

ers are : Miss Isabella Thoburn, founder and principal of the first women's college in Asia ; Miss Phoebe Rowe, and Miss Fanny Scott, all of Lucknow, India. Miss Scott was bookkeeper in the Cincinnati Methodist Book Concern when she offered herself as a missionary. Miss Kate A. Blair, in Calcutta, and Miss Fannie B. Perkins, in Rangoon, are also on this roll of self-sacrifice. Each of these five receive \$325, all giving annually to the treasury the sum of \$1625 in cash !

—The sum of \$3980.01 was brought into the treasury of the Methodist Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in the northwestern branch last year through the mite boxes, showing we must not despise even the penny. And no small part of the success of women in raising money for the Lord's work results from having a system of giving, and gathering regularly, in small sums, from a great many. As the elevated railroads in New York last year collected \$30,000,000 in amounts of only 5 cents from each passenger for each trip.

—The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church has prepared an extensive and most excellent assortment of literature for the use of circles and bands, consisting in part of leaflets full of information, narration, and other food for enthusiasm and Christian zeal. Also a series of neat pamphlets of about 20 pages each relating to all the countries in which their work is performed, in the form of questions and answers. And besides, a volume of historical sketches of Presbyterian missions. And what a multitude of consecrated brains are kept busy devising ways and means for furthering the mission of Him who came to seek and to save the lost.

EUROPE.

Great Britain.—March 1st the Baptist Society had received £110,113 for the centennial fund, with a month remaining for further increase. But as an offset, the cash receipts to the gen-

eral account had fallen off £457 during the year.

A noble friend of this society, Sir Charles Wathen, has recently died. These are some of the gifts bestowed by him. In 1877, £500 were secured by him for the work of exploration upon the Congo. In 1879 he gave £700, half the cost of outfit and passage, for 12 missionaries, 8 for India and 4 for China. In 1883 he gave half of £2100 to send 14 to China. And finally gave £500 for the construction of an iron school building on the Congo with accommodations for 120 boys.

—The Balolo Mission on the Congo mourns the loss of three missionaries within a few weeks, and all from the terrible African fever. But nevertheless, with due care for health, Melville Cox spoke the language of genuine Christian faith and love and venturesomeness when he said : "Let a thousand fall before Africa be given up."

—The Christian Literature Society (formerly Vernacular Education Society) is in the midst of its thirty-fourth year, and represents a quasi-union of 10 missionary bodies. It trains Christian teachers for village schools in India, of whom more than 1000 have been sent out, and are now teaching from 40,000 to 50,000 children, while 6 times as many have been under instruction. Besides, over 8000 are gathered in circle schools in Bengal. This society issued 1,300,000 volumes of all kinds, in 18 languages, one third being school books, and from the beginning has sold at a low price, to meet the poverty of the people, 17,034,741 volumes of Christian books.

Russia.—It is stated by a correspondent of the *Christian* (London), who speaks from personal knowledge, that "There is no man living who is causing so much suffering and sorrow as M. Pobedenostzeff," the political head of the Greek Church in Russia. He is largely responsible for the severe measures adopted against the Protestants,