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## **Mission Field.**

THE S.P.G. SOCIETY'S GRANTS FOR 1895.

From the S.P.G. Mission Field for June.]

It is with profound thankfulness that we announce that the Society has been enabled to make some provision for a large number of the needs of the Church abroad. In addition to renewing annual grants to the extent of about seventy-eight Native Theological College, and to thousand pounds for next year, it increase the Native ministry. The has been able to make new (annual) grant is now increased by £100 to and exceptional (single sum) grants £3,530 a year, and £1,000 is given

amounting to about £17,000. It is the latter which naturally claim our chief attention, Wo are now face to face with the simultane ous opening of numerous parts of Maritzburg, which needs this help in the world which had been practically its important work of training a closed or ignored until the present Native ministry. time. In Africa there are vast tracts their opportunities. In Western is raised by  $\pm 250$  to  $\pm 950$  a year. Canada, settlement still goes on with (To be continued.) a rapidity which the Church struggles hard to rival, as well as it may. In Central America there stretches southward from Honduras for about a thousand miles, a string of little sottlements of English people, for sottlements of English people, for whom until now the Church has had the opportunity of doing almost nothing. In North Borneo work that might engage a score of Mis-sionaries has been in the hands of but one or two. Of India the needs are, of course, immense. In addition to the call for extension, there have been lately heavy requirements in the Missions themselves for new, enlarged and improved buildings. Western Australia, hitherto the part of the island continent that scarcely of the island continue that consequence of the discovery of goldfields and other natural riches, being occupied by people more numerous and more widely scattered than the Church can easily follow. In Queensland, floods and financial disaster have combined with other causes to cripplo the Church when it should be advancing.

Let us now see how far it has been possible for the Society to do something to meet demands so divorse and so numerous. It has been a task of finest things; there is little or no slight responsibility to weigh the various applications, and to find out, not only how great the necessities were, but how help might be most usefully distributed.

Beginning with Africa and the adjucent islands, where the Society is spending about £20,000 a year, new grants are made for eight dioceses. To the dioceses of Bloemfontein there is an undefined, but enormous appendix in the shape of Bechuanaland. The Bishop, Archdeacon Gaul, and others show how many English speaking people are scattered there. The progressive Missions in Basuto-land (at the opposite or eastern end of the diocese) require further sub-division, while it is of great import-ance that a Native College should be ostablished for the Basutos. These

are not all the requests from from Bloemfontein, and the Society has acted upon a suggestion of the Bishop's to the effect that if all asked for could be given the most helpful course would be an addition to the block grant, leaving its appropriation to the Bishop and Diocesan Board. The annual grant is accordingly raised from  $\pounds 1.488$  to  $\pounds 2.000$ .

St. John's (Kaffraria) is the dio-cese of South Africa where the Missions to the heathen are most extensive and elaborate. The Bishop wants to strengthen the staff at the to be spent as a further addition of

£200 a year for five years. To Natal £100 a year for three years is voted for St. Alban's College,

Zululand has now a rush of people like Matabeland, Mashonaland, Bech- to its newly opened goldfields, while uanaland, Pondoland, Basutoland, fresh opportunities—including one Zululand, and Lebombo making ob- especially favorable—appear for new vious their claims, their needs, and Missions to the natives. The grant



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