

towards a Clergy Endowment Fund for the diocese of Perth, and £900 for the maintenance of students in mission seminaries and boarding-schools in the diocese of Madras. Twenty-three students of various nationalities are maintained in theological colleges in preparation for holy orders, and forty-four natives are also being trained for lay mission work.

Besides this its noble Training College at Tottenham involves a considerable expense. It expended during the year £7,955 to erect 109 buildings for church purposes. Its efforts as an *Emigrant's Spiritual Aid Society* are extensive.

The total amount of grants in money and books made in the year ending March 21st, 1887, was £41,667 17s. 4d., including the charge on the society's funds for Bibles and Prayer-books sold below cost price. The society's liability for grants promised amounted at that time to nearly £74,000. The society's income from all sources was £35,118 5s. 5d. The grants voted for the various branches of the society's work in the year much exceeded its income, and its assets have been reduced £7,320 9s.

Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

ESTABLISHED in 1701. Report of the year 1887:

During the 187 years of its existence, the Society's work, which began in 1702 in the United States and the West Indies, has been extended to Newfoundland in 1703, to Canada in 1749, to the West Coast of Africa in 1752, to Australia in 1795, to the East Indies in 1818, to South Africa in 1820, to New Zealand in 1839, to Borneo in 1849, to British Columbia and Burmah in 1859, to Madagascar in 1864, to the Transvaal in 1873, to Japan in 1873, to China in 1874, to Fiji in 1879.

The following comparative statement gives the amounts received under the several items, into which the Society's finances are divided, in 1886 and 1887:

| COLLECTIONS, SUBSCRIPTIONS, AND DONATIONS. | 1886. | | 1887. | |
|--|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| | £ | s. d. | £ | s. d. |
| General Fund.... | 75,764 | 6 5 | 77,725 | 13 3 |
| Special Funds... | 13,403 | 2 1 | 13,055 | 12 10 |
| LEGACIES: | | | | |
| General Fund.... | 7,652 | 2 2 | 10,323 | 12 5 |
| Special Funds... | 200 | 0 0 | 25 | 0 0 |
| RENTS, DIVIDENDS, ETC.: | | | | |
| General Fund.... | 3,552 | 8 3 | 3,954 | 7 4 |
| Special Funds... | 5,134 | 16 0 | 4,680 | 19 5 |
| Gross Income of the Society | £105,711 | 14 11 | £109,765 | 5 3 |

It will thus be seen that the gross receipts for 1887 exceed those of 1886 by £4,054: that the General Fund received a total larger by £3,065 than in 1886, of which £2,672 were under the head of *Legacies*, and £1,961 under the head of *Collections, Subscriptions, and Donations*, and that the Special Funds show a decrease under each head, which amounts to £281.

Primitive Methodist Missionary Society.

FORTY-FIFTH report for year ending March, 1888:

The gross income of the General Fund for the past year has been £17,868 1s. 10½d., and the gross expenditure £13,187 15s. 3¼d., leaving a balance in the treasurer's hands of £4,680 6s. 7d. But £500 of this balance is money the committee will have to repay in a short time, and £2,500 more is money held for a special purpose, so that the balance, strictly speaking, is £1,680 6s. 7d.

The gross income of the African Fund for the year has been £2,584 14s. 9d., and the gross expenditures £2,134 19s. 7d.; leaving a balance of £449 15s. 2d. This balance will, of course, be expended in a month or two from the audit.

The districts have sent £017 5s. 2d. less to the General Fund this year than last, but £805 17s. 7d. more to the African Fund.

British and Foreign Bible Society.

ABSTRACT of the report, 1888:

The issues of copies at home and abroad have been the largest the society has ever known. The total number of Bibles, Testaments and Portions* has been 4,206,032. This is an increase beyond the issues of last year of more than 273,354. Of the total issues 2,233,393 copies were sent from London; over 1,312,639 from the depots abroad.

Receipts: The gross total, £250,382 10s. 5d. The expenditures, £24,823 9s. 9d. This pays the deficit of last year, £10,021 17s., and leaves a balance of some £15,000 in the treasury.

Colonial and Continental Church Society.

INCORPORATED in 1837. Report for the year 1887-88:

The special object of this Society is to "supply clergymen and catechists and teachers to British residents in the Colonies, on the Continent, and in other parts of the world." Archdeacon Wilkinson, D.D., preached the anniversary sermon. The report is voluminous. The receipts for the year, if we understand the statement, amounted to £41,695 13s., including balance at the beginning of the year.

Pilgrim Mission of St. Ohsrischona.

This mission is located near Basel in Switzerland. From the yearly report we learn that the outlay of the Mission for 1887 was 128,955 francs (\$24,501). This Mission-house trains young men of various nationalities and denominations, chiefly artisans, for missionary work in Europe, America and other parts of the world.

* Bibles, 869,061; Testaments 1,938,097; Portions 1,398,874.