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# Religious Miscellany

For the Provincial Wesleyan.

#### Religion.

O loved Religion, meek and mild, Warily walking, undefiled To keep thy beauteous robes unsoiled: How vain without thee men have toiled .-Mad sons of earth of thee atraid Would chase thee to some gloomy shade, As it for death and darkness made !

But whan the weight of guilt is known, And dread misfortune's ills are shown, The rudest bears thy power will own. Thou comest then to change the stone The rocky heart begins to melt; Thy cheering presence then is felt, Midst boons of grace in plenty dealt.

I sought thee when my life was new ;-They said thy glooms would pierce me through And hide all worldly good from view, And all my path with sorrows strew: But lo! I found thee bright and fair .--A maiden of a pleasant air, Ready two world's aright to share.

Joy touched by thee becomes more bright, And sorrow loses half its might When thou art near with heavenly light. To bring the aid of God's own might: To souls by keenest anguish prest Thou show'st the dear Redeemer's breast.

Thou show'st the deal you may rest.

Where they in peace and joy may rest.

T. H. D. Colchester, N. S., 30th May, 1860.

## Keep thy Tongue from Evil.

brink of the grave in the course of a few important and interesting relations to her, a bring its abundant and endless reward professor of religion and a teacher in the Sabbath school, went one evening to pay the sick child a visit. Very likely she carried some delicacy to tempt the invalid's failing appetite, for she was really a kinda circle of ladies was sitting in her parlorsumption was wasting her strength, and that in a few days, at most, the flickering taper of life would be extinguished. Some inand a common sympathy expressed for her The lady who had visited the sick-room replied to the interrogatories, and then, without the slightest occasion or necessity, she proceeded to entertain her listeners with the incidents in the past history of the poor girl, interspersing them with tales which might have been but the renom of the slanderer's tongue, or they might have been true, and the result of terrible and overpowering temptation, triumphing over a youthful and undefended frailty. Not a word was said that she had had no tender and taithful parents to watch over her dawning womanhood-that defects in her education and dangerous influences about her had left unenlightened or had weakened her moral sense. O no! it was told to these strangers as it had been circulated among those who knew her, that she was said to have grievously erred, and nothing extenuating was men-

My heart bled, and well might my eyes be suffused with tears, at such inconsiderate heartlessness-for heartlessness it was, albeit not ill-meant. I could have clasped my hands and exclaimed, Spare her! Leave her to the Divine judgment! What good end will this parrative serve? These strangers-why shock and blunt their sympathies, when the grave is about to hide her away from all human praise and blame!

This Christian woman probably intended no harm; but sure am I, the Lord Jesus Christ would have done very differently .-In him are combined infinite holiness and infinite tenderness. Strict to mark iniquity, but with his divine heart glowing with forgiving love, his voice would have said to the poor young woman, " Neither do I condemn thee. Come unto me, all laboring and heavy-laden; I will give you rest, and peace,

and pardon." "Charity . . . . is kind." "Let all evilspeaking be put away from you." Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so."

## The Right Kind of Enthusiasm. John Wesley was accustomed to say that

membered and considered. persons this language implies a contradiction in terms. As they conceive of enthusiasm, it can be neither "calm" nor "deliberate." It must necessarily be restless and impulsive. It must evince itself by constant agitation, and rapid, fervid action. It must run, leap or fly, but never walk .-They do not know that there is an en:husiasm which may glow like a secret fire in the breast, and which may, by its quiet, constant impulse, set a man to the execution of the most difficult and laborious tasks, and incite him to the most hazardous and glorious enterprises. It is the hidden, imprisoned steam that does the work, not that which is puffed away into the air.

