

tent from the depot at Constantinople; various numbers to other individuals, and the prisoners of war have not been neglected. The number of new auxiliaries reported during the past year is 198, making the total number of affiliated societies, 3,313.

Finance.—The receipts of the year ending March 31, 1855, are larger than those of any preceding year, with the exception of the Jubilee Year. The amount applicable to the general purposes of the society is £64,878, 7s. 3d., being £5221, 18s. 7d. more than the preceding year; the amount received for Bibles and Testaments is £59,600, 2s. 3d.; making the total receipts from the ordinary sources of income £124,478, 9s. 6d.

To the above must be added the sum of £3694, 4s. 11d., further contributions to the Jubilee Fund, and also £7860, 1s. 3d. to the Chinese New Testament fund; making a grand total of £136,032, 15s. 8d.

The expenditure of the year has amounted to £149,040, 13s. 9d., being an increase on the net payments of £29,782, 18s. 8d.

The society is under engagements to the extent of £96,627, 19s. 3d.

Proceedings at Meeting.—The speakers were the Bishop of Meath, Viscount Ebrington, Macleod Wylie, Esq., of Calcutta, Hon. and Rev. Mr. Pelham, Revs. Norman McLeod, John Farrar, Mr. Bergne, Joshua Harrison, W. Gill. &c. The addresses were of a very superior order, but we regret that we have not room for extracts.

LONDON SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIANITY AMONG THE JEWS.

The 47th anniversary of this society was held on 8th May,—the Earl of Shaftesbury in the chair. The income for the year, £28,781, 13s. 3d., though exhibiting a decrease on last year, is still larger than the income of any year except the last.

Operations.—The report, as usual, reviewed the operations of the society for the year at the various stations occupied by their missionaries, viz.—Amsterdam, Gottenburg, Frankfort, Creuznach, Strasburg, Furth, Berlin, Danzig, Königsberg, Posen, Lissa, Breslau, Cracow in Poland, at Constantinople, Jassy, Bucharest, Bagdad, Jerusalem, Cairo, Tunis, and Tangier.

In London there is a growing attendance of converts and inquirers at the society's chapel in Palestine-place. Twenty adults have been baptized during the year, and twelve children of believing Israelites. Sixteen Hebrew adults have been confirmed, of whom thirteen well-instructed candidates were from the Operative Institution. The chaplain speaks with great thankfulness of the Hebrew schools. One boy has become a schoolmaster, and six others have been placed in respectable situations; while of the girls, eight have left, of whom two have become governesses, one in a private family, and the other in a mixed school; four have gone to domestic service; and two are with their friends. There are at present five students in the Hebrew College, of all of whom the Principal speaks favourably.

The report referred especially to the expulsion of their missionaries from Poland, which has been once and again noticed in this journal.

HOME MISSIONS.

LONDON CITY MISSIONS.

The following is an abstract of the report of the City Mission, read at the anniversary meeting by the Rev. C. Garwood:—

"The general impression of the missionaries was,

that owing to the cholera and the war, together with the high price of provisions and deficiency of employment, there never had been so trying a year for the working-classes as that to which the report referred; and the benefits conferred by the labours of the missionaries had been great in proportion. The number of visits paid by the missionaries to cases of Asiatic cholera, exclusive of English cholera cases, and cases of children, was 5,839. It was a cause of great thankfulness to God, that notwithstanding the severity of the duty, and the almost daily exposure to the pestilence, only one of the society's missionaries had died of cholera, and only one from other causes. The Committee attribute this, and the comparatively small amount of sickness which had prevailed during the year amongst the society's missionaries, to the fact of their having engaged the services of a medical man to attend to them, and their wives and families. The total number of visits paid to sick and dying adults in general, during the year, had been 15,295, being an increase of 3,022 on the number during the previous year. Upwards of one-third of the persons thus visited receive no other religious consolation. After referring to the visits of the missionaries to the wives, the widows, and the orphans, of the soldiers engaged and who had fallen in the Crimea, and the distribution of tracts to the soldiers previous to their departure, and to their friends subsequently, for the purpose of being forwarded to them in letters, and quoting many interesting cases evidencing the benefit that had resulted from this feature of the agency, the document proceeded to observe, that owing to the paucity of funds there had been only one addition made to the number of the missionaries during the year, the total number being now 328 against 327 in the previous year; and even this increase could not have taken place, had not the society received a large legacy during the year. The number of hours spent in domiciliary visitation had been less during the last than in the previous year; but the aggregate amount of missionary work had been larger, and the result had been larger. The total number of visits paid during the year had been 1,484,563, being an increase on the previous year of 45,245. The number of religious tracts distributed had been 2,092,854, being an increase of 161,149; of religious books lent, 50,458,—increase, 13,647; Bibles distributed, 8115,—increase, 1,427. Meetings held for the purpose of prayer, and exposition of the Scriptures, 25,318; increase, 2,283. Fallen women persuaded to enter asylums, or to return to their friends, 411, against 376 in 1854, and 217 in 1853. Drunkards reclaimed, 656; being an increase over the previous year of 87. Besides this, 470 persons living together unmarried have been persuaded to marry; 360 families have been induced to commence the practice of family prayer; 700 persons had been brought to participate in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper; 967 cases of decided repentance and improvement of life were also reported; 9,561 children had been sent to school through the exertion of the society's missionaries, being an increase 1,708 over the number of the previous year. The number of open-air services, and the attendance at them, also showed a considerable increase. The financial statement showed an increase in the receipts as compared with the previous year, but this was made up in part by a legacy of upwards of £4,000 from the late Mrs. Margaret Wilson, of Eaton Square, and was wholly insufficient to meet the growing demands upon the society, or even to maintain the present agency during the year."

On the important subject of open-air preaching, Mr. Canon Miller, of Birmingham, made some most