

*Educational Department*

No. Training and Theological Schools.....	16
No. Other Boarding Schools.....	16
" Free Schools, (omitting those at Hawaiian Islands).....	459
No. Pupils in Free Schools (omitting those at Hawaiian Islands).....	12,564
No. Pupils in Training and Theological Schools.....	483
No. Pupils in Boarding Schools.....	567
Whole number of Pupils.....	13,624

The receipts and expenditures of the Board were larger than in any previous year. New fields are opening and old fields expanding every day. Seven of the Board's Missionaries died during the year. Twenty four new Missionaries were sent forth to the various Stations of the Board. Eleven new churches have been organized, twenty two native pastors settled, and the force of native laborers enlarged from eight hundred and fifteen to nine hundred and twenty eight. The additions to the various churches amount to 1,407—nearly a half more than during the previous year. The Hawaiian Christians build their own churches, support their native ministry, and their entire educational system, with the exception of a single female boarding school, and have their own foreign mission to the Marquesas Islands, besides co-operating with the Board in its work in Micronesia. In Eastern Turkey, one half of the entire expense of carrying on the work in fifty-four villages and cities connected with the Kharpoot Station, aside from the salaries of the missionaries and the partial support of the seminaries, is met by the native Christians. In the Central and Western Turkey Missions a like spirit is being developed with like happy results. A self-supporting church, with its own native pastor, makes a new era in the history of the Ceylon Mission. Three new boarding schools have been established the present year, nine single ladies have been sent out. Two are to engage in direct missionary labor, going from house to house, gathering women and children about them as they can to tell them the story of Christ.

From almost all sections of the vast field occupied by the Board encouraging reports are given.

**The Bible at the Paris Exhibition.**

The most interesting sight to be seen at the International Exhibition at Paris is surely that large octagon "kiosque" for Bible distribution, near the principal entrance. Its great aim and design is to supply the vast numbers of people who daily gather at the Exhibition with the pure Word of God in their different languages. Nearly one million Gospels and Scripture portions have been issued from that place. Since the opening of the Exhibition there have been days in which no less than 3000 are distri-

buted in fifteen different tongues; and, as a general rule, they are received with thankfulness by the respective nations. The work is particularly amongst the Jews, Arabs, Spaniards; Italians, Russians and French. The holy and incorruptible seed of the Word of life will thus be carried by the receivers of these precious little volumes to every part of the world, and eternity alone will reveal all the results; for the promise is sure, that God's word will not return unto him void. The Scripture portions distributed cost at the rate of £2 10s. for a thousand, so that any person can put twenty of them into circulation for the sum of a shilling.—*F. C. Record.*

**PROGRESS IN INDIA.**—The Bishop of Madras, in his charge just published, reviews the progress of Protestant Missions in South India. During the past three years there has been an increase of 7243 members, making the whole number of baptized Protestant Christians 55,945. In addition to this number, there are 21,093 persons who have renounced idolatry, and are under religious instruction preparatory to baptism. This rapid increase of the native pastorate is one of the most striking and most promising features in connection with the native Church. A native Bishopric must come. There are forty native clergymen.

**NEW SIGNS IN INDIA.**—Crowds of Hindu young men are now flocking to the colleges which have been opened in various parts of India, and from them they go to the Calcutta University. These crowds are so great that the Vice Chancellor of the Calcutta University says, he does not think that anything of the kind has been seen by any European Universities since the middle ages. It is pleasing also to know that the Bible is not shut out from these government schools as much as it used to be, and that the instruction is more Christian than it was. A missionary writes: "A well-educated native ministry is fast springing up. Schools, which twenty years ago had not been heard of, have risen into Colleges, and Bachelors of Arts are now studying theology with a view to the ministry, where, at that time, not a single Christian pupil could be found."

**TURKEY.**—A remarkable work is going on in Turkey. In the progress of a recent revival at one of the stations, a female missionary had a company of 150 present at her meeting for women, and the same number of boys and girls at a meeting for children. To eleven churches, 54 were added last year, making a total of 365. The congregation nearly doubled, and there has been a growth of intelligence and enterprise. At an ordination of a native pastor in