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ANNUAL MEETINGS AND REPORTS.

During this month all the many Societies that are labouring in the Mission Field hold their anniversary festivals, and issue their reports of the year's work. We must defer any detailed criticism of the latter till our next issue. The S.P.G. held their annual meeting at St. James' Hall on Thursday, April 27th, and keep their festival at St. Paul's Cathedral on Wednesday, June 14. We are glad to notice that the Society was able to announce that its income for the last year was £127,000, or larger by £10,000 than that of the year before. One specially satisfactory feature of the Society's labour is their work in India, where in the ten years ending 1891 the Christians have increased by 22.65 per cent., while the growth of the entire population has been at the rate of 13.1 per cent. only. Of the entire Christian population of India, numbering some two and a quarter millions, about eight-ninths are natives. With regard to this satisfactory result, it is well to bear in mind the emphatic warning of the Archbishop of Canterbury in his speech at the annual meeting against the development of caste among the Christians of India. His Grace well pointed out the evils that must result from the spread of so anti-Christian a spirit in the work of the Church.

The C.M.S. held their series of meetings, one alone being insufficient to express their overflowing enthusiasm, on Monday and Tuesday, May 1 and 2. They too may be congratulated on the possession of an increased income. This year their total receipts have been £282,805, the largest amount ever received in one year with the exception of 1882. The receipts from associations is the highest ever recorded, being £2,017 in excess of the high figure of last year. There has also been a large increase of missionaries sent out to the field. The number of those who have been accepted for immediate service since April 30th, 1892, has been sixty-four. Of these fourteen were ordained, including three Islington men, and one from the London College of Divinity, and one man who is also qualified as a medical practitioner. There was, besides the last-named, one medical man. Thirty-eight were ladies, and seven were non-University laymen, of whom two were Islington College students, and two joined in Ceylon. The graduates include ten of the fourteen ordained men mentioned above, and four laymen; two were from Oxford, five from Cambridge, two from Dublin, and one from Durham.

The Universities' Mission to Central Africa, who held their Festival on Thursday, May 18, are also able to draw attention to a satisfactory year's record. As we mentioned in

our last issue, their total income for 1892 was £21,483, the largest amount that has ever been received in one year. They may also refer with pride to the satisfactory establishment of their second Bishopric, the funds for which were raised within an unprecedentedly short space of time. We may mention that a great Missionary Sale of Work in united aid of the Universities' Mission, the Oxford Mission to Calcutta, the Mission to Japan, the Archbishop's Mission to Assyria, and Bishop Corie's Korean Mission, will be held at the Westminster Town Hall on December 13 and 14. Any of our readers who may care to assist should write to the Rev. Duncan Travers, at 14 Delahay street.

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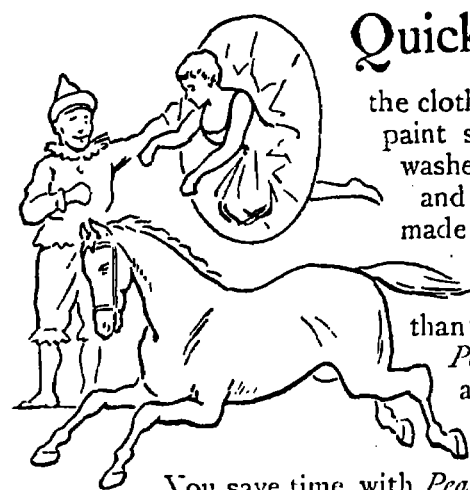
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