he found in the steady, quiet effective earn- cannot see the reason, yet he bath the most estness, which burned forever in some Chris- just reason. It is your part now to believe, tian hearts, and yet never burst forth into a flame, sweeping everything before it while is raged, and then dying out. He saw plainly that the great work of the Church must be done, and the great work of the world supplied by "calm, deliberate enthusiasts," and that little could be done by that impulsive-

bearing, and supply also a very apt illustration of it, when we say that these calm, deliberate enthusiasts are exceedingly needed in the Sunday-school One is always needed behind the superintendent's desk .-The leader of the school, its living, thinking head, must not be a cold man; but he may be cool. He must have sufficient warmth in his own heart, to communicate something of it to those whose efforts he is inciting and controlling; and he must have an earnestness which will steadily bear down all discouragements and difficulties; but he may be

We will give this remark a practical

deliberate withal. He must be like a fixed and powerful spring, acting with constant, unfailing force on all the machinery around him, and keeping all moving with regularity and certainty. Fitfulness, and the fervor of an enthusiasm which depends upon times and seasons and place and circumstance for its life, will not do in such a post. They will not do, either, in the class.

The teacher who will work long, and do his work well, must be a "cool, deliberate enthusiast." They will not do in the mission school room, either in fitting one to quell the turbulence of the newly caught street boys, or in giving the long patience by which the unruly are to be tamed and the ignorant instructed. They will not do anywhere in the Church's work. It is too great, and demands too much constant lauor to be accomplished by the varying and unsteady efforts day, was plainly alluded to; and arguments of hands that work only by temporary im-

How shall this calm, deliberate enthusiasm be originated and sustained? We know no other way than by keeping alive in the heart the love of Jesus. This glowing in the soul will keep the thoughts awake and the hands busy. And it is in the power Evil speaking is a common sin even of this strong affection, if allowed to take the innocent heart is wounded, and the life of heart of man an enthusiasm which will rise and sickness, he was visited by a minister. many a victim shortened, by damaging words to the level of every requirement, and fit the A poor young girl lay a dying. A rapid consumption hurried her from health to the le bors and self-denials, until the day comes swift months. A lady who had sustained when labour shall cease and self denial Sunday School Times.

# Modern Preachers.

Lord Erskine, who is so greatly colebrawhich he sometimes describes scenes of dopersons who were every one strangers to the mestic endearment and felicity, and the lofty have had very feeble instruments." dying girl and to her history They only tone of indignation with which he lashes quiries of a general character were made, irritable sensibility, would be only like an sincere. He must be in earnest. In his own heart must burn the fire which he would kindle in the bosom of others:

" Si vis me flore dolendum est

says Horace, and the maxim will hold to the tain honesty and open-heartedness of manner, and apparently entire and thorough con-viction of being in the right; an everlasting pursuit of, and entire devotion to the subeverything else-emotion, feeling, passion. Even in discourses of a logical character, where the reasoning approaches almost to mathematical demonstration, the hearers will not be impressed, they will scarcely listen with patience, unless they are persuaded that the conclusions to which the speaker would force them are the deliberate and solemn convictions of his own mind. A cold-blooded phlegmatic preacher may produce a discourse irresistible in argument, elaborately perfect in rhetorical embellishment, and painully correct in style, but nothing can give it that electric fire which darts through and through an audience, kindling each heart into enthusiasm, save natural feeling ex-

pressed with the fervor of earnest sensibility The only way to be elequent in the pulpit is to banish every thought of self, to forget everything but God and duty. The triumphs of true eloquence, touching, grand sublime, awful as they sometimes have been, are seen, it has been well remarked, only when the orator stands before you in the simple majesty of truth, and, overpowered with the weight of his convictions, forgets everything but his momentous subject. You think not of one who speaks, but of what is spoken; transported by his pathos, your wrapt imagination pictures new visions of happiness; subdued by the gustes of his tenderness, your tears mingle with his; determined by the power of his reasoning, you

are prompt to admit, if not prepared to the kind of men most needed in the Churches yield to the force of his arguments; entering with his whole heart and soul into the submany of the pithy sayings of that remark- ject of his address, you sympathize in those strong emotions which you see are in his bosom, burning and struggling for utterance; Calm, deliberate enthusiasm! To some and soon find yourself moving onward with current of feeling and passion. "It is amazing," says Goldsmith, "to what heightfeloquence of this kind may reach. This is hat eloquence the ancients represented as lightning bearing down every opposer; this the power which has turned whole assemblies into astonishment, admiration and awe that is described by the torrent, the flame, and every other instance of irresistible im-

petuosity." - Christian Record.

