

testantism. The missions in Society, Austral, Hervey and Navigator's groups, including 50,000 people, are prosperous. The training institutions in Tahaa, Karetonga and Upola, under Rev. John Barff, Rev. George Gill and Rev. George Turner, respectively contain 100 students, and from them well qualified missionaries have gone forth. These native agents are all sustained by the people among whom they labor. The missionary free-will offerings in these islands last year are £1,121, and the number of native Christians, 7,678. The mission stations in British Guinea and Jamaica, have advanced. The number of churches is 36, of which 8 are in Demarara, 13 in Berbice, and 15 in Jamaica. The total number of members 5,000. Their contributions to missions last year are £7,188; and £237 for India. Of the 20 missionaries in South Africa, the greater part are self-supporting. Messrs. Sykes, McKenzie and Price, for the establishment of a mission on the Zambesi, arrived at Kuruman in December. Meantime official notice was received from the Transvaal Republic that they would not be allowed to proceed. They had been determined to expel the native tribes. Representations were made to Governor George Gray, and the result is highly favorable to the mission. In Madagascar, Christians continue to suffer bonds, imprisonment and death. In China the recent war did not interrupt the labors of missionaries. Believers increase in Amoy and Shanghai. Six laborers are about to go there. In India the Directors have endeavored to extend the missions. Since the beginning of 1858, six additional missionaries have been sent to India. The number will be increased to twenty.

BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The annual meeting was held on the 28th April, in Exeter Hall; the Earl of Carlisle in the chair. The speakers were the Rev. Mr. Morgan of Howrah, Rev. W. M. Punshon, and Rev. Mr. Mullens of Calcutta. In India work has been resumed over the north-west. Agra, Muttra, and Delhi, the work has been resumed. It is doubtful if the station at Allahabad will be resumed. Gyra and Patria are again occupied. There are last year records of 124 baptisms. Two new stations are opened in Jessore and Comillah. Educational work proceed at Serampore College. The receipts for the past year are £26,513.

TURKISH MISSIONS AID SOCIETY.

The annual meeting was held in Willis' Rooms on the 9th May; the Earl of Shaftesbury in the chair. The Report stated that the free of religious liberty had been honorably maintained. The leading Free Church ministers succeeded to this Society. The receipts amounted to £3,782. Statistics show in five months of labor 108 stations, 63 ordained mis-

sionaries, 67 female missionaries, 74 native preachers, 178 native assistants; making a total of 130 Americans, and 252 natives. The Churches founded number 45; members 1,500. Average attendance on Sabbath day is 1,174. At the schools are 4,000 scholars. The Constantinople press printed 69,250 volumes, and 20,000 tracts. 710 Bibles have been sold during the year. Roman Catholics have expended for diffusing Romanism in Turkey and Persia, £25,535 during last year. Even the Turks avow their belief that their reign is closing. Education, war, commerce, railroads, and a preached word, paralyze Mohammedanism. Greek, Romish and Protestant Christianity are rivals for the conquest. It is encouraging that the ruling Turks are disposed to honor and promote Protestant Christianity.

The Earl of Cavan, Rev. J. Lowe and Rev. Dr. Pomeroy were the speakers. The latter said that from time immemorial the Turks, 12,000,000 in number, supposed that Christianity was a form of Paganism. They hated the worship of images. They discovered a system called Protestantism, in which images were not worshipped, and were pleased. The Turks were buying the word of God in such numbers that the missionaries were not able to supply them. A converted Turk was preaching the gospel every day in the week. The Sultan's historiographer has avowed the Christian faith. The Sultan was forced to dismiss him; but he settled 10,000 piastres a year upon him.

CHURCH PASTORAL AID SOCIETY.

The annual meeting was held in St. James' Hall, Piccadilly, on 5th May; the Earl of Shaftesbury in the chair. The chairman in his remarks said that this Society represents the voluntary principle in the Church. Circumstances were never more favorable for the extension of true religion. If you preach the gospel, hundreds and thousands press to hear. He rejoiced at the success of the special services of the Nonconformists. They have rendered us service, and kept us on the *qui vive*, and among us the revival of religion did really begin.

The Report stated that the total receipts for this year were £43,856. Grants have been made to the number of 545.

The Earl of Carlisle and the Rev. Canon Miller were the speakers.

THE RAGGED SCHOOL UNION.

The fifteenth anniversary was held in Exeter Hall on the 9th May; the Earl of Shaftesbury in the chair. In his remarks the noble chairman said: that they had 28,000 children on the school-books, 160 school-rooms, 360 paid teachers, and 370 paid monitors. 4,000 children had been placed in industrial schools.