

Gospel. The 332 devoted Christian men and women from our churches, with a corps of 965 native laborers, 220 churches set up as light centres, with a membership of over 25,000 living witnesses to the excellence of Gospel in thousands of villages and cities round the globe,—this is the power for Christ, commended to our faith, our hopes, and prayers.

SUMMARY.

Missions.

Number of Missions.....	18
“ Stations.....	98
“ Out-stations.....	511

Labourers Employed.

Number of ordained missionaries (3 being physicians).....	140
Number of physicians not ordained.....	5
“ other male assistants.....	4
“ female assistants.....	183
Whole number of labourers sent from this country.....	332
Number of native pastors.....	101
“ native preachers and catechists.....	273
“ school teachers.....	347
“ other native helpers.....	244-965
Whole number of labourers connected with the Missions.....	1,297

The Press.

Pages printed, as far as reported.....	6,258,600
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The Churches.

Number of churches (including all at the Hawaiian Islands).....	220
Number of church members (do. do.) as far as reported.....	27,538
Added during the year (do. do.).....	1,821

Educational Department.

No. of training and theological schools..	12
“ other boarding schools.....	18
“ free schools (omitting those at Hawaiian Islands).....	447
Number of pupils in free schools (omitting those at Hawaiian Islands).....	12,906
Number of pupils in training and theological schools.....	430
Number of pupils in boarding schools...	616
Whole number of pupils.....	13,952

Glad Tidings from Madagascar.

The Home Secretary of the London Missionary Society, in a letter to the *Christian World*, communicates the following interesting intelligence in regard to the missionary work in that Island:

“The last mail has brought us most gladdening news from Madagascar. God has been graciously pleased to overrule events, so that the things which have happened have all turned out ‘for the furtherance of the Gospel.’ Our worst fears are removed—our highest hopes exceeded. We are informed that the work of the mission is being blessed in a marvellous manner. Since the cessation of the mourning for the late Queen the places of Christian worship, both in town and country, have been crowded to excess. Such is the won-

derful eagerness to hear the Word of God, that on the Sunday previous to the departure of the last mail 2,450 persons were counted out at Mr. Toy’s church, while 203 were listening outside during the service. At another place, on the same day, the whole of the usual congregation turned out to make room for the crowd of people outside, that as heathens they might thus see the Christians were anxious that they should all hear ‘the joyful sound.’ The Queen and Government have publicly renounced idolatry; the great national idol has been sent away, and the Queen sends her household to attend to Mr. Toy’s ministry. The government works have been stopped on the Lord’s Day, and a representative of a foreign power on his way to the capital to obtain a ratification of a commercial treaty, having reached the last station on a Saturday night, instead of finding the usual escort, was informed that he could not be received at court till Monday. The eldest son of the Prime Minister, together with the Prime Minister’s sister, are candidates for Church fellowship. Thus abundantly has the Word of the Lord grown and prevailed. Our brethren in the ministry, and the members of our churches generally, will see from all this how greatly the missionaries and native Christians in Madagascar need an interest in their prayers, lest this temporal prosperity should to any extent lead to spiritual declension—lest the moral vigor increased by the storm of persecution should degenerate into worldly and vainglorious ease by the sunshine of Royal favour.”

News of the Church.

Presbytery of St. John.

This court met in the city of St. John on the 27th Oct. There were present, Revs. J. Bennett, J. D. Murray, Moderator, J. Jack, James Gray, Simon Fraser, and N. McKay.

A communication from Rev. T. Cumming was read, intimating his declination of the call from Calvin Church.—The Rev. James Gray was appointed Moderator of the Kirk Session at Hammond River, and Messrs. Greenlaw and Wood were appointed Assessors with Mr. Gray at Sussex until Elders are ordained in that congregation.—A letter from Rev. Dr. McCulloch was read, asking the opinion of the Presbytery as to the price that ought to be asked in negotiating a sale of the Seminary buildings at Truro. As members of Presbytery are unacquainted with the value of the property, the Presbytery declined giving any