

of China. This inspection has satisfied me that the missionaries deserve all possible respect, encouragement, and consideration. I find no fault with them except excessive zeal. Civilization owes them a vast debt. They have been the educators, physicians, and almoners of the Chinese. All over China they have schools, colleges, and hospitals. They are the early and only translators, interpreters, and writers of Chinese. To them we owe our dictionaries, histories, and translations of Chinese works. They have scattered the Bible broadcast, and have prepared many school-books in Chinese. Commerce and civilization follow where these unselfish pioneers have blazed the way. Leaving all religious questions out of consideration, humanity must honor a class which, for no pay, or very inadequate pay, devotes itself to charity and philanthropy."

II. ORGANIZED MISSIONARY WORK.

Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT.

THIS society was organized in 1819, and for thirteen years its missions were confined to the United States. The first mission work beyond the English-speaking people was to the Wyandotte Indians. It now has flourishing missions in almost every part of the globe. From the proceedings of the last annual meeting, and the doings of the quadrennium General Missionary Committee, we are able to present to our readers the following highly interesting summary of facts and figures relating to this venerable and wide-awake missionary society:

The Treasurer's report showed that the receipts for the year ending Oct. 31, 1887, were \$1,044,795.91, from the following sources:

From collections.....	\$932,208 91
From legacies.....	35,843 78
From sundries.....	76,743 22

The increase over the previous year in collections had been \$95,616.54, and in the total receipts \$52,667.44.

The balance in the Treasury Nov. 1, 1886, was \$124,444.43, and the receipts of the year added to this gave \$1,169,240.30.

The disbursements as follows:

For Foreign Missions.....	\$576,014 74
For Domestic Missions.....	376,864 68
For office expenses.....	20,216 35
For publication.....	9,972 45
For incidental expenses.....	24,267 77
Total.....	\$1,008,230 19

There was a balance in the Treasury Nov. 1, 1887, of \$161,010.20. Against this there were outstanding drafts for \$80,203.59, leaving a net balance in the Treasury Nov. 1, 1887, of \$80,766.61.

The disbursements for foreign missions were as follows:

Bulgaria.....	\$17,454 21
Central China.....	37,061 53
Denmark.....	43,819 50
Foochow.....	17,614 38
Germany.....	23,328 79
“ Am. Bible Soc. Ap.....	5,000 00
Italy.....	54,068 67
Japan.....	55,472 83
Korea.....	16,012 96
Liberia.....	2,873 30
Mexico.....	53,601 74
North China.....	35,134 51
North India.....	72,542 41
Norway.....	15,786 62
South America.....	42,119 78
South India.....	32,835 14
Sweden.....	36,143 33
“ Am. Bible Soc. Ap.....	225 00
Switzerland.....	6,005 03
West China.....	13,769 91
Total.....	\$576,014 74

The collections from the Conferences have increased each year during the previous eight years.

1880, Collections.....	\$500,182 46
1881, “.....	570,965 77
1882, “.....	621,381 08
1883, “.....	650,771 54
1884, “.....	652,188 99
1885, “.....	694,034 25
1886, “.....	836,592 37
1887, “.....	932,208 91

We give the address of the General Missionary Committee to the ministers and members of the M. E.