

employés. It has over six hundred railway stations, and it is said that nearly fifteen hundred passenger-trains pass Clapham Junction daily. The London omnibus Company have over six hundred omnibuses, which carry more than fifty-six millions of passengers a year, and the Underground Railway transports fifty millions more. In 1881, 157,886 foot-passengers and 21,460 vehicles passed in one day over London Bridge alone. No fewer than eight hundred thousand business men enter the city in the morning, and leave it in the evening for suburban residences. London has eighty-five thousand paupers to relieve, besides the insane; and for their relief it has a thousand and one charitable



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societies, whose income in 1881 was £4,453,000 sterling, or upwards of twenty-two and a quarter millions of dollars—a sum greater than the whole revenue of Sweden, double that of Denmark, and treble that of Switzerland. During the same year the increase of this income was itself £331,356. Of these societies ninety-two home and foreign missions receive £1,481,600; eighty-nine hospitals receive £528,277; one hundred and twelve dispensaries and nursing institutions receive £102,489; and one hundred and sixty-

two pensions for the aged receive £431,770. Half a million sterling is consumed by ninety-three institutions for general relief, and eleven for food and money gifts; and a million and a half more is divided among ninety-four voluntary homes, fifty-four orphanages, twenty protective societies, sixty-nine reformatories, a hundred and one educational charities, and thirty-five social improvement homes. Of this prodigious charity revenue, it is said (we know not with how much truth) that a large portion is spent in red tape. There are six hundred and thirteen