

## Mission Field.

### S. P. G. NOTES FOR AUGUST.

It is to be hoped that our friends are taking heed to the progress of the Society's income this year. In common with almost all the older societies and charities, we are feeling the effects of "bad times" and the straitness of means among so many in all classes.

Then there have been this year sundry appeals for the aims of Church people of unusual strength. There are, of course, each year appeals of the kind, but it is almost unprecedented that they should be so numerous and so cogent. They have necessarily affected the contributions to the Society.

We were at the end of June £1,336 behind the first six months of the previous year in the matter of subscriptions, collections, and donations. And the case is really worse than it looks, for £500 usually given in October have been already received.

To increase the difficulty, the receipts from legacies are smaller than they have been for many years. But the most moving feature in the case is the extreme necessity of the work abroad for increased grants. What is to be done next spring if the income proves a poor one? The annual grants will call for renewal. Grants made for a period of years now expiring will in many cases have almost equal urgency. And other needs of the Missions abroad—some of them fresh, and some of them previously passed by to the disappointment of the workers—will stand to bring grace or reproach on the Church at home according as they are met or neglected.

Are these urgent needs to be disregarded? Is even existing work to be curtailed?

Let us trust that the humiliation of such a result of a year's work is not before us, and let us all work and pray so that the sacred treasury, of which the Society is the steward, may be filled with freewill offerings to the glory of God.

A good and generous friend, hearing how grave the case is, sends (just as we are going to press) a donation of £250. May this example move many to give liberally also.

### CASHMERE.

Cashmere has Missions of the C.M.S. within its borders, and recently the S. P. G. Mission at Roorkee has extended its outposts to Cashmere. The Rev. Arthur Brinkman spent two years (1866 and 1867) in the country, and witnessed the cholera visitation in the latter year. His interest in the land and its people has been constantly sustained, and he has for some time felt that the need for a Bishop for Cashmere was urgent. He has himself given £1,000 as a nucleus for the endowment fund, and has recently published a pamphlet, entitled "A Plea for a Cashmere Bishopric" (J. Masters & Co.). From this pamphlet, in which the

case is cogently put, we may take these two passages:

"I say, as a Churchman who took an interest in Cashmere and its conversion as far back as 1860, that the time has come when the Mission work in Cashmere should have a good Bishop at its head, the Church be quietly built up there, and its influence, gradually, as God shall help, extended more and more to the surrounding regions.

"I am only too glad that new Bishoprics should be founded continually in Africa and elsewhere, but I cannot understand why one of the most interesting countries in Asia, in a markedly grand position, as a centre from which the Gospel might radiate, should be left out in the cold, while new Sees, new Missions, are founded and eagerly supported all over the world in positions and places where the claims upon us as a Church or nation are not half so strong as those of Cashmere."

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