

equal sums of a little over thirty thousand dollars. The total receipts are \$1,043,420. The disbursements are over \$80,000 in excess of the receipts. Of these, missions in Europe receive over \$200,000, and in America \$190,000. Of the sum spent upon missions in Europe, \$52,000 goes to the support of the Romish Church in Great Britain and Ireland. It is worthy of note that Spain only contributes to the Papal Church, for missions, some six hundred dollars.

Baboo Keshub Chunder Sen has had his praises sung by public men and that portion of the press that are ignorant of vital Christianity. Some hail him even as the regenerator of religious thought in the West, another wise man of the East, who is to supersede the worn-out system of the Bible. The fact seems to be that the Baboo is either an unfortunate enquirer, who has fallen into bad hands, or a coward that dares not leave everything for the sake of the Gospel. His followers are a set of dreamers, who escape the responsibilities both of their own original heathen belief and those which the Gospel imposes, and who, while professing to be friends of free enquiry and liberty of conscience, are quite ready to persecute all that differ from them.

In France, the various Protestant Societies have been holding their annual meetings. The reports of them show that great good has been done during the past year in the circulation of religious books and tracts, missionary operations, &c. The Paris Missionary Society lately sent out two missionaries to Senegal, who have been well received. Two more missionaries are about to sail for Tahiti, where the Roman Catholics still prove troublesome.

The mission to the Basutos, of which we recorded the doings in a previous number of the RECORD, is flourishing; although England's treaty with the Boers has deprived the society of four of its stations. There are in France over 900 Sunday Schools containing 40,000 children.

There seems to be little doubt that, in spite of all remonstrances, the infallibility dogma will be promulgated. The minority opposed to papal pretensions consist of 43 German and Hungarian bishops, 40 Anglo-Americans, 29 Frenchmen, 4 Portuguese, and 10 Italians. It is said that Napoleon threatens to remove the French troops when the proclamation is made, but this is a mere rumour. The Armenians have already revolted from Roman supremacy, and the people of Bohemia are likely to follow, and return to Hussite principles, that is, to a pure Gospel.

The Constitution of the American Independent Catholic Church, as issued by forty-seven priests, recognizes the Pope as only first among equals, and not supreme—a kind of moderator, in fact; declares confession and celibacy good, but not obligatory; limits monastic vows to a period of five years, with power of renewal; and proposes to harmonize with all Christian denominations, and especially with the Catholics of the old rite, and members of the Episcopal Church.

The sixth triennial conference of Young Men's Christian Associations is to be held this year at Amsterdam, between the 25th and 29th of August.

The Berlin Statistical Bureau shows that Protestantism is greatly on the increase in Prussia.

The destruction of the French Roman Catholic cathedral at Canton, and massacre of the missionaries, has been reported from China, and recent advices confirm the sad statement.