

doubt not, will be read by our friends in this country with great satisfaction:—

ENGLAND.

The funds of the Mission have not been in so satisfactory and prosperous a state for a number of years. During a year of deep national distress, there has been raised in England the sum of £1,847 4s. 2½d.; in Ireland, £429 0s. 6½d.; and Canada has raised, by special Missionary exertion, (irrespective of what is raised for the ordinary support of the gospel on regular circuits,) the sum of £248 1s. 4d.* making a total of £2,524 6s. 0½d.; being £205 17s. 8d. above the expenditure of the year. To the above income for the year, must be added the grant of £800, from the Jubilee fund; which, with the surplus before mentioned, has enabled the Committee to extinguish the Mission debt, and leave a balance of £81 2s. 7½d. in the hand of the Treasurer. The Committee sincerely hope this gratifying announcement will operate, as it ought, upon the friends and supporters of the Mission, not by engendering indifference, but by stimulating to increased exertion; for, while the Committee are resolved to keep the Mission free from embarrassment in future, it is equally their purpose to extend the field of their operations as far as the liberality of the Connexion shall furnish resources. And, when it is remembered, that both a Home and Foreign Mission are shortly to be commenced, it is obvious that the annual income must be advanced considerably beyond that of its most prosperous years in time past. A clear income of £3,000 per annum, raised in England, would be creditable to the friends of the community, and furnish means for carrying out the intentions of the Conference with satisfaction and efficiency; and this, it is hoped, will soon be accomplished.

IRELAND.

We have again arrived at a period when it is proper to pause and view the dealings of Jehovah with us during the past year. In August last, a mysterious Providence visited this country with one of the most afflictive calamities that could befall a nation. The potato crop perished; and, in sweeping away the food of at least two-thirds of the people, we were left with "cleanness of teeth in all our cities." Famine produced pestilence; and the awful consequences of this dreadful scourge, have been painfully felt on every station occupied by our Missionaries. This event had a depressing effect on the minds of the brethren, and our Societies and Congregations have suffered in common with every other section of the Christian Church. Some of our worthy members have been deprived of the privileges of Christian communion, by these adverse circumstances: others have been driven from the land that gave them birth, to seek the means of subsistence on distant shores; and not a few have fallen victims to starvation and disease. But, in the midst of deserved wrath, God has remembered us in mercy; and we will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O Lord, will we sing.

And here let it be borne in mind, that while our esteemed English brethren have made cheerful and liberal appropria-

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