

## Mission Field.

### THE S.P.G. SOCIETY'S GRANTS FOR 1895.

[From the S.P.G. Mission Field for June.]

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Further to the East, North Borneo is to have—as it well needs—£300 a year for new Missions with a single sum of £80; and Japan has the annual grant increased by £250, the greater part of which is in continuation of an expiring grant for a term of years. In like manner the diocese of Honolulu has an expiring grant of £150 for work among the Chinese made annual.

We have now only to speak of the Australian grants. Of course Australia as a whole is by this time independent of all help from outside. The Society has spent about a quarter of a million sterling in planting the Church, and now leaves its support and growth to be the care of the prosperous colonies themselves. The exceptions are distinctly exceptional. Western Australia is in some respects in the state in which the other colonies were a generation or more ago. There is immediate and urgent need for the diocese of Perth to be able to provide for many newly settled districts. Its annual grant is increased from £300 to £500, and besides this a sum of £1,150 is given for expenditure in four years. Grants are also made to each of the three dioceses of Queensland. Rockhampton, newly formed and scantily provided with wealth, needs prompt, though (it is hoped) not continued, help. £1,000 is given to it to be spent in two years in providing itinerating clergymen in unsettled districts, the idea being that their labors will result in the formation of regular congregations. The Bishop of Brisbane is endeavoring to raise a large "Clergy Endowment Fund" for his diocese, and towards it the Society contributes £500. North Queensland, in addition to its annual grant of £200, has £250 to spend in two years on its enormous unsettled or half-settled districts.

From this brief summary we hope it will be clear on the one hand how numerous and pressing are the claims of the Church abroad which the Society has to consider, and on the other how the help which it has been able to give is such as promises, under the blessing of the Divine Head of the Church, to have enduring effects, and to be productive of growth and almost unlimited development.

Such works as the planting of the Church in a new colony, the maintenance of Native Colleges, the opening of new Missions, the multiplication of the Native clergy, have in them possibilities—speaking trustfully, we almost say certainties—of vast future productiveness and enormous spiritual gains.

There is something inexpressibly moving, as well as awe-inspiring, in the thought of what may come in future ages from what is now done. We have a good object lesson and a great encouragement in the grand fact of the Church in the United

States of the present day, the fruit of the Society's humble labors during the last century.

Perhaps it would not be right—even with our great thankfulness that this distribution of money could be made—to close these remarks without explaining that the exceptional grants were possible because of exceptional receipts. If the work is really to go on, if the very fruitfulness of these grants themselves is not to be to a large extent frustrated, if other urgent needs are to be met, we must look, not to exceptional receipts, but to the regular and continuous growth of the missionary spirit in the Church at home, and a sustained and progressive zeal in helping the Society forward in its great work.

(To be continued.)



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