

mercy to hasten the coming of the kingdom of his Son. Faith fears not for the future. But what shall be the fate of our Missions? The appropriation for the year, being not what the Missions need, but the smallest sum that could be given, was \$370,000. Of this amount only \$179,366 has been received in the

first nine months, ending April 30. The Prudential Committee have taken measures to save expenditure wherever practicable, and to prepare the Missions for whatever experience may be in store for them. It depends upon the action of their supporters whether a great disaster shall come upon them.

SUMMARY.

LAUNCH OF A MISSIONARY SHIP.—The *Harmony*, the tenth vessel employed by the Society for the Furtherance of the Gospel since the year 1770, and intended expressly for the perilous service of the Labrador Mission, was launched in May from the yard of Messrs. Fellows, Great Yarmouth. The London committee of the society, and other friends to the cause of missions, came from London expressly to witness the launch and to attend the meeting which was held on board the vessel afterwards, for the purpose of dedicating this missionary ship to Him "whom winds and seas obey." At this meeting the secretary, the Rev P. Latrobe, gave an interesting sketch of the early history of the vessels which have for ninety years sailed between the ice-bound coast of Labrador and the British Isles; alluding emphatically to the Divine protection so marvellously extended on many occasions to the ships of the society.

The missions of Christianity are wielding an immense influence in the world. An imperfect idea of their strength and of the results springing from them may be attained from the following statistical exhibit. In round numbers, missionaries and assistant missionaries are put down at 2,400; native helpers at 2,800; communicants in churches founded by missionaries 181,000, and pupils in missionary schools 182,000.

In China the missions are reported to be gradually gaining ground. The way seems to be opening for their success, and a remarkable spirit of inquiry is manifested by some of the people. In India, says the *Christian World*, the prospect for Christian Missions was never more favorable than at the present time.

GALT—INDUCTION OF REV. DR. THOMSON.—On Thursday, 18th ult., the Rev

Dr Thomson, formerly of New York was inducted into the pastoral charge of Knox's Church Galt. The Revd. Andrew McLean preached and presided, and the Revd. Messrs. Stark and McIntuar addressed the minister and people respectively. The services were most impressive and appropriate, and the congregation was large and attentive. On the Sabbath following Dr Thomson was introduced to his congregation by Dr Burns of Toronto.

Dr Thomson enters on his work in Galt with the best prospects, under the blessing of God, of usefulness and success.—*Canada Record*.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN (CANADA) DIVINITY HALL.—The Divinity Hall, in connection with the United Presbyterian Church, and which was for several years under the charge of the Rev Dr John Taylor, closed on the evening of Wednesday, 10th ult. An admirable Lecture was delivered by Dr Taylor, and several interesting addresses were delivered by ministers in attendance. The Students in view of Dr Taylor's contemplated departure from Canada, presented him with an address and a handsome token of esteem and affection.—*Id.*

GOOD NEWS FROM ITALY.—From *The Christian World* we gather the following truly gratifying intelligence:

"Chapels are opening in many cities in the northern and central parts of Italy. We can count no less than twenty cities and considerable towns where the Word of God is regularly preached in chapels and churches to congregations of from thirty or forty persons up to several hundred. And all this in the Italian language, with two or three exceptions, in which the German and French are used. Good books are printing at Turin, and still more at Florence; more than fifty colporters are at work in all