

the burden would have reached a hundred thousand dollars. We give the following brief outline of the state of the Board's operations :—

NEW MISSIONARIES.

Six persons have entered upon the missionary work, for the first time, within the year ; and eleven have embarked for posts which they had previously occupied. Eighteen persons are under appointment.

FINANCES OF THE BOARD.

The entire income of the year has been as follows : Donations as acknowledged in *The Herald*, (including \$14,901 82 from foreign lands,) \$247,488 22 ; legacies, \$73,225 85 ; other sources, \$18,366 59 ; making a total of \$339,080 56. Owing to the retrenchments affected by the missionaries, and the donations which were made by English friends to them directly, the expenditures have amounted to only \$322,208 64. The year began with a debt of \$27,885 24 ; it closed with a debt of \$11,103 62.

SUMMARY.

Number of missions 20 ; stations, 110 ; number of ordained missionaries, 144 ; the number of laborers, 1,075 ; pages printed last year, 10,229,200 ; number of churches, 174 ; whole number of pupils in schools, 8,459.

SURVEY OF THE MISSIONS.

We can give only a few of the statements of the report concerning the several missions :

The mission in Southern Africa has enjoyed the usual prosperity. Twenty-two were added to the church, others were hopefully converted, and church members were quickened and revived.—The churches are making some progress towards self-support. A Missionary Society was formed for sustaining native home missionaries. The body of converts all so lately barbarous, contributes \$750 for various purposes. But so great are the inducements of trade, growing out of the incoming civilization, that only a few of the converts have yet been induced to give themselves to the ministry of the Word.

The *Turkish* mission, considered as one, has 21 stations, 84 out-stations, 40 missionaries. 41 authorized native preachers, (of whom 11 are pastors,) and 125 other native co-laborers. Of churches there are 43, with 1,564 mem-

bers, almost 200 of whom were received the past year ; 117 common schools contain 3,500 pupils, and there are 3 high schools for training a native ministry.—Dr. Goodell has nearly completed the revision of the Armeno-Turkish version of the Bible. Dr. Riggs is engaged upon the Bulgarian, and Dr. Schauffler has about completed the Arabo-Turkish translation of the Scriptures. Dr. Dwight was killed in the early part of the year by a sad accident, and Mr. Cotting and Mr. Merriam were murdered by Turkish brigands, followed by the death of Mrs M. in consequence. Dr. Jewitt, another laborer in the field, died suddenly at Liverpool ; and another, Mr. Dunmore, has lately been killed while acting as chaplain of a Western regiment. It is rarely that such a series of calamities comes upon a single mission in a year.

In *Syria*, more persons have avowed themselves Protestants in the last twelve months, than during the whole previous forty years, and never were so many inquiring on the subject of religion. In Homs, a city north of Damascus, two hundred and fifty persons avowed themselves Protestants, and earnestly requested either a missionary or a native preacher. Two hundred and thirty-two Maronites in B'eddin declared their adhesion to the Gospel, and have remained steadfast for months, with a flourishing school among them. In China, the Protestant community has increased threefold, and greatly needs more room for religious meetings ; and the same is true of Deir-Mimas. A new meeting house has been built in Merj Ayun, costing \$500, without aid from the Board. The Hasbeiya church was broken up by the massacre, but a new church of seventeen members has been formed in the Merj-Ayun district, most of them from that church. Six were admitted to the church in Sidon.—There were also additions to the churches in Beyrout and Abeih ; and nearly forty persons are reported as hopeful candidates for admission in connection with these three stations. Missionary associations have been formed, both of males and of females, for weekly offering to support a native preacher in Homs, and a city missionary in Beyrout, and to supply preachers for several localities in the south. They also publish a small *Missionary Herald* in Arabic, and have