

spirit which before had been sleeping, but which, to use a vulgar expression, had been wide awake ever since, and had produced all over England those fruits for which they had so much cause to be thankful. Incidentally he might mention that in the year just coming to a close the Ecclesiastical Commissioners announced that they had a surplus of £73,000 to give away, and it was hardly credible that no less than £237,000 had been offered from private persons to meet this surplus. So it was that liberality called forth liberality, and the branch which bore fruit was enabled by God to bring forth more fruit. There was only one point which he deemed it necessary to touch upon. Had the society done their work, or was there a demand for further exertion? Perhaps they could answer the question from their own experience; but independently of this he might state that during the past year the society had received 173 applications for aid, and had made 166 grants, to the amount of more than £22,000. They had provided 33,000 additional sittings, of which 29,000 were for the poorer classes. He hoped this society would not want in any diocese the help for which it had a right to ask in consideration of its real labour and work—in fact, for services rendered. This was one of the very plainest cases, which spoke for itself. The funds were administered by a careful sub-committee, while a committee of the most eminent architects in London were kind enough to look over the plans, and when both these committees had done their work they reported to the board, at which the archbishop was always in the chair, and besides the bishops a large body of laymen, many of whom were well known here—men of distinction not merely for rank, but for a desire to do good—were regular attendants at these meetings, and joined in doing this really good work.

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#### MISSION AT CONSTANTINOPLE.

We have been kindly allowed to print the following extract from a private letter from the wife of the Rev. A. Tien, Missionary at Constantinople of the *Society for the Propagation of the Gospel* :—

“ July 7, 1861.

Mr. Tien hopes to have the pleasure of baptizing two Turks very soon. One of these men appears to be deeply impressed with the truths of Christianity, and says, ‘ his earnest desire is openly to profess Christ. Not caring what he may have to suffer from friends on account of his change of faith.’ One day an Englishman inquired of him what steps were to be taken previous to embracing Islamism. He replied—‘ Would you sell the precious pearl for filthy lucre? How can your conscience allow you to exchange the hope of the unparalleled happiness of being with Christ for the misery of remaining in sin.’ The man wished to marry a Turkish girl, which was his reason for endeavouring to become Mahomedan. A poor Turk, formerly a Derwish, was robbed, beaten, and thrown into a ditch, by his former companions, for embracing Christianity. They said, ‘ such a wretch was unworthy to live ;’ but this treatment only made him cling closer to Christ, for he said, ‘ strength