

V.—GENERAL MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

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—The report of the first year's work in carrying out the plan proposed in General Booth's "In Darkest England" has been issued in England by Mr. Bramwell Booth. It is a book of 160 pages. From this authoritative statement it appears that about £25,000 has been expended on the over-sea colony. Nearly £40,000 has been absorbed in the purchasing and leasing of land for city refuges and workshops. The sum of £41,000 has been expended on the farm colony. The food and shelter depots have been self-supporting. There has been a small deficiency in the anti-sweating workshops. The match factory has given profits of £475 in four months. The knitting factory and bookbindery have each earned profits. The operations of the farm show a loss of £116. To establish the Labor Bureau cost £335, but it is reported to have been a great success. There have been 15,000 applicants during the year. There have been supplied 2,381,148 cheap meals, of which 1,097,866 were halfpenny dinners, 96,555 farthing dinners, and 25,000 free meals. Three hundred and seven thousand cheap lodgings were furnished at fourpence and twopence per night. The work produced in the refuges in the labor factories realized £15,191.

—The Turkish Empire is largely given up to the care of the American Board, and constitutes its most important mission. Divided into four parts—European, Western, Central, Eastern—each part is sufficiently small to secure careful supervision and control, each part is sufficiently large to receive largest, finest equipment to quicken enthusiasm. It receives one third of all money received; it contributes one third of all money given on mission ground; it enrolls one third of the working force; it numbers one third of

all adherents, scholars, and communicants. The territory included within the three missions of Asiatic Turkey embraces about 330,000 square miles, eight times the size of the State of Ohio, and includes a population of perhaps 20,000,000, of whom about one third are Armenians and Greeks and the remainder Moslems, the latter as yet inaccessible to missionary work. This work has well deserved all the interest that has been drawn to it in the past; it never more worthily challenged the zeal or rewarded the labors of the Christian world than it does to-day. The Board nowhere has so much at stake. Of the 530 missionaries now on the lists, 157 are in Asiatic Turkey; and of the total sum expended by the Board upon the foreign field, one fourth is devoted to these missions.

—The Japan Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church was commenced in 1872, and reported in 1890, 23 foreign male missionaries, 41 female missionaries, of whom 19 are wives of missionaries, 2815 members, and 718 probationers. In all of the Japan Protestant missions the first of this year there were reported 175 married and 39 unmarried male missionaries, 189 unmarried female missionaries, and 32,380 members.

—The Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church, according to the minutes of the General Conference, held in May, 1890, had 593 ministers and 4636 local preachers, 2619 churches and 1748 other preaching places, 73,310 fully accredited church-members, with 7364 on trial, and 417,460 attendants on public worship. These statistics were made up from the returns of the four Annual Conferences, which comprise within their boundaries the Australian colonies, Tasmania and New Zealand, and the missions in the South Seas.