

"Come over and help us; we would give you a cordial welcome; and as the Indians say, "we will shake hands with you in our hearts."—*Miss. Rec. U. P. C. for May.*

ANNIVERSARY OF THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, LONDON.

The Annual Meeting of this Society was held in Exeter Hall on Monday, May 3rd. The Hall was filled, and the platform was occupied by a large number of ministers of different Churches, both from Great Britain and the Continent; amongst whom we notice the Rev. Dr. Spencer, of the Established Church in Ireland; Rev. Dr. Hamilton, of the Scotch Church, Regent's-Square; Rev. William Chalmers, A. M.; Rev. Mr. Gast-Schmoller, from Würtemberg; Rev. Mr. Sillar, ditto; Rev. Mr. Conz, ditto; Rev. Mr. Spar, ditto, &c., and in addition to the Wesleyan Ministers the names of several influential laymen are found amongst the number who took a seat upon the platform and bore a part in the exercises of the meeting.

The Chair was occupied by John Henderson, Esq., of Glasgow. After a few appropriate remarks upon the catholicity of Christianity he called upon the Secretaries to read the Report. The Financial Report of the Committee was read by the Rev. E. Hoole, one of the General Secretaries. An abstract of the Report is thus given:

"The Financial position of the Society is to some extent improved. Means have been provided within the year for the Year's Expenditure. The amount of contributions received at the Mission-House has been larger than usual, having been augmented by the benefactions of the kind and liberal friend whose donations are announced under the initials T. E. F., as well as by several other large and generous contributions from other supporters, in addition to the Ordinary Subscriptions. The returns from the Home Districts, beginning at London and ending with Shetland, exhibit an amount highly creditable to the labours of our collectors and the unwearied liberality of the friends of Missions, but capable of being largely increased by a more systematic and pervading application of the means which are used for raising contributions. Ireland has sent her usual contingent. The Juvenile Christmas and New Year's Offerings have exceeded £5,000. The Foreign contributions have been equal to those of any former year. The clubs, spears, shells, and other articles sent from Feejee and the Friendly Islands, sold for more than £500. But there has been a decrease in the item of Lapsed Annuities, a circumstance which the Committee cannot regret, as it denotes the prolonged life of some of the oldest and best friends of the Society; and there is also a falling-off in the amount of legacies received, unless we include the munificent bequest of £10,000 by the late Thomas Mariott, Esq., which, however, having become due before the accounts of the year were closed, and now bearing interest in favour of the Society, may with propriety be reckoned in the receipts of the year, (less duty £1,000,) will make the whole income amount to £111,730 19s. 9d. The Expenditure of the year has been £111,555 14s. 4d., being £175 5s. 9d., less than the Income; and, consequently, the debt announced two years ago has been to that extent reduced, and remains at £10,666 7s. 9d.

The Committee then recorded the retirement of two of its Secretaries from office during the past year. The Rev. Dr. Alder, after eighteen years' service at the Mission House, has again entered on the duties of the regular ministry, and carries with him the respect and best wishes of those with whom he has so long associated in this great work. The Rev. Dr. Bunting, one of the few surviving Fathers and Founders of this Society, has found himself impelled by advancing years and by bodily infirmities to desist from the regular duties of office. He affords the Committee the benefit of his long experience and wise counsels from time to time, as the occasion may require, and has taken that part in the celebration

of this anniversary which has been most gratifying to his friends, and very advantageous to the cause.

The summary of Receipts was as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
The total Ordinary Receipts at the Mission House, and from the Districts in England, Scotland, and Wales, have been.....	66,663	9	10
The Hibernian Missionary Society	3,987	11	6
The Juvenile Christmas Offerings	5,159	2	3
<b>Total Ordinary Home Income.....</b>	<b>£75,810</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>
Contributions of Foreign Auxiliary Societies.....	14,882	9	0
Colonial Grants.....	5,416	3	1
Legacies.....	1,822	8	11
Donations on Annuity.....	1,062	17	2
Lapsed Annuities.....	1,502	15	0
Dividends, Interest, &c.....	2,234	3	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>£102,730</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>9</b>

To which must be added the legacy of £9,000. The General Summary of Wesleyan Missions in different parts of the World, as presented in the Report, is as follows:—

Central or Principal Stations, called Circuits, occupied by the Society in various parts of the World.....	356
Chapels and other Preaching Places, in connexion with the above mentioned Central or Principal Stations, as far as ascertained.....	3,092
Missionaries and Assistant-Missionaries, including Twenty-one Supernumeraries.....	476
Other Paid Agents, as Catechists, Interpreters, Day-School Teachers, &c.....	782
Unpaid Agents, as Sabbath-School Teachers, &c.....	8,477
Full and accredited Church members, including Ireland, (Increase, 3,843)...	108,078
On trial for Church-Membership, as far as ascertained.....	5,499
Scholars, deducting for those who attend both Day and Sabbath-Schools...	79,841
Printing Establishments.....	8

The Rev. George Osborne read the GENERAL REPORT, which contained a brief review of the religious state of the different fields of labour, and the circumstances connected with them. This part of the Report is highly gratifying to the friends and supporters of this noble Christian enterprise.