We argue, " Cannot God bring us to The sagacity and long experience of John Wesley taught bim the secrets of pow-

## Flattery in Prayer.

often it is heard-flattery in prayer!

Says Dr. Porter, " Suppose, as pastor o same habits are sometimes carried to a greater extent in more private devotions, such as

cknowledging the bospitalities of families" This talking through God at man, this ickling of humanity's itching ears by feathers taken from the wings of the cherubim that overshadow the mercy seat-done in the act of prayer too !-profanity is a soft word for it.

These abuses of extemporaneous prayer must be guarded against. We once heard the sermon that went 5efore, controverfed and answered in the closing prayer of the

The brother who "kindly preached" that were woven into the prayer against his main positions. The terms were not complimentary, and the said brother felt very much like asking for an opportunity to reply; but the doxology and benediction choked down discussion! This thing, we are glad to say, was not done in a Methodist church, and the said pastor was not a Methodist preacher. This is told of the eccentric John Ran among professed Christians, and many an supremacy, to breed and to sustain in the dolph: In one of his spells of repentance who, at his request, prayed for and with

spoken carelessly and without any thought of harm. The Sunday School Times gives Christian enterprises, and the highest Chris "Lord, our friend is sick. Thou knowest an illustration of this unfortunate habit:— tian achievements have had no other motive how generous he has been to the poor, and what eminent services he has rendered to his coustry, and how he is among the honored and great men of the earth—" "Stop, stop," said the impatient Randolf—"no more of such stuff, else the Lord will damn

At the closing services of a camp meeting prayer. Uncle Toby was not very complimentary in his allusions, though direct and in this district :hearted woman. When she returned home, ted for the delicacy and tenderness with personal. He thanked the Lord for so good meeting—" especially as thou knowest we

The whole business of compliment is very delicate, and has its temptations to exaggeand scourges their invaders, remarks in the
letter introductory to the published speeches
of Fox, that "intellect alone, however exalord without strong feelings, without even
alord course of the part of the vanity, and speaker, and may inflate the vanity and speaker, and may inflate the van tain of all eloquence." To be eloquent a man must himself be affected. He must be heed this scripture-" Be not rash with thy heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let to increase. thy words be few."—Nashville Advocate.

# erack of doom." There must be a cer- Ministers' Wives Helping Them

They need their help. I do not mean those ministers who feel that they are strong and are a host in themselves. I mean those ject, to seeming neglect and unconcern as to who are humble and feel their dependence, and who need the assistance those that stand in a near relation to them can give

One whom I knew, prayed for her hus band. She died, but it came out after her death, that sometimes when she staid away from meeting, she would visit her place of secret prayer, and pray for the success of man, it seems he might have preached to

Another, whenever he preached and his vife was present, had her as the most attentive listener. She kept her eyes on him, and appeared to have an interest in the truths he presented, and to have all her ympathies engaged for him. That minister dead, but she must feel a satisfaction that

Another minister would sometimes feel that he had a hard, dark, and unprofitable time in preaching. But when retiring in dejection of spirit, his wife would give him he had freedom; that it was the truth which

Another minister had a wife who very

occupy! Like angels 'that excel in strength,' hey can help very much those whom God has placed in the van of the holy war. Help!

# The Bible.

er in the Church. One of those secrets dom decreeth the contrary; and though we he found in the steady, quiet effective earns one of the reason, we he hath the most it became a lovely flower. In like manner, Society, to which nearly two hundred memplied by "calm, deliberate enthusiasts," and that little could be done by that impulsiveness which foams through all the channels of the soul to-day, and ebbs out before to-morrow.

