

total expenditure £101,071 11s. 3d. (\$505,358)."

This Society recently dedicated the South Memorial Church of Madagascar. It is erected near a precipice where, twenty-five years ago, eighteen native Christians were burned, or in other ways put to death. According to the latest statistics of this Mission, it has now in Madagascar 31 English missionaries, 50 native pastors, 3,170 native teachers, 67,000 Church members, and 280,000 native adherents. It has also 864 stations and 576 schools. The Jesuits, also, have missionaries in Madagascar. The latter now claim seventy-four places of worship and forty-four priests.

#### CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

All lovers of evangelical doctrines regret the ritualism and other forms of error which unhappily prevail in the bosom of "the Church of England," but all must rejoice in the success of the Church Missionary Society, respecting the Anniversary meeting of which a contemporary says, "Amongst all the speeches of special interest delivered in the course of the May Meetings, none was more striking, better adapted to the times, or more enthusiastically received, than that delivered by the Bishop of Durham at the Church Missionary meeting. The thoroughly evangelical tone of his address; its warnings against all, even the least, concession to the ritualistic doctrines and spirit, now unhappily so prev-

alent; and the earnestness with which Dr. Baring insisted on the importance of missionaries, and all ministers of the Gospel, preaching the Gospel and the Gospel only, entitle his remarks to the most careful and serious consideration." The expenditure of the Society, though great, was more than met by the income. Grants have been made to Sierra Leone, the Niger territory. At Lagos (Yorubu), twenty-five years ago, its river was periodically worshipped with human sacrifices; and now from many lips comes the sound of Christian praise, which formerly offered homage to devils. Abeokuta is now permanently opened to the work of the Society. In Ceylon, the staff of missionaries had been weakened, but 112 adults had been baptized. In China, great good had been done among the two millions of inhabitants of Foochow. In Japan, there are four Missions and six missionaries. A reinforcement of three missionaries had been sent to North-West America, two of whom are labouring in the valley of the Saskatchewan. During the year the missions had increased to 157, the European missionaries had increased to 211, the native 20, and country-born to 154, total 365; besides various other agencies. The total number of communicants is 24,497.

Our limited space compels us to withhold notices, which we had prepared, respecting the Diocesan Synods of Canada.

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## BOOK NOTICE.

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*Queen Mary*; a Drama. By ALFRED TENNYSON. Canadian copyright. Toronto: James Campbell & Son; S. Rose, 1875. 12mo., pp. 201, price \$1.

This book has been awaited with

eagerness by the admirers of Tennyson. While an acknowledged master of the lyric muse, it remained to be seen if he were equally master in the tragic vein. His short swallow-flights of song are indeed exquisite, but many questioned whether he had