

MISSIONARY OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

It may be convenient for ministers and others who have to speak from time to time on missionary platforms, to be able to tell in a few sentences, of the extent of the missionary work throughout the world. We take from the *Christian Instructor* the following synopsis :

I. American. The whole number of American Foreign Missionary Societies is sixteen—having under their care 2,388 agents as missionaries, native preachers, teachers, &c. ; 54,000 church members, 22,000 pupils, and an annual income of \$1,100,000 to sustain their operations.

II. British. In Great Britain there are twenty Missionary Societies employing 6,216 agents as missionaries, &c., and having 195,000 church members, 201,000 scholars, and an annual income of \$3,094,000.

III. Continental. On the continent of Europe there are twelve of these Societies, of which six are in Germany. They have 811 agents as missionaries, teachers, &c., 79,000 church members, 12,000 scholars, and an income of \$267,000.

IV. Totals. The whole number of British and Continental missionaries is thirty-two societies, 7,027 agents or missionaries, teachers, &c., 264,000 church members, 213,000 pupils in schools, and an annual income of \$3,361,000.

The whole number of Protestant missionary operations in the world, as thus carried on by American, British, and Continental Christians is 48 societies, 9,418 agents or missionaries, &c., 518,000 church members, 235,000 pupils in the different schools, and an annual income of \$4,481,000.

With such a machinery for operation in readiness and at active work, what is needful but the Holy Spirit to be poured out mightily from above to go with the Word thus scattered abroad on its way to all the world and to every creature ?

TOTAL LOSS OF THE "JOHN WILLIAMS."—The *Missionary Magazine* and *Chronicle* for November gives full details of the shipwreck and total loss of the missionary ship "John Williams, which for twenty years has been sailing among the islands of the South Pacific, making in that time five voyages to and from the shores of England. The shipwreck took place off Danger Island, one of the Tokelan Group, lat. S. 10 deg, 54 min., long. W. 166 deg. No lives were lost. The crew and passengers were three weeks on the island and met with great kindness from the natives. Spontaneous efforts have already been put forth to build a new vessel to take the place of the "John Williams," for which the amount of thirty thousand pounds had been raised chiefly by the juvenile friends of the London Missionary Society.

MADAGASCAR.—The intelligence from Madagascar is encouraging and satisfactory. The newly arrived missionaries have entered on their several spheres of labour. At a monthly prayer meeting lately held, there were from 1100 to 1200 people present. A new church is be erected in the very heart of the city. Four missionaries have been ordained by the Bishop of Mauritius.

ROTUMAH.—Rotumah, one of the Fiji Islands, has been visited by the Rev. J. Calvert, of the Wesleyan Mission. For five years the church had been left wholly to its own resources, but the missionary fund shewed that the native teachers had not been unmindful of their duty. There are now eleven places of worship, besides four houses occasionally used for meeting, and there are 230 members, and about 1200 professed Christians.

Home Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

YONGE AND LYN.—The Rev. J. Burton has been ordained and inducted as pastor of the congregations of Yonge and Lyn

THANKSGIVING.—The Moderator of Synod has appointed Thursday, the 8th Dec., as a day of thanksgiving for the blessings of the season.