

# REPORT.



## FINANCIAL.

THE exertions of last year for education, collections everywhere for the French and Prussian sick and wounded, and the stirring events of war so near for six or eight months, naturally tended to divert attention from more distant objects. It may therefore be considered matter of thankfulness that our appeal for the Missions of the Church in British Columbia has not suffered to a greater extent than is the case. The amount raised for 1870 was 3,539*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.* against 3,753*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.* in 1869.

Several circumstances have combined to prevent any considerable reduction of the debt alluded to in the last Report. It was absolutely necessary to remove the Thompson River Mission to a neighbouring site, where the native converts might be disconnected from the influence of a town, and where industrial work could be carried on. The Rev. J. B. Good speaks of this change with great thankfulness; but the move has increased the cost of this Mission alone to the extent of not less than 600*l.* The destruction of the Cathedral having made heavy calls upon Churchmen in Victoria, the funds of the Diocesan Church Society have suffered in consequence, and deficiencies and arrears in stipends of the clergy, which should have been borne by it, have fallen upon the General Fund. The Appeal and Statement following this Preface, which have been sent to every parish in England and Wales, will show the still anxious condition of the finances of the Mission.

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