

mountain side, and the combination of these rills constitute the lakes, and these lakes in their turn supply the rivers. So many complicated pieces of machinery, to which nations are indebted for their manufacture and wealth, are set in motion by those mighty rivers expanding as they roll along till they merge in the ocean. In like manner, it is not merely the individual, but especially the collective and combined efforts of the people of God, that instrumentally send forth those mighty rivers of salvation which expand as they roll along the moral deserts and waste howling wilderness of this perishing world; from east to west and from north to south: augmenting their velocity and swelling their magnitude by the aid of ten-thousand tributary streams; till they ultimately merge in the ocean of glory.

L. HALCROFT.

Carleton Place, June, 1851.

## Missionary.

### AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSIONARY UNION.

The following extracts from the Report of the Society, will shew to the Baptists of Canada, that they must rely upon their own energies, to raise up supplies of educated young men in the ministry, and for missionary operation:—

"We have in New England, 615 churches with-out pastors. Upwards of two hundred additional ministers are needed to supply the destitute churches in ten of our oldest States, reckoning three churches to one pastor. Five hundred additional men are needed to supply the wants of our Northern and North-western States and Territories. Distributing the supplies through a period of six years, home and foreign evangelization will, therefore, need one thousand additional ministers in that period. But it is not alone from the ranks of the fully educated, that the home field is to receive its ministry. Accessions of great worth will be made to it every year from the ranks of partially educated Christian men; for our own denomination, at least, do not regard a thorough course of study as indispensable to a good minister.

Statistics show that the increase of the ministry during the last six years was not equal to the number of the churches constituted, and ministers deceased. Other facts show that the supply will with difficulty meet the demand. Two causes have wrought in making the supply inadequate. The first of these has respect to the disproportional supply of thoroughly educated men. It is the low estimate which so extensively prevails among us of the worth of a generous course of liberal studies. The undergraduates connected with the Baptist denomination in our colleges, are no more than one to every 3,300 of our people, in our theological institutions, are as one to 4,400 communicants. This is a painful statement.

The second cause which has wrought in making the supply so inadequate, is the want of special and prevailing prayer to God for the increase of labourers. It is a painful and significant fact, that even the day set apart for prayer on behalf of colleges and literary institutions, commands the regard of so few among us, that its observance can scarcely be called a denominational usage. How can it be otherwise than expected that the labourers should be wanting.

A contrast in the distribution of labourers existing at home and in heathen lands, must have direct and momentous bearings on the obligations of labourers whose field is the world, and who re-

gard themselves as having been already put in the sole charge of the evangelization of at least 25,000,000 of the heathen. The committee feel the pressure of these obligations, and they come to the board solemnly and earnestly inquiring how are the missions to be supplied with additional reinforcements of missionaries?"

#### RECAPITULATION.

The Board have now in charge, 18 missions.—10 in Asia, 1 in Africa, 3 in Europe, and 4 among the North American Indians. Connected with these missions, are 77 stations and 164 out-stations—119 missionaries and assistants, of whom 54 are preachers, 192 native preachers and assistants; 154 churches, 5 schools for native preachers, 13 boarding and normal schools, and 75 day schools, with 2100 pupils, and 5 printing establishments, at which, exclusive of work at other stations, there have been printed the past year, 6,131,300 pp. The accessions to the churches by baptism within the year, as far as reported, were 1563. Whole number of members, more than 12,700.

#### LONDON ANNIVERSARIES.

(From the Christian Watchman and Reflector.)

The public interests that usually springs from these annual religious gatherings, has this year been somewhat overshadowed by that growing out of the great Exhibition. But this event, says one of our religious contemporaries, "so far from giving rise to unpleasant feelings, ought rather to be hailed as a powerful auxiliary towards the evangelization of mankind. It is impossible that these multitudes can meet and mingle as they now do, without carrying with them seeds which, at no distant day, will germinate and yield glorious fruit in other climes. A single thought, like the "seed-flower by the four winds driven," may take root in some genial soil, and be the harbinger of a new era."

THE BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY held its annual meeting at Exeter Hall, the Mayor of Leeds in the chair. The Secretary's report is full of encouragement. In the Bahamas, 135 persons have been baptized, and 2,758 converts walk in the fellowship of the church, while 152 others are found assisting gratuitously. In Trinidad, 8 persons have been received into the fold. In Hayti, the little band of disciples has gained a few accessions. In India and Ceylon, 36 missionaries with their wives, 90 native preachers, and 90 teachers and catechists, are distributed over 39 principal stations, while numerous villages are regularly visited. The distribution of the Scriptures, in the chief languages of Hindostan, has amounted, at the depository in Calcutta, to 32,000 copies. The Divine Word now finds its way into every part of India. The various mission churches embrace more than 2,000 members, of whom 1,600 are native converts.

