the opportunities that are opening on every side. The society, therefore, desires to celebrate this year by sending out sixty additional ladies to consolidate the work already begun, and to extend its sphere of labor. . . . Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?"

The presence of Bishops from all parts of the world at the Lambeth Council is being availed of by the great Missionary Societies, both of which arranged for meetings at which many of these Bishops will speak. On Friday, June 25th, the S.P.G. has announced great meetings both for the morning and afternoon in St. James' Hall, London. The following is the programme for both of these meetings:

At 10.30 a.m.—I. Address of welcome to

the Bishops; II. Address by His Grace the Archbishop of York; III. Papers, it is hoped, will be read by, (a) The Lord Bishop of Calcutta, on "The Extension of the Episcopate and Church Organization in India"; (b) The Lord Bishop of Chota Nagur, on "Missions to the Aborigines of India"; (c) The Lord Bishop of South Tokyo, on "The Church in Japan"; (d) The Lord Bishop of Corea, on "The Mission to Corea"; (e) The Most Reverend the Lord Bishop of Capetown, on "The Province of South Africa"; (f) The Lord Bishop of St. John's, on "The Church's Work Among the Native Tribes of South Africa"; (g) The Lord Bishop of Bloemfontein, on "The Work of the Physician in the Mission Field"; (h) The Lord Bishop of Grahamstown, on "The Ministries of Women in the Mission Field."

In the afternoon at half-past two o'clock, His Grace, the President, is to be in the chair. After an address from him, the following papers are to be read by (a) The Archbishop of Rupert's Land, on "The Ecclesiastical Province of Canada"; (b) The Lord Bishop of Missouri, on "The Domestic Missions of the Church of the United States"; (c) The Lord Bishop of Kentucky, on "The Foreign Missions of the Church of the United States"; (d) The Lord Bishop of Perth, on "The Church's Work in West Australia"; (e) The Most Rev. the Lord Bishop of Jamaica, on "The West Indian Province"; (f) The Right Rev. Bishop Blyth, on "The Relations of the Anglican Church to the Churches of the East"; (g) The Lord Bishop of Gibraltar, on "English Congregations on the Continent."

LETTER FROM BISHOP YOUNG—DIOCESE OF ATHABASCA.

ATHABASCA LANDING, ALTA., N.W.T.
April 30th, 1897.

Dear Dr. Mockridge,

ACCORDING to pre-arrangement, I left the "Landing" Jan. 12th, to visit some of our Missions. The journey took me through the little known and entirely unsurveyed country lying between the Athabasca and Peace rivers.

This may not inaptly be termed, "a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills." Considerable tracts are capable of cultivation and offer good areas for settlement.

Starting out with dogs, it takes from four to five days to reach Wapuskaw according to the state of the trail.

On leaving the Athabasca some twelve miles below the "Landing," a steep ascent leads from the depressed river-bed to the ordinary height of the land-level. A series of "Muskegs" are crossed, the timber skirting these and the stunted growth of Jack Pine are nearly