

Table No. V. Foreign Missions of British Roman Catholics, 1887.

Founded.	ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH, £8,760.	British Contributions.
England.....	£1,883
Ireland.....	6,572
Scotland.....	305
<i>N.B.—The total income of the Roman Propaganda for 1887, collected from every diocese in Christendom, amounted to 6,462,276 francs; i. e., about £258,491.</i>		
1870.....	ST. JOSEPH'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY AND COLLEGE, at Mill Hill, Hendon.	1,060
Total.....	£10,420

SUMMARY FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS.

TOTAL BRITISH CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.		
1871.....	£357,742	1880.....£1,108,950
1872.....	882,886	1881.....1,083,500
1873.....	1,032,170	1882.....1,131,175
1874.....	1,009,199	1883.....1,216,530
1875.....	1,018,408	1884.....1,220,801
1876.....	1,048,472	1885.....1,228,951
1877.....	1,100,793	1886.....1,195,714
1878.....	1,071,944	1887.....1,228,759
1879.....	1,030,678	

VIII.—EDITORIAL NOTES ON CURRENT TOPICS.

The Earl of Aberdeen.

THE Earl of Aberdeen, whose picture forms our frontispiece, was honored by the presidency of the great Conference of Missions in London, which began June 9, 1888.

He is a man comparatively in his youth—we judge not over thirty-five years of age—with black hair and eyes, a slender figure, and a nervous temperament. While speaking he moves from side to side, rests on one foot at a time, frequently crossing one leg over the other; is by no means a fluent speaker or a great orator. But his character and life are his standing oration. He is known among his countrymen as a man foremost in every good word and work, a friend and patron of all benevolent societies and institutions. While other landed proprietors are using their immense estates for their own emolument, grinding their poor tenants into more abject poverty, and while the wretched crofter system leaves the land which the tenant has improved and even the hut he has built to revert to the landlord when the term of the apprenticeship expires, the Earl of Aberdeen is enabling his tenants to become owners of their own little farms and houses, parceling out his own estates among his tenantry. What a blessing to Britain to have such a

man in the House of Lords and at the same time moving as a benefactor among the common people! We are pleased to be able to put before our readers the “counterfeit presentment” of a man noble in a double sense, perhaps the nearest to the late Earl of Shaftesbury of any of the many lords of England, and whose lady is not a whit behind him in true nobility of character.

As president of the Conference he performed the duties of the chair with much grace and manifest pleasure, and right cordially welcomed the delegates in a brief speech. He also entertained the Conference at his country seat a few miles from London. Our readers, we are confident, will be glad to look upon his face. A. T. P.

The Slave Trade in Eastern Africa.

It begins to look as if the hour had struck for the suppression of this curse of curses! For the first time in history there is a coalition formed of the great powers of Europe effectually to stop a traffic that for centuries has been the scandal of Christendom, and has entailed untold miseries and horrors upon Africa. Competent witnesses testify that the trade was never carried on more extensively than at the present time, nor with greater cruelty and sacrifice of life.

Against this enormous and iniqui-