

president, Lord Shaftesbury, occupied the chair. The receipts for the year were £212,303, and the expenditure was £227,865. The issues from the depot at home were 1,452,609; and from depôts abroad, 1,490,988; altogether, 2,943,597 of copies of Bibles, testaments, and portions. The total issues of the society from its commencement amount to 82,047,062 copies.

It is stated that Dr. Baring, Bishop of Durham, spends more than the whole of the £3000 a year he receives from his bishopric in charity. Recently, to meet the requirements of a rapidly increasing population, he contributed £3000 to a new church at Bishop Auckland.

The United Presbyterian Synod of Scotland began its annual session in Edinburgh on Monday evening, May 13. The Rev. Mr. Croom was elected moderator. An address to Her Majesty was proposed, expressing the Synod's earnest desire that she may exercise her exalted influence for the prevention of war, and in the interests of peace in Europe.

A memorial to the Queen—emphatically the "women's memorial"—in favour of a Congress and peace, has been delivered to the Home Secretary, who has promised that it shall be laid before Her Majesty. The petition is signed by 11,955 females, and was completed in nine days.

The forty-eighth annual general meeting of the Congregational Union of England and Wales was held at the Union Chapel, Islington, under the presidency of the Rev. J. Baldwin Brown, chairman of the Union. The chapel was filled to its utmost capacity. Mr. Brown's address, which was very elaborate, and contained passages of much beauty and eloquence, was on "Our Theology in Relation to the Intellectual Movement of our Times."

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