

of 350. Adding the converts under the American, and the London missions, the number was increased to 1,000. Among those baptised in the Amoy district was a Buddhist priest. At Chin Chew a chapel had been rented. In the Amoy district they had now 27 native helpers employed. In India it was year by year becoming more apparent that the stronghold of Hindooism was crumbling before civilisation and Christian missions. The funds received for carrying on missionary operations were still far from adequate; the receipts for the past year had been £8,186, and the expenditure £7,358.

On motion made and seconded the report was adopted. Additional interest was imparted to the proceedings of Synod in connexion with Foreign Missions by the presence of the Rev. Mr. Swanson, a missionary from China, who addressed the Synod on the subject.

The Home Mission referred to new stations opened at Norwich, Camberwell, Hull, Wethington, and Varschall Road, Liverpool. In Nottingham a site for a church had been obtained and the sum of £1,500 subscribed for the erection. At Worcester a church had been built at an expense of £5000. The committee had endeavoured to raise the stipends of ministers to a minimum of £150.

Deputations from the Free Church, the United Pres. Church, and the Irish Presbyterian Church addressed the Synod. The Committee on the Hymn-Book gave in a final report, which, notwithstanding a long memorial from Mr. McFie pointing out what he regarded as serious errors in some of the Hymns, was adopted.

ITEMS OF GENERAL RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society, was held in Exeter Hall on the first Wednesday in May. The proceedings were quite as interesting and encouraging as on any former occasion. The issues of the Society during the past year were 2,383,386 copies making the total issues of the Society, 52,669,089 copies. The total receipts were £187,508 17s. 7d., and the expenditure £206,445 17s. The Bishop of Carlisle was one of the speakers. In the course of his address, he protested strongly against the attempts which are being made to attach the church of England to the corrupt churches of the East and West, and to separate her from the sound and faithful churches at home and abroad.

DEATH OF MR. HENDERSON OF PARK.—Mr. John Henderson of Park died on Wednesday at his residence in Renfrewshire at the age of 85. Mr. Henderson is said to have given away for many years from £30,000 to £40,000 a year for religious and benevolent objects. He was one of the founders of the Evangelical Alliance. He was an honoured member and elder of the United Presbyterian Church, and his removal will be deeply felt not only in his own section of the Church, but throughout the Church generally.

ANGLICAN COUNCIL.—The Archbishop of Canterbury has issued an invitation to all Bishops in visible communion with the United Church of England and Ireland to attend a meeting at Lambeth on the 24th Sept. and three following days. Many Bishops are expected to be present not only from England and Ireland but also from the colonies and from the United States.

MORMON COUNCIL.—A Mormon council was recently held in London, England, presided over by Brigham Young, Jr. "President over all the saints in Great Britain and in Europe." It is said that in London there