We notice in the Report a reference to some of the difficulties with which the Missionaries have had to contend during the past year. In the *Albany and Kaffraria* District especially some of the most painful events have occurred. War has prevailed without cessation, and on some of the Stations the influence has been most unfavourable and even disastrous. Yet in connection with this two facts are worthy of special notice and devout gratitude. The first is, there has been no loss of the life of any missionary, and second, while nearly every missionary of every Society labouring in British Kaffraria has during the past year been obliged to fly, some at the hazard of their lives, and some at the sacrifice of their property, in no instance has any Wesleyan left his post, or been turned aside from the discharge of his duty. These facts are stated in humble acknowledgement of the Divine protection which has been vouchsafed to His servants, and also to show that the missionaries are men of faith, and are not easily frightened from their work, even when threatened by the most formidable dangers. — *Abridged from the Toronto Christian Guardian.*

MISCELLANEOUS.

SCIENCE CONFIRMING THE BIBLE.

The Rev. Dr. Cumming said at the Annual Meeting of the London Missionary Society:—Another fact is that Science has been lately coming to its right mind. Some time ago every man, who

had a smattering of science, discovered among its first axioms, that Genesis was a fable, and Christianity a dream. Some peering fool, using a very imperfect telescope, peeped into the sky, and saw vestiges of every body in the universe, but none of God. Another dug into the bowels of the earth, and brought up gems and sparkling ores; but upon none of the gems could any one discover the autograph of Revelation on none of the ores the beauty and glory of Him who made it. Another person proved that mankind have some half a dozen, or perhaps twelve dozen, original parents; and the notion of our being descended from Adam and Eve was a perfect joke, a mere myth, the vagary of a doting person called Moses. But what is the fact now? Lord Rosse, an Irish nobleman, has directed his 'monster telescope' to the stars, and the vestiges which he saw there, which others supposed to be the vestiges of everybody, have proved to be the footprints of a present God. Another has descended into the bowels of the Earth; and, instead of geology being found to be in dissonance with Christianity, it is proved to be one of the strongest evidences of its truth. Others have penetrated into the pyramids of Egypt, and mummies have come forth from their sleep of two thousand years; winged bulls and monsters, such as we had never conceived, have been dug up by the enterprising Layard from the ruins of Nineveh; scorched fragments of antiquity have come to us from Herculaneum; and all with one consent declare that God's Word is true, that the Bible has 'God for its author, truth for its contents, and everlasting happiness for its blessed and glorious object.'

The *Globe* states that the only Roman Catholic who has been returned "in the whole length and breadth of England, Scotland, and Wales, is the nominee of the Protestant Duke of Norfolk, the husband of Miss Talbot, Lord E. Howard."

A ROYAL TEACHER.—It may not be generally known that our beloved Sovereign has at Windsor a Sabbath and a day-class of children belonging to the domestics, to which she unremittingly attends when the Court is there.

The numbers in the different religious denominations in Nova Scotia are as follow:—Roman Catholics, 69,634; Baptists 42,243; Church of England, 36,482; Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, 28,767; Free Church, 25,380; Methodists, 23,596; Church of Scotland, 18,867; Lutherans, 5,089; Congregationalists, 2,639; Universalists, 580; Quakers, 188.

In the six years ending January 1, 1852, there have been forty-five Churches of all denominations, including six Roman Catholic, organized in the City of New York. During the same time eight were disbanded, leaving a balance in favour of Protestantism of thirty-one Churches. And yet the *Freeman's Journal* affects to think that the Protestant Churches in this city are fast "dying out." The aggregate number of Churches in this city is two hundred and thirty-three, of which twenty-nine are Roman Catholic.

ROMAN CATHOLIC MISSIONS.—It appears from the annual report for 1851 of the "Society for the Propagation of the Faith," just published at Lyons, that the receipts of the society for the year 1851 exceeded those for 1850 by the sum of about \$48,220.

RECEIPTS.

France	\$397,460	The Levant	\$ 927
North America	15,643	Lombardy, &c.	11,307
South America	3,861	Malta	2,879
Belgium	41,105	Modena	8,667
Great Britain	27,494	Parma	1,698
States of the Church	14,803	Netherlands	16,839
Spain	1,808	Portugal	5,969
Greece	8,397	Prussia	85,947
Sandwich Islands	230	Other German States	3,254
Sardinia	45,555	Switzerland	8,548
The Sicilies	13,785	Tuscany	8,908

The Society distributed in the year 1851 among the various missions, nearly \$600,000, and still has in its treasury, after paying all its expenses, a reserve of \$53,196.