Of thee! And sure I am it is better to be solded to erect a new took £20 for a copy of the Bible, and £20 to excommodate eight hundred hears to easy which foams through all the channels of the soul to-day, and ebbs out before to-morrow.

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a congregation, you make the closing prayer mity proved a great blessing, for it gave hopeful in regard to Sierra Leone. that is, in terms of direct compliment. In that is, in terms of direct compliment. In that is, in terms of direct compliment. In the thousand. Sixty years ago the Bible was only printed in thirty-six languages, to the scarcity of provisions; so that both the scarcity of provisions in St Domingo have not the scarcity of the scarcity of provisions in St Domingo have not the scarcity of the scarcity of provisions in St Domingo have not the scarc do you not offend against the cancity of the forty. All this was the work of Protestant loss. A heavy affliction has befallen this recovered from the confusion and difficulty received at the Mission House are less than lace and the occasion: and the dignity (so ism, for he was not aware that the Roman Mission in the death of Mr. Cooper, who created by political changes. speak) of devotion? I have no doubt Catholic Church had made a solitary transdeparted in great peace to his endless rest in IRELAND.—In transmitting the Annual cy is more than met by larger receipts from that intelligent and conscientious people lation of the Bible for the good of the hu- the month of August. He had often ex- Schedule, the General Superintendent re- District Auxiliary Societies, from the Hiber-

# Christianity.

Her exalted views of God and man; her harmonious system of doctrines, commended to the mind, conscience, and heart of selfwitnessing truthfulness; her gentle spirit of rational views of truth and duty ; her strength | with joy. to the soul in trial; ber joy in sorrow; her tute her so manifestly and incomparably su-

As an angel of the love divine already on light of the world."-Rev. Halsey Dunning.

# Religious Intelligence

#### Weslevan Missionary Society. ANNUAL REPORT

(Concluded.)

AFRICA - Cape of Good Hope District. -The last letter received from the General colored brother was called on to offer Superintendent contains the fellowing account of the state and prospects of the work drlays, has succeeded in obtaining an inin vain.

hood of the Cape, and two or three more at Whydah unobstructed. mouth, and let not thy heart be hasty to are required by the growing importance of

" Our people have displayed a noble spirit cumstances, by means of which we have been enabled to carry out various local obary enterprise without damage to our ordinary income, whilst our Auxiliary Missionary Society has produced the sum of £691, best results might be anticipated. being an advance on the previous year of £130 On the whole, I may safely say our trict to the General Funds of the Society

and to be spent for God and his Service, and condition of the Circuits brought under their we confidently look for his promised blessing. The St. Vincent's and Demerara District the past District contains eleven Circuits, in only one the work of the Lord has been revived, and the work of the Lord has been revived, and the work of the Lord has been revived, and the work of the Lord has been revived. The vear has been one of severe suffering. The of which any increase has taken place durexcelleent wife of the late General Super- ing the year; the numbers in all the rest beshe gave her influence in favor of his great intendent, and one of his junior colleagues, ing somewhat reduced. This circumstance were, after short periods of illness, successively removed to their heavenly rest. Mr.

Bridgart embarked for England with a shat
Bridgart embarked for England with a shat-Bridgart embarked for England with a snat-tered constitution, but sank before his voyage that the next year will yield more gratifying for membership, being in the Colonies 1,758, was completed. Mr. Wray was also com- results. A remarkable answer to prayer and in the Missions 5,139." Among the most good cheer, telling him she did not see but pelled to return home by severe personal was experienced during the sittings of the and family affliction; so that Mr. Champ- District Meeting, in the preservation of noticeable features of the year is the movebe presented, and God could bless it to the good of the people.

Dess was at one time the only European the premises where they were assembled, good of the people.

