

The above being only the principal items of expenditure, many disbursements for charitable and church purposes are omitted. It deserves also to be specially mentioned, that the income for 1860 was augmented by a liberal and kind donation of £10 sent through the hands of Miss Fraser.

The account for the past year, 1869, is as follows:—

Balance from 1868 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£12	12	9
First Quarter -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	3
Second do. -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	10	0
Third do. -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	0
Fourth do. -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	6
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Total -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£21	13	6

#### EXPENDITURE FOR 1869.

Shutters for Church Windows -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£10	0	0
Cleaning Church -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	0	0
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Total -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£18	0	0

It may be learned from the above brief account what are the objects of this Society, and how far these objects have been accomplished. From what good has been done, it may be seen how much more might be done if the Society were widely supported throughout all the districts of the congregation. It might at least be as strong as it was at first. It is to be hoped that the Report of 1870 may show a marked improvement.—*Com.*

### NOTES OF THE MONTH.

SINCE our last monthly summary there has been more than the usual amount of excitement in that excitable nation—the French, which was carried to the highest pitch by the shooting of M. Noir, a friend of M. Rochfort, the most rabid of the radical deputies, by Pierre Bonaparte, a cousin of the Emperor. While the homicide awaits his trial, the Government has been sustained in the Chamber by large majorities. The moderation of the Emperor amid all these excitements and troubles proves him a wise and prudent ruler, whose life and success are very important to the peace of France and Europe.—The Spanish nation having failed to obtain a ruler ambitious and bold enough to occupy the Spanish throne, has, in the meantime, settled into a kind of provisional republic, under which religious liberty is enjoyed, and the doctrines of a pure gospel are spreading with marvellous success. The truth has to contend in France and Spain with two great enemies—Romanism and Infidelity.

IN the relations of Great Britain and the United States, all negotiations on the subject of the Alabama claims seem, by mutual consent, to have been discontinued; but much may be expected from the influence of such a distinguished and wise man as Mr. Motley, the American minister, in removing a state of things which is far from safe or satisfactory. The visit of Prince Arthur has elicited some good feeling and soothing hospitalities. In the Superior Court of Ohio, the judges have decided against the exclusion of the Bible from the common schools. Two of them held that the Constitution recognized Christianity. This is a most important decision, and should be a lesson to us, who are apt to outherod Herod in our imitation of American institutions. One judge asked: what a teacher was to say of the origin of man or of the Sabbath, if he could not appeal to the Bible? Surely the exclusion of the holy word of God from the schools is an act of great impiety, and fraught with future evil to a nation. This important case has been appealed to the Supreme Court.