

The income for the past year, \$38,747.26, appears to be a decrease, but the difference is due to the receipts from the bequest account (always an uncertain source) being \$1,295.53 less than that of last year. The sum received from Government is less, and again the British Columbia Branch, in changing the close of its year from September to May, has sent the receipts of only six months.

In reality, the sum received from the Auxiliaries and Mission Bands, our real constituency, is over \$600 more than from the same source last year, and although a part of it was raised last year, but sent after the books were audited, yet, allowing for this, there is a substantial increase.

Shadows have subdued our joy, perplexities have burdened, but we close our report with thanksgiving for the unnumbered blessings of another twelve months, for the fact that the light is creeping down the mountains, penetrating the valleys and caves, scattering the mists of superstition and ignorance, bringing life, warmth and fruitfulness, and leading us to anticipate with joy the time when "the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold as the light of seven days," when the darkness shall have fled away forever before the beams of the Sun of Righteousness.

To the tender loving Father, who accepts the smallest offering given in sincerity, and who has seen the devotion and oftentimes self-denial here represented, we commit the work of the year, praying that all which has been unworthy may be blotted out, and that His divine hand may rest in blessing on the work of our feeble hands.