Missionary remaining in the Colony, and he in Bridge Town, Barbadoes, from a most too had suffered so much from sickness as extensive fire, which threatened their entire kindly would tell him of his faults. If he to render his speedy return a matter of ne- destruction, but was stopped at about a hunspoke too long or too loud she told him how he could improve in those respects. Or, if Brown, the Native Ministers, and the Local fliction will probably somewhat check the he said in public some vain or witty things Preachers in their several Circuits, have ex- good work of chapel and school extension, in that caused the people to laugh, she told erted themselves zealously to carry on the which the Societies on that island have latethat caused the people to laugh, she told him there was a better way. His eccentricities were much improved, if not removed by her good advice.

Ministers' wives—what a position they defined themselves zealously to carry on the work; but it is not surprising that under these deplorable circumstances no numerical increase can be reported. The severity of the committee for the two chapels now in progress. Two have been opened during been almost unparalleled. All classes of the year, each of which will accommodate persons have suffered from its attacks; and, six hundred persons, while accommodation

O help! and God will help them and you, pean residents, together with the Colonial al school-houses recently erected the Church and the world.—Morning Star. Secretary and the Protestant and the Romish The Normal Institution for Secretary and the Protestant and the Romish | The Normal Institution for Training Bishops. In some districts measles and Teachers has been opened during the year in Victoria." small-pox have also proved extensively fatal, under the care of Mr. Warder, formerly and have told upon the numbers in Society student in Westminster. Three pupils have and in the schools. The dilapidated condi- undergone the requisite examinations, and At a recent Missionary Meeting in Eng- tion of some of the Mission chapels has been obtained scholarships. A Commercial and and the Rev. Luke Tyerman said, whilst an additional disadvantage; two of them an Infant School have been opened in consitting in the meeting he had been thinking having been destroyed by tornadoes, and nection with the Institution. of the marvellous change which had taken others greatly needing repair. Some gleams that they lived in an age like the present .- inforce the Mission arrived safely in January journeying through Eg, pt, he discovered a of January was very generally observed in He unwrapped the mummy, and Freetown as a week of united prayer, the increase. in doing so he found a root, which most probably had been wrapped up for thousands of school room; and a remarkable spirit of four or five hundred years ago, Protestant- bers have been added. A beautiful and ism found a mummy called Popery, and in touching proof of their grateful remembrance soul no man cares.

often feel on this point a degree of improman race, from the time of the Reformation
propriety in the habits of ministers; and the
to the present day.

match of the Bible for the good of the hab
pressed a wish to die and be buried among
that people. "It is glorious," he would
sions to be in as healthy and efficient a state
Christmas Offerings; whilst in the item of sire. The long list of worthies furnished year has been the awakening and conversion

light in the dark valley; her lifted veil beyond the grave: these characteristics constiturn of one after a few months' residence, people from listening to the word preached perior to all other systems that there can be while Messrs. West and Gurney, having or reading the sacred page; but our comfort no demand for a moment's further delay in completed their term of service, are expected is, it shall not last always," shortly to arrive in this country. In no less than six instances the property of the Mistriumphant wing, she sweeps the earth in joy, exultant in her past, and calmly confident of her future. She goes forth as the having been burned since January, 1859. morning on her mission of light, life, and Political troubles, too, have operated in one ove to a world "in darkness, in the shadow place to the disadvantage of religion. At of death, bound in affliction and iron," testi Dankwah it has been found necessary to existed, in the Canton of Vaud, since the re-

ying of her author that He is indeed "the call out the troops, and to take possession of the chapel as quarters for the soldiers. This have been re-collected, and the services and drawbacks and calamities the work goes on. In many places a spirit of hearing is observbeen baptized is no less than 127, while 288

are on trial for membership. Mr. Bernasko, after many difficulties and terview with the new King of Dahomi in "The past has been a year of trial and his capital, and the result is most unsatisfacaffliction to some of the brethren in this tory. The slave trade exists in sufficient spiritual blessing. A considerable number of hopeful new members have been added to our Societies, who will, we trust, be "our to our societies, who will, we trust, be "our to our societies, who will, we trust, be "our to our societies, who will, we trust, be "our to our societies, who will be so our societies to our societies to be so our to our societies to our soci

