

Endowment Sub-Committee, derived from special donations and from one-fourths returned.

The incidental expenses, including a grant to Missionary at Sydney Mines, amount to £159 4s 9½d, leaving a balance due the Treasurer at the end of 1851, of £53 16s 11¼d.

The Appendix contains the second Report of the Endowment Sub-Committee and the Report of the Book Committee. The former states that

"If the plan already adopted for obtaining an Endowment Fund be strictly adhered to and systematically carried out, there can be no doubt but that in the course of a few years every Mission in the Province will have a permanent although moderate income toward the support of its Minister."

"The amount transferred to the care of the Endowment Committee, during 1850, was £104 2 2. During 1851 it amounted, together with interest on the money already received, to £218 13s. One hundred pounds of this is the munificent donation of Miss Totten, to the Parish of Digby. Of these sums £21 12 6 has been returned to the Local Committees under the rules of the Society to be invested for the support of the Missionary alone."

SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL IN FOREIGN PARTS.

At the April meeting, a printed statement of accounts was submitted, from which it appeared that the Society's receipts from all sources, general and special, during the year 1851 amounted to 147,476*l*. In this amount was included upwards of 41,000*l*. belonging to the Jubilee Fund; from which fund the Society agreed to make the following grants—3000*l*. towards endowing a Bishopric in the island of Mauritius; 5000*l*. towards endowing a Bishopric in the eastern portion of the present diocese of Cape Town; 5000*l*. towards a Bishopric for the islands of Labuan, Borneo, &c.; and a conditional grant towards the endowment of the Bishopric of Sierra Leone. In addition to these grants for the extension of the Episcopate, the following sums were set apart for the education of missionary candidates, which was the second object of the Jubilee Fund—2500*l*. for the endowment of scholarships at St. Augustine's College for missionary students who shall go to India or the East; 1,000*l*. for each of the following colleges:—(1) St. John's, Auckland; (2) Poirirua, in New Zealand; (3) Trinity College, Toronto; (4) Bishop's College, Lennoxville; (5) Woodlands, Cape Town; (6) St. Thomas's, Colombo; making together the sum of 8,500*l*. for this purpose. The sum of 1,000*l*. was also voted towards the object of the West Indian mission to West Africa, in connexion with Codrington College; 2,000*l*. were set apart for the benefit of emigrants; a large sum was also appropriated to East Indian purposes. An additional missionary, the Rev. A. Horsburgh, was appointed for Borneo; and various smaller grants were made. The Bishop of Capetown, who was in the room, made some statements respecting the present condition of his diocese, and the plans which he is pursuing for its welfare, which left a deep impression on the members of the society who were present.

An interesting account has been received of the celebration of the Society's Jubilee at Calcutta and at the Missions in the neighbourhood. It is stated that sermons in celebration of the Jubilee were preached on Advent Sunday in all the churches, except two, in Calcutta. The Bishop preached in the morning at the Cathedral, as he had purposed, although suffering from a severe cold which might have prevented one less zealous than his Lordship from thus exerting himself. The collection amounted to Co.'s Rs. 548-7-0. His Lordship, besides, headed the Jubilee list with the handsome donation of Co.'s Rs. 1000. In the afternoon, the Rev. Principal Kay (of Bishop's College) preached in the Cathedral, this being, we believe, the first time that two collections for a charitable object have been made in it on the same day.

Sermons were also preached in St. John's Church by Principal Kay; in St. Thomas' Church, Free-School, by the Rev. R. Panting; by the Rev. R. Eteson, in St. Peter's Church in the

Fort (the collection being augmented by subsequent donations from the soldiers of the 18th Royal Irish) by the Rev. Professor Weidenmann, at St. Stephen's, Kidderpore; by the Rev. Professor Slater in St. Thomas' Church, Howrah. In one of the two churches in which there was no collection, the cause of Missions was advocated by one of the Chaplains attached to the church. Jubilee sermons had been previously preached at Barrackpore and Chinsurah.

On the following Tuesday, Decr. 2nd, there was a Jubilee-gathering at Tollygunge of as many Christians of the Mission-circle as could leave their harvest-work and travel up to the chief station. They assembled at the Rev. D. Jones' house in good time, and at half-past ten walked in procession along the road about a mile to the large compound of the Junior Missionary, the Rev. J. T. Babonau. They were headed by the Missionaries, Catechists, and Readers from the several stations, and sang some verses of a Bengali hymn as they went along. Numbering as they did 895 persons, men, women, and children, they made an imposing and heart-stirring spectacle. Looking back on the long array of men rescued from degrading superstition—of so many fellow-creatures, not dragging the car of a senseless idol in an idolatrous procession, but rejoicing, as freedmen of Christ, to confess the faith and sing the praises of Him who had redeemed them from their bondage;—of so many fellow-Christians uniting with evident joy, and we trust with inward gratitude to God in the Jubilee festival of the Society, which had been the honoured means of bringing them into the fold of Christ; every Missionary and friend of the Society must have felt the liveliest emotions of thankfulness to God for the privilege of witnessing such abundant fruits of His love. If any one had previously any doubts upon his mind as to the success of our Missions, he must have thought; "Well, here at least in what I see, God has signally blessed the work; here alone there is an ample return for all the care and money which the Society has bestowed upon its Indian Missions." His previous misgivings must have given place to deep gratitude to God for these monuments of past mercies, and a good hope for what still remains to be done. And every succeeding event of the day must have served to confirm this impression.

The procession advanced in a quiet and orderly manner to an awning in the compound which had been erected for the purpose. Indeed, notwithstanding the number of children present, scarcely a sound disturbed the solemnity of the service. The prayers were said in Bengali by the Rev. Messrs. Jones and Driberg, the lessons (the 55th of Isaiah and part of the 10th of St. John) being read by the Rev. Mr. Babonau, and an extempore sermon, suited to the occasion, was preached in Bengali by the Rev. Mr. Smith. The congregation seemed very attentive. Two Jubilee hymns were sung,—one of them a translation of the hymn, with which the first volume of the "Missionary" concludes—the metre and melody being preserved. After the sermon, the Principal of Bishop's College, assisted by the Rev. D. Jones, as interpreter, catechised the native Christians at some length, chiefly as to the causes of their rejoicing, and the benefits they had received by embracing Christianity. Taking a line adapted to their understanding and habits, he enforced upon them the Scriptural illustrations of the grafting of the wild on the good olive-tree, the wandering sheep rescued by the shepherd, the prodigal welcomed home, the king's son dying for rebels, the Church, like the moon, illuminated by the sun of righteousness, unless the earth and earthly things intervene, and the calling of its members out of darkness to the true light. These and other similar topics he brought before them in a simple manner, and the answers of the better-instructed part of the congregation to his questions showed that they fully understood them, and knew the passages of Scripture to which they referred.

When the service was over, the native Christians (who had not yet broken their fast, and many of whom had come from a great distance) sat down to dinner. They formed themselves into long rows, with plantain leaves before them to serve as plates, and dined off the rice, dhoi, sweetmeats, &c., which had been pro-