

BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY  
SOCIETY.

The anniversary of this Society was held in Finsbury Chapel, London. M. Pool, Esq. one of the Treasurers, in the chair.

The Report contained a review of the stations already occupied, and represented them as in a flourishing state. Many instances of genuine conversion had taken place, and a spirit of revival was manifest in various parts of the country. It then adverted to the new stations adopted this year. They were ten in number, namely, St. Helen's in the Isle of Jersey, Brentford, Tillingham in Essex, Barton Mills, Suffolk; Holt and Shelfhanger, in Norfolk; Wortwell and Alleborough, also in Norfolk; Harefield in Middlesex; and Sheffield. New auxiliaries had been formed in Pembrokehire, the North Riding of Yorkshire, Nottingham, Birmingham, Northampton, Dorset, Hants, Norfolk, Suffolk, and Lancashire. The missionaries required for the society was the next topic brought under notice. It complained of the great dearth of suitable men to engage as home missionaries. The report then alluded to the new churches formed and chapels built. There were two of the former, and four of the latter. It concluded by an urgent appeal for sympathy, co-operation and prayer. The Treasurer's accounts were next presented, from which it appeared that the receipts of the Society had amounted to £2,181 5 2, being an increase beyond that of last year of £400; and the expenditure had been £2,271 3 2, leaving the society in arrears to the Treasurer.

Resolutions were moved or supported by Dr. Hoby, of Birmingham, the Rev. James Edwards, of Nottingham, the Rev. C. Stovel, the Rev. S. Davis, of Salter's Hill, and the Rev. J. H. Hinton.

BAPTIST IRISH SOCIETY.

The twenty-fourth anniversary was held at Finsbury Chapel, J. Foster, Esq., in the chair, who stated that, with respect to income, the Society had been peculiarly prosperous.

It appeared from the report that during the last year this, like other similar institutions in Ireland, had rather attempted to do good, than realised any very considerable success. The opportunities, however, of preaching the word of salvation were numerous and encouraging. Extracts were then given from the reports of the Society's agents, of a deeply interesting nature. A deputation from the parent society had visited Ireland within the last year. The number of schools had somewhat diminished, chiefly because other similar establishments under the National Board of Education had been instituted, so as to render them unnecessary. The schools of this society had never been made an instrument of religious party—they never could be; still, the committee could not consent to support schools in which the great leading fundamental truths of the Gospel were not assiduously taught, and the whole book of God read.—There were, however, 2,910 children now in the schools, with an average daily attendance, as near as could be ascertained, of 1840. 19 of these schools the late deputation had examined with considerable care, and reported that they were favourably impressed with the useful and encouraging character of the institution. The report then adverted to the funds, and stated that the society was less encumbered with debt now than at the date of the last report. Sabbath reading, for many years reported as a part of the paid labour of the society, had for a few months past ceased to be so. The effect of this would be to dismiss from the society a part of its agents less efficient than