The last intelligence from Abbeokuta is mouth, and let not thy heart be nasty to are required by the work, whilst our congregations continue dated January 4th, and is highly satisfactory. Vancouver's Island, 7 Stations and 4 Mis-On Christmas Day the chapel was crowded to excess. The Annual Missionary Meetof Christian liberality, considering their ciring followed the next day. At the Watchnight service the chapel was crowded. Many been enabled to carry out various local ob-jects in connection with the Great Mission-aloud for mercy, and eight found peace which passeth understanding. Could this place be effectively and continuously occupied, the The contributions of the Antigua Dis-

prospects were never so encouraging as they amounted in 1856, to £413; in the last are at present. May we soon receive a still year they reached to £1069. Showing an richer baptism of the Holy Spirit; the total increase in four years of £656. Such a ately requested. number of heathen or Mohammedans bap-steady advance is, as the Chairman justly sed this year is not less than seventy."

South Africa.—The Albany and Kaftent and steady effort the District will ultifraria District.—The Ministers residing in mately be brought to sustain itself. Mr. the Southern Section of this District met in Parks adds, "We have entered on the la-Graham's Town, in November last, and found abundant reason for gratitude in the general condition of the Circuits brought under their we confidently look for his promised bles. the list of victims includes the oldest Euro- for another six hundred is provided in sever

The condition of JAMAICA presents at least

place during the last four or five hundred of light, however, appear through all these one hopeful feature, in the steady and sucyears, and how thankful they all ought to be dark clouds. The two brethren sent to re- cessful efforts made to reduce the chapel debts, and thus place the financial affairs of It had been related of a traveller that, whilst and continue in health. The second week the several Circuits in a more satisfactory position. The numbers of Society do not From Belize and Ruatan all the accoun-

re favourable Mr. Fletcher is diligently endeavouring to acquire the Maya language spoken by the Indians in and about Corosal, and by four thousand in Yucatan, for whose

are sold at the insignificant sum of 10d.— the immediate wants of the people; and an The new Government of Hayti, Mr. Bish- commencement of new Stations; a larger He had often been struck at the manner in earnest appeal is made to the committee to op writes, looks with favour on our efforts, amount than in previous years has been ex-The statement of the case, bare and bald, which the hand of Providence was exerted assist in rearing more durable structures in and is as liberal as we can desire. The atwould make it appear shocking. Yet how in religious matters. Wickliffe was the first each place. On the whole, therefore, not-tendance upon the means of grace, now that and the West Indies; the home Expendi English reformer, and to silence him he was withstanding heavy afflictions, the Committranquility is restored, is very encouraging. ture has also been charged with the cost of sent to prison. That seemingly great calatee feel that they may well be thankful and The District Meeting earnestly requests that Sabbath, after a brother in the ministry him time to make a full translation of the At the Gambia, too, the past year has been they may at least be furnished with funds has kindly preached for you all day; you all day; you all day the sermons in terms such as worldly politeness employs on common subjects, that is in terms of direct compliance.

At the Gambia, too, the past year has been one of great sickness and almost unprecedent of Scripture Readers and Bible Hawkers, to assist in some degree ly politeness employs on common subjects, that is in terms of direct compliance.

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say, "to fall on the field, doing your duty." as they have been for some years past. One legacies there has been a large increase, by And his Master granted him his heart's deby the annals of this Society does not supply an instance of more simple hearted de-ply an instance of more simple hearted devotion to our great work than that of the once in the same schools. I visited one very humble name of Richard Cooper, who had distant place, and met in the chapel upwards love and pity; her heavenly purity; her all- no rest in his spirit until he reached Africa, of one hundred young people, who were animating spirit of faith; above all, her recon- and literally counted not his life dear unto members of Society, and nearly all in the enciliation through a sacrificial atonement; her bimself, so that he might finish his course joyment of the blessings of salvation The field is large, the competition is great, the The brethren labouring in the Gold Coast opposition to the Evangelical doctrine we

> FRANCE.—The general tenor of the reports from France is, that the work proceeds steadily, but is greatly crippled by want of labourers.

