

wives of missionaries, making together 55 Europeans. There are upward of 300 Christian natives in the service of the mission, of whom 6 are ministers, 2 licentiates, and the rest evangelists, teachers, doctors, and assistants in humbler capacities. The baptisms numbered 968 last year, of which 538 were in the Panjab, 262 in the Eastern Himalayas, 54 in Calcutta, Madras, and Arcot, 84 in Africa, and 30 in China. The income from all sources was £28,328. Deducting £6700 received for school fees and government grants in India, and spent there, and £6037 contributed to special purposes and so applied, there remained a net revenue to meet the ordinary needs of the mission of £15,590. The gross expenditure was £25,732.

—The Scottish Free Church entered on the year 1896-97 with 157 missionaries (besides 21 industrial masters, making 178 in all), sent out to 49 central stations in India, South Arabia, Africa, New Hebrides, Syria, Constantinople, and Budapest. The statistical summary of results in 1895 showed: Adults baptized, 892, and admitted on profession, 267—1159; children baptized, 1114; candidates for baptism or full communion, 3964; students, 2045; and scholars in 6 colleges and 418 schools at close of year, 27,923; native Christian contributions, £2476; native fees, £20,927; native communicants, 9017. Revenue in Scotland, £66,533; and abroad, £41,638; Women's Society's income, £14,102. An anonymous donor has recently given £1000 each to the home and the foreign work, and £500 each to the Jewish mission and the deaconess hospital.

The Continent.—The Paris Missionary Society, regarding a missionary ship as absolutely necessary for its missions in Tahiti, has opened a subscription to obtain one. The collection for the ship, however, is to be kept entirely separate from the general funds of the society, which are not to suffer any decrease for that purpose.

—*Evangelical Christendom* supplies some notes of the annual meetings of the Protestant societies of France. The *Société Centrale d'Évangélisation* supports 140 agents, has 300 places of worship, and visits 195 localities. It records the conversion of 387 Catholics, and the opening of four new stations during the year. The *Mission Interieure* has been at work for a quarter of a century. It conducts evangelistic meetings in different districts, leaving to the care of the nearest churches those gathered in.

—The organization of a German league against the rum traffic in the German colonies is now practically an accomplished fact. At the annual meeting of the Evangelical African League, in Berlin, which the Governor of Kamerun and the chief of the Colonial Department honored with their presence, an organizing committee was elected. It includes Dr. Christ, of Basel; Inspector Dr. Merensky, of Berlin; Pastor G. Muller, and Dr. Zahn, both of Bremen. Four experienced deacons and deaconesses and the material destined for the settlement of liberated slaves just founded by the league are on the way to their destination in Usambara. A medical missionary will follow them as soon as his preparations are completed.

#### ASIA.

Islam.—The annual catalog of Robert College, Constantinople, bears all the more interesting, because unintentional witness to the benefit reaped by the Turkish Government from a missionary institution of this character, and hence the value of missions in general. A list is given of all graduates, with their various avocations since graduating, so far as could be ascertained. Omitting those of the last eight years, as too recently graduated for their careers to be significant, we find that of 232 graduates between 1868 and 1888, 84, or more than one third, have served the State in cabinet, diplomatic,