

18 resignations. The general prospect of the Mission work was everywhere cheering and encouraging in the highest degree. The circulation of the "Spirit of Missions" was increasing. The secretary had spent 13 weeks in tours at the South and West in travelling 11,800 miles, and preaching and delivering addresses everywhere, and had returned with an increased sense of the vastness of the field, the laboriousness of those now in it, and the crying and immediate necessity for more men and more liberal means.—The total receipts for the year, [including \$9093.57 from legacies \$3642.79 from the Episcopal Missionary Association of the West, \$817.39 also contributed for that Association, and \$606.09 balance over from last year] were \$42,713.69, a larger sum than had ever before been raised by the Domestic Committee. Taking into account however, the many other channels through which the church contributes to the work of Domestic Missions, it is certain that more than \$100,000 a year are given to it in various ways.

The report of the Foreign Committee was less encouraging, and made severe complaints of the want of funds. The receipts of last year were about \$60,000. The operations of the Committee had been considerably enlarged, especially in Africa, and accounts from the various stations abroad represented them as highly prosperous.

In the evening, at Trinity chapel, the annual sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Nicholson, of Cincinnati. On Thursday morning, 18th inst., the Board again met for business at St. Bartholomew's.

After reading of the minutes, some discussion arose as to the insertion of a clause in relation to no collection having been made the preceding evening in Trinity Chapel and they were so amended as to read that the omission was in consequence of a misunderstanding. The committee to whom was referred the report of the committee on Foreign Missions, earnestly recommended the support of all the present stations, and the sending out of additional labourers without delay. They also recommended a special collection throughout the churches for the speedy extinguishment of the present debt. After some discussion, a subscription was made upon the spot, and \$4,600 were pledged between six Bishops, twenty presbyters, and one layman, being \$100 more than was required. The general 'collection' was then determined to be dispensed with, as its necessity had been precluded by the liberality of the members present. A committee of five was appointed to prepare and publish an address to the Church on supplying the necessary means for carrying on more

vigorously than over the great work of Missions.

In the evening, the closing services of the Board were held by a public meeting at the Church of the Ascension. After suitable collects by Bishop Meade, addresses were delivered by the Rev. Mr. Commings, of Washington, Bishop Leo, of Iowa, and Bishop Clark, of Rhode Island. The latter prelate announced that the Foreign Committee, in consequence of the lack of funds in their treasury, had that morning assumed the payment of \$4,500 on their individual responsibility to send out such additional foreign missionaries as had offered themselves. A collection was then made, and, with prayers and benediction, the Board adjourned *sine die*.

**NUMBER OF MINISTERS.**—A writer in the Foreign Missionary, a Presbyterian publication, has been examining the proportion of Ministers of all denominations to the population of the United States. He makes the present number of 'Evangelical ministers' 26,241, and thinks this below the truth. This would give one minister of some sort, to every 998 souls. From 1832 to 1851, the population has increased 88 per cent.; the ministers, 175 per cent.

#### COLONIAL.

**AFRICA.**—The intelligence of the Church's work in the British possessions in Africa, convinces us of the energy of the good bishop of Capetown. We obtain the following extracts from a recent letter by the Bishop.

"The great work, however, which is at this time pressing itself upon our attention, is that of winning the coloured race in this land of Christ. At present our efforts for their conversion are upon a very small scale, and utterly unworthy of the Church of England; and yet we are not in a condition to increase our labourers. The great practical difficulty which stands in our way is that of language. This can only be overcome by time. Hitherto scarcely any of the clergy have acquired sufficient knowledge of Dutch to officiate in their language. Till this is done, however, the coloured people cannot be widely impressed. Some are gradually acquiring it, and will, I trust, ere long be able to declare to the heathen, in their own tongue, the wonderful works of God. If I had the men and the means of maintaining them, I could easily employ in the field now open to us a large additional staff of religious instructors to the heathen. It is not easy to meet with duly qualified agents for such a work here. \* \* \* Till our own college shall have sufficient time to bear its fruits, and furnish us with a supply of men duly qualified to serve God in the ministry of His Church, we must continue to look to the

Church at home for 'our fellow helpers to the truth.' Much has been done in various ways for this land of late, but all will be of little use until our thin ranks shall be recruited by a few zealous men of God, who are willing to come over and help us—to spend and be spent for Christ. Through you I would appeal to my brethren of the clergy at home, into whose hearts God may have put any thought or desire to offer themselves for the building up of His church, the extension of His kingdom, and the salvation of souls in distant lands; and invite them to make known to my Commissary—the Rev. Dr. Williams, Pershore—or to the Society, their willingness to labor, though it were but for a few years in this field. We greatly need clergy, men, catechists, and schoolmasters. May some zealous men who read of our wants regard this letter as a call to them, and offer themselves for the work! In a few years, the college, under the superintendence of its devoted principal, will, I doubt not, in some degree supply our wants. At present, unless the zeal and the love of the Mother Church shall furnish both labourers and the means of supporting them, our work must languish, and will perhaps ultimately fail."

**ENGLAND.**—The Bishop of London continued his visit to the Continent. He had preached twice at Dusseldorf. It is stated that he has derived so much benefit from his stay at Dusseldorf, both in his sight and his general health, that he would be able to proceed up the Rhine, making a tour into Switzerland before his return home.

It appears that on several Sunday evenings during the summer the Rev. R. W. Sandford, incumbent of Kingswood, near Bristol, has preached in the open air with good success. He abstained from everything of a controversial nature, setting forth, in plain, earnest language, the great fundamental doctrines of Christianity.

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