

After some earnest remarks he urged that every exertion should be made to increase their resources, and he saw no reason why they should not raise during the present year 150,000*l*. Dr. Hoole read the financial statement and general summary, from which it appeared that the contributions to the society for the year ending 31st December, 1861, amounted to 137,280*l*. 0*s*. 7*d*. The home receipts were 35,666*l*. 19*s*. 10*d*.; and the foreign receipts, 35,666*l*. 19*s*. 10*d*., being an advance on the receipts of the previous year. New donations or annuities, amounting to 3,125*l*., have also been received, but not reported as income until they become available. The payments and general expenditure, including the cost of the China mission for the year, 136,067*l*. 16*s*. 4*d*.; special contributions for the extension of the mission in China, 2,500*l*.; the balance of 1860, 243*l*. 7*s*., made together 138,811*l*. 4*s*. 1*d*., leaving a balance of 1,531*l*. 3*s*. 6*d*. due to the general treasurer. There had been among the donations one from a Wesleyan lady of 1,000*l*.; John Robinson Kay, Esq., 1,000*l*.; Thomas Farmer, 700*l*.; in memory of the late R. Ripley, Esq., 500*l*.; by Mrs. Ripley, for the same purpose, 105*l*.; anonymous, 500*l*.; &c. The legacies amounted to 5,720*l*. 12*s*. 10*d*. The Rev. Mr. James read the report, detailing the progress of the various missions throughout the world. The report was adopted, and several resolutions, expressing the importance of the society's operations, were then carried. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

#### SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION.

The annual meeting of this society was held at the Institute in the Old Bailey; Mr. Watson in the chair. The secretary read a very lengthy report, which commenced by detailing the operations of the union in the colonies and in America, which had been very successful in their results. It then referred to home operations for the past year, during which period sixty-three county unions had been visited, and 101 communicated with. A return had lately been procured by the committee, by which it appeared that in the metropolis, at the close of 1861, there were 858 Sunday-schools, employing 16,431 teachers, and containing 183,700 scholars. Of these teachers 9,000 were church members. The sum of 17,260*l*. had been received at the depository by the sale of the publications connected with the Union, and during the year 1,500,000 copies of the monthly papers had been distributed. The value of the stock of books and publications on hand was 5,000*l*. A training college for teachers had been instituted, which promised to become of great utility, and lending libraries had been established in different districts with much success. Grants had been made to 320 schools, containing more than 5,000 scholars. The receipts for the year had been 9,318*l*., and a balance of 1,820*l*. remained on hand. The receipts of the benevolent fund had been 1,280*l*., and the expenditure exceeded that amount by 36*l*. Considerable expenses were about being incurred by the committee in extending the usefulness of the Union, and they hoped to meet with a corresponding liberality. Mr. Cassell moved the adoption of the report, which having been seconded, was unanimously agreed to.

#### TURKISH MISSIONS AID SOCIETY.

The eighth annual meeting of this society was held on Wednesday, April 30, at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, the Earl of Shaftesbury in the chair. The Rev. Mr. Birch read the report, which, after alluding to the early death of the late Sultan and the elevation of his successor to the throne, congratulated the society that under the sanction of the present Ottoman ruler the missionary work was going on successfully, and the Bible allowed freely to circulate through all parts of the empire. The receipts of the society for the past year, including a balance of £250, were £5,104 18*s*. 4*d*. There had been expended in grants and aids to missions during the year £4,928 5*s*. 1*d*., leaving a balance in hand of £176 13*s*. 3*d*. The report then entered into a variety of statistics, showing the great progress making by the American and Armenian missions, giving some very inter-