SWITZERLAND.-The great event of the year, in a religious point of view, has been the repeal of the persecuting law, which had volution of 1845, The Council of State strenuously endeavoured to maintain it, and for a time scattered the Society; but they when foiled, tried to obtain an enactment schools resumed. Notwithstanding all these services at night; but the Grand Conseil forbidding abso utely all kind of religious would not entertain this proposition, threw out the bill, and has done away at once with able; in others the people earnestly desire the visits and even the residence of Mission may now without breaking any law, meet aries. Many conversions have taken place; for public worship wherever we like, distriband the total number of heathen who bave ute tracts, and we are free to advertise openly in the papers, the time and place of our religious services. We have commenced to avail ourselves of this liberty,-we hope not

CORSICA. - Mr. Le Gresley writes, "Our present position here is one of the greatest District, but it has also been a year of much activity to make it, in the judgment of this heralds of the Gospel in Corsica, but also

irritable sensibility, would be only like an immense magazine of powder, it there were no such element as fire in the natural world.

Therefore, even in its proper time and place. Been considerable, and it not been for the influence of Missions on the heathen. "If and partially settled districts, are thus classified. Among the Indians are 17 stations, our stations in Great Namaqualand, owing looked to. But in addressing Jebovah, take looked to bear the world of the looked to. But in addressing Jebovah take looked to bear the world of the care how you indulge in personal allusions to the scattering of our people by the drought cowards, and will not serve the Fetish, neiand 4 Missionaries, and in the newly com

From the first Dr. Evans congregations is Victoria have been large, and lately larger than ever. The Governor kindly lent a place for worship on his first arrival, and has since laid the foundation of a new church, to be erected on a site given by the Hudson's Bay Company. In other places public buildings have been kindly placed at the disposal of the Missionaries for the purpose of worship; and in general, they have encouragement to hope for abundant success. Two additional Missionaries are urgently and importun-

The sixth Australasiann Conference was held at Melbourne, and closed its sittings on and Eleven Pence. the 3rd of February last. No official account of its proceedings has yet come to the Church been edified and enlarged. The number of members returned this year is Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Starr, £75: J. H. 32,180, which is an increase in the colonies Besides this there are 6.897 persons on trial ment to benefit the emigrant Chinese, of which the Missionary Committee in Sydney "The attention of your Committee has

write as follows:been directed to the vast number of Chinese, embraced rationalistic and other errorswho, attracted by the gold discoveries, have emigrated to New South Wales and Victoria: they have felt it to be a call from the Providence of God to endeavour to effect Providence of God to endeavour to effect their conversion to Christ, and consider that 550, or 800 in all. To these we may perthe temporary sojourn of the Chinese in haps add 200 Evangelists and lay agents, this Colony affords an opportunity of attempting their evangelization, and of thus preparing an agency for influencing their They together have 1,450 places of worship, fellow-countrymen to receive gladly the and 1.750 schools. Many of the Pastors messengers of the Cross. A Chinese youth, are earnest and devoted men, who labour who is a Christian, and ardently desirous to benefit his countrymen, has been employed glory of God. In this respect a great

Arrangements are being made by the cided piety and zeal, has been recommended to them as likely to become a useful labour-

Fiji.-The total number of those who have renounced heathenism, and wish for and probably more. The general conduct of professing Christians is such as to show that they have not believed in vain, and everything promises fair for the future spread of Christianity, if only they can obtain adequate instruction. But many are yet without Teachers of any description; and many more very imperfectly taught by The Rev. Dr. Hoole then read the Finan

With gratitude to God the Committee an-

Missionaries returned and Missionaries preif additional Missionaries cannot be sent, paring for foreign service; occasioning altogether an advance in expenditure of nine

> But the Receipts of the Society have also increased. The subscriptions and donations those of the previous year, but that deficien-Christmas Offerings; whilst in the item of the late Mr. Pool, of Road, and Mrs. Scott.

