

The name of the Rev. W. ELLIS has also been enrolled amongst the Honorary Life Governors of your Society.

FUNDS.—It was with some degree of anxiety that your Committee looked forward to the end of their financial year. During the last two years, the ordinary expenditure has been many thousands in excess of the receipts, and there seemed every probability a few weeks ago, that a similar result would attend the balancing of your accounts on the present occasion. Within the last month, however, so large a sum was received, that instead of having to announce an excess of expenditure over the receipts, your Committee have the gratification of stating that the total receipts show an increase over those of the precedings year of £7,794 11s. 6d. The Receipts from ordinary sources have amounted to £179,718 4s. 2d. To this must be added the sums contributed for special purposes—viz., China, £1,175 9s. 10d; India, £11 2s. 7d.; the New Building, £5,029 7s.; Paris Exhibition, £663 9s. 6d.; making a grand total of £186,597 13s. 1d.

The sum applicable to General Purposes, that is, by which the benevolent operations are sustained throughout the world, is £93,898 6s. 3d., being £6,137 10s. 3d., more than was received under this head in the preceding year. It includes the following items:—

Free Contributions from Auxiliary Societies	..	£57,354	12	2
Legacies .. .. .	..	20,602	13	5
Donations	10,917	17	4
Annual Subscriptions	..	2,674	15	7
Dividends	2,086	5	5
Collections	262	2	4
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		£93,898	6	3

The Receipts from the sale of Scriptures have been £85,819 17s. 11d., which have been thus divided:—

Sales at home .. .. .	..	£52,579	4	11
Sales abroad .. .. .	..	33,240	13	0

This amount shows an increase in the receipts from sales during the year of £1,657 1s. 3d.

The ordinary operations of the Society have involved an outlay of £177,826 1s. 11d., and if to this amount are added the various sums paid on account of the Jubilee, China, India, and Paris Exhibition Funds, a total is reached of £185,611 15s.

The sum of £15,267 13s. 8d., has been paid on account of the Society's New Premises, which raises the Expenditure of the year to a grand total of £200,879 8s. 8d.

The DONATIONS to the Society though not quite equal to those of the preceding year, have yet evinced a high standard of liberality on the part of those whom God has blessed with abundant means, and who take delight in consecrating a portion of their wealth to His service.

The Legacies received during the year have amounted to £20,602 13s. 5d., being £5,442 16s. 10d., in excess of those acknowledged during the preceding year. These memorials of departed friends are always the occasion of mingled regret and satisfaction—regret that their active energy is lost to the Church—satisfac-