THE BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY held its annual meeting in Finsbury Chapel. S. M. Peto, Esq., presided. The report exhibits some cheering features. Within the last ten years, more than fifty churches have been made independent and self-supporting by aid of this Society; about twenty others are on the verge of independence. Seventy-two entirely new stations have been adopted, and 75 applications have been rejected, in most cases, unfortunately, from the inadequacy of the funds. About 7,000 children have been annually under instruction, and it is calculated that the result of ten years of toil has been the pointing out of the way of salvation to upwards of 14,000.

THE BAPTIST IRISH SOCIETY met in Finsbury Chapel, I. L. Phillips, Esq., presiding. The annual report is meagre in its account of the Society's doings, leaving us to infer that but little has been achieved. In fact, this is made evident from a remark of Baptist Noel, who spoke evidently to one of the resolutions. It was somewhat depressing, he said, to think that the agency, which our denomination could supply for Ireland, did not, at present, amount to more than fifteen ministers of

Christ for the whole of that necessitous island. Yet, he continued in the closing part of his remarks, if the state of the cause and of the society presented features of discouragement, there was, nevertheless, great reason for thankfulness.

THE BAPTIST UNION held its 39th annual session at the Mansion House. The Rev. Dr. Hoby took the chair. The report stated the clear increase in 970 churches to be not less than 11,815 members, which is the largest number ever announced. This increase, however, is not generally diffused, as the fifty churches composing the Monmouthshire Association alone report 2,884, having an average of about 57 members to a church. Yet the return generally from all parts of the country are decidedly more favorable than in the preceding year.

THE HANSDER KNOLLYS SOCIETY held its 5th annual session at the Baptist Mission House, Chas. Jones, Esq., in the chair. This is an association of Baptists for the publication or republication of the curiosities of their denominational literature. For every annual subscription, two volumes are given. The 1st volume of the "Martyrology of the Baptist churches," being the concluding volume due on the 3rd year subscription, was issued at the commencement of the year. The 4th subscription has commenced with the issue of "Du Veil's Commentary on the Acts of the Apostles," with an introduction by the Rev. Dr. Cox, comprising nearly 600 pages. This is the most valuable specimen of expository divinity and Scriptural interpretation. The Society have in hand the 2nd volume of the "Martyrology" and "Danver's History of Baptism," and the works of John Tonibes are under consideration.

THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY held its 47th anniversary meeting at Exeter Hall. Lord Ashley presided. The Annual report gives a luminous and satisfactory view of the condition and operations of the Society at home and abroad. The receipts of the year amount to £103,330, being an increase of £11,695 on last year. The amount received for Bibles and Testaments is £49,534. The issues of the year are 788,073 copies at home, and 349,544 from the depots abroad—being a total of 1,137,617 copies. The total issues of the Society from the commencement, now amount to upwards of TWENTY-FOUR MILLION COPIES. The expenditure of the year is £103,543, or £6,297 over last year. The Society is under engagements to the amount of £61,552. Appropriate, eloquent, and powerful addresses were made by Lord Ashley, Sir P. H. Inghs, the Bishop of Cashel, Rev. Dr. Duff, the Earl of Harrowby, Rev. Dr. Murray, Rev. Hugh Stowell, the Lord Bishop of Bombay, Rev. Thomas Jackson, Rev. Robert Bickersteth, the Hon. and Rev. Baptist W. Noel, and the Earl of Chichester.

THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY met in Exeter Hall. Owing probably to the dissensions in this great and influential church, the receipts of the year were some £9,000 less than the expenditures. Yet the report presents many gratifying indications. There are connected with the Central Home Mission, 322 persons in training for the Wesleyan church; with the chapels, there are 3,106, and with missionaries 432; of paid agents, there are 864, and of unpaid ones, 8,071; there are 104,235 full and active members, 7,846 on trial for missionary members, and 80,070 scholars.

THE CHRISTIAN INSTRUCTION SOCIETY, held at Falcon Square Chapel, was well attended. It appears from the report that there are 100 associations, comprising 2000 visitors, who visit about 50,000 families. In these districts, there are 73 preaching stations, where prayer is offered, and words of truth proclaimed. The Sabbath schools have had gathered in them more than 1500 children; about 1500 persons have been prevailed on to attend public worship; upwards of 1740 cases of distress have been relieved, and 470 copies of the Holy Scriptures have been procured for the visited. In addition to 50,000 covered tracts in constant circulation, many thousands have been promiscuously distributed.