Auxiliaries. The Receipts and Payments for the year may therefore be thus stated :-

HOME RECEIPTS. Mission House and Home . £78,246 14 7 Districts, Hibernian Missionary Socie-

ty (exclusive of £1,723 10s. 9d. Christmas Offerings, Juvenile Christmas and New 4.326 2 0 Year's Offerings - Great 8.703 10 3 Britain and Ireland,

13,753 10 4 Legacies, Contributions for the Mission to China. 916 16 7 Dividends.

Interest on Centenary Grant, 450 0 0 Total Home receipts, £106,834 13 9

FOREIGN RECEIPTS. Affiliated Conferences and £29,731 1 4 Mission Districts, Colonial Grants for Schools, 8,439 10 10

£33,170 12 2 Total Receipts, Home

£140,005 5 11

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Donations on Annuity to the amount of £4.420 have also been received, but are not reported as income, until, in the course of time, they become available for the purposes of the Society. The payments of the Society for the year

and Foreign,

paid (in part),

1859 are as follows :-General Expenditure, £126,504 7 5 Being an advance of £9,-

The Legacy of Thos. Pool, Esq., of Road, specially reserved for Expenditure on

the Missions in India and China. Special Contributions reserved for the China Mission, Advances to Stations to be re-

4.062 18 6 £140.005 5 11

The Details of the contributions to the Funds of the Society received during the year 1859, from the several Auxiliary and Branch Societies, at home and abroad, and of the Income arising from other and miscellaneous sources were then given.

The total ordinary re- \ £91,276 61 0 ceints at Home. The total receipts from For'n Auxiliaries, &cc. The total Miscellaneous receipts.

Making, as before stated, a total Amount of Regular and Miscellaneous Receipts from all sources, of One Hundred and Forty Thousand and Five Pounds Five Shilling

In the amount of Income, Ordinary and Extraordinary, for the year 1859, are in cluded many distinguished instances of Christian liberality to the amount of £50 each and upwards, which are gratefully acknowledged, and placed before the Society in a In this list we observe the names of J. T.

Thomas, and family, Halifax, N. S., £100; Anderson, £50.

#### Protestantism in France. France contains a population of about

hirty-six millions of souls, of whom up-

wards of thirty-four millions probably are

connected with the Church of Rome. remainder are chiefly Protestants; but among these are many who live in irreligion and worldly conformity, or who have Lutherans or members of the Reformed or Calvinistic Church. The former have about making a total of 1,000 persons engaged in ministerial labours in the two churches .-incessantly for the good of souls and the change has been wrought within the last thirty years, when apathy and error seem-Committee to employ an agent in New ed to claim the great majority of both Pas-South Wales. A young Chinaman, of de- tors and people. There is a remarkable geographical distribution of the two comnunities. Both are strong in Paris, but the rest of the Lutherans are almost confined to the romantic districts in the north-east corner of the country, the ancient Alsatia and Christian instruction, is not less than 60,000, its vicinity, on the borders of Germany.— Here, where the language of Luther is still that of the people, great numbers of the inhabitants profess the Protestant faith, and among them not a few adorn the profession which they make. With regard to the Reformed Church, as it is termed, and which is Pres byterian in its constitution, its adherents are nuch more widely disseminated. abound in the old provinces of Poitou and Saintonge, and in the departments to the right and left of the Rhone from Lyons to Marseilles. The central districts are a dreary blank, and few indeed are to be were blooming all the world over. It then Dove, who left the colony more than four-these islands it is proposed to erect a new look £20 for a copy of the Bible, and £20 teen were since after nine were of faithful