

an alliance with the Manchew dynasty, in order to prop up the tottering idolatries of China, and the domination of a foreign race over its native inhabitants. To be forewarned is to be forearmed, and we are glad to see that the Committee of the Chinese Evangelization Society have already presented a memorial to Lord Clarendon, praying that, in any revision of existing treaties, ample security may be obtained for the free exercise of the Protestant faith and worship, and the propagation of Christianity in China.—*Christian Times*.

#### PAPAL MISSIONS,

“The Institution for the Propagation of the Faith in the two worlds,” was founded at Lyons, France, May 3, 1822. Its receipts began very soon to increase rapidly. In 1839, they amounted to £80,000, or \$400,000; and in 1853, to £157,406, or \$787,030. The expenditures for the same year were, for missions in Europe, £37,444; Asia, £57,620; Africa, £13,708; America, £43,577; Oceania, £16,551; making a total of £168,900, or \$844,500. Considerably more than \$200,000 were expended in the United States. The receipts from the United States were only about \$8,250.—*Journal of Missions*.

#### BIBLE CIRCULATION IN IRELAND.

The Hibernian Bible Society has been forty-six years in operation. It has 511 auxiliaries; 134 of which are in Ulster, 194 in Leinster, 41 in Connaught, and 142 in Munster. It issued during the past year, 22,637 Bibles, 20,880 Testaments, and 65,680 portions of the Bible. The entire number for the year being 101,197, and the total, since the foundation of the Society, 2,239,634 copies of the Word of God. Such copious diffusion of Divine truth through our benighted country cannot fail to produce extensive and abiding fruit. It presents to our minds a subject for adoring thankfulness.

The wants of Ireland, are, however, far from being fully met, and as evidence of this, we turn to the report of another association of a similar kind:—“The Derry Auxiliary to the Edinburgh Bible Society.” This auxiliary has issued during ten months of the past year, 9,117 copies of the Word of God, and this in a part of the Province of Ulster, in which the operations of the Hibernian Society are vigorously carried on, and what is at once remarkable and gratifying, the new Society has in no way interfered with the resources and issues of the national institution. Thus showing that there is necessity and room for both, and that between them there should only exist the rivalry of “love and good works.” The Derry Auxiliary has been somewhat less than two years in existence, and already it has extended its operations throughout the greater portion of the counties of Derry, Donegal, and Tyrone. It presents a remarkable proof of what may be accomplished by a few right-hearted men, uniting their energies in a good work. We are not acquainted with details, and it sometimes happens that the most potential elements do not come to the surface: but we believe we are correct in ascribing, under God, the success of the Bible movement in Derry, mainly to the untiring zeal and energy of the Treasurer and Secretary, Mr. Alexander, and the Rev. I. E. Berkely.

The success which has accompanied the labours of these brethren, throws up this question for our consideration—Should not something of a similar kind be attempted in other places? If the same ability, and zeal, and cordial co-operation were brought to bear on other parts of Ireland, might we not anticipate similar results?

Let us remember that after all that has been done, *Ireland has not yet received the Bible*, and what hope can we cherish for our country whilst this is the case?

The Hibernian Society has been in the field nearly half a century, and has well earned the confidence and gratitude of all the friends of truth. It has done a great work, but it has not fully met the necessities of the case. The souls yet without the Word of Life might be reckoned by millions! There is ample scope and verge enough for a new and co-operative agency.

We believe the time has come for making a fresh movement. The national mind