

Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

ESTABLISHED 1701. Report of the year 1888.
THE SOCIETY'S INCOME FOR 1888.

I. GENERAL FUND—		£	s.	d.
Subscriptions, Dividends and Contributions.....	105,910	1	1	
Legacies.....	8,552	11	5	
Rents, Dividends, etc.....	3,222	2	0	
Total receipts general fund	117,684	15	0	
II. SPECIAL FUNDS.....	20,982	2	0	
Total income	£138,666	17	0	

In addition to the above, the society's treasurers had received for invested funds, held by the society as a corporation for specific trusts by request, the sum of £1,429 0s. 8d.

In this sum of £105,610 1s. 1d. are included two gifts of securities, worth £25,200 and £2,200 respectively. The former was "a thankoffering to almighty God for the extension of the church in the colonies and dependencies of the British empire and beyond it." The latter was a memorial of one who had long been a munificent supporter of the society.

Central China Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

REPORT for 1888. See Statistics Page 314,
MISSIONARY REVIEW for April.

One of the most important minor reports presented is that in regard to Land Tenure. It should be followed up in every mission of every society. The necessity of owning and developing real estate in connection with missionary work makes it of the highest importance that the laws of Land Tenure should be well understood. The Brother who makes the report seems to feel as if the time spent upon it was of little value. We would reply in the words of the venerable Father Goodell of Constantinople to one who made a similar complaint: "The disciples were serving the master just as much when they went to get the ass as when they preached at Pentecost."

The Philander Smith Memorial Hospital at Nanking reports in all 10,100 patients treated, a grand record of good work done.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been very successful in its medical work among the Tartar women of Chiukiang and good results are already evident.

Jaffa Medical Mission and Hospital.

The annual report for 1888 shows expenditures of £1,290, \$6,416. The number of out-door cases has been 13,217; 138 on a single day. 511 patients have been received to the hospital; 307 men and 204 women and children. The various religions represented have been, Moslem 414, Greek 44, Jewish 23, Maronite 13, Protestant 10, Roman Catholic

5, Druze 1. "All these, evening after evening, have heard the Word of God read and very simply and earnestly explained, many of them joining, with every appearance of reverence in Christian prayer." In this as in so many other cases the most interesting features of the work can be known only to the workers themselves and to God. The supporters must be content to await the open answers to their prayers and donations, until there is more perfect liberty granted to searchers after truth.

American Seaman's Friend Society. The sixty-first annual meeting was held in the chapel of the Sailor's Home, 190 Cherry street, New York, on the afternoon of the 6th inst. The annual report shows that 27 chaplains or missionaries have endeavored to promote the spiritual and temporal welfare of seamen in ports extending around the world. During the year 501 loan libraries have been sent out, consisting of 18,036 books, 7,524 being new, and supplying crews of 7,781 seamen. On U. S. Naval vessels and in U. S. Hospitals, 923 libraries, of 35,742 books, have been maintained within reach of 114,267 men. The heroic U. S. Life Saving Service has been remembered by 117 libraries of 4,220 volumes. The Sailors' Home, on Cherry street, N. Y., accommodated 1,351 sailors during the twelve months, and took good care of more than \$10,000 deposited temporarily with the lessee. Shipwrecked and destitute seamen were relieved by gifts amounting to \$653.70. The income of the year amounted to \$27,832.89, and the outgo to \$34,971.05.

American Bible Society. The sixty-first annual meeting was held Thursday afternoon at the Bible House. The annual report shows that the total cash receipts for general purposes were \$499,823.56. The disbursements for general purposes amounted to \$555,979.78, leaving a deficiency of \$56,166.22, which was provided for in part by a loan and in part by the sale of certain securities. The following were elected to the Board of Managers for four years: John H. Earle, S. V. R. Cruger, E. Bert A. Brinkerhoff, James G. Levett, Charles H. Trask, William Hoyt, Robert W. De Forest, J. D. Kurtz Crook and T. G. Sellow.

The seventy-fifth anniversary of the American Baptist Missionary Union began at Boston, May 15. The following statistics were given: Missionaries appointed during the year, 30; missionaries sailed to the field, 31; missionaries returned, 9; total appropriations for the year, \$423,318; total receipts, \$415,144; balance against the treasury, \$8,174. The Foreign Secretary's report shows that in all the missions there are 279 missionaries, 1,316 churches, 134,413 members—an increase of 17 missionaries, 20 churches, and 7,205 members. In missions to the heathen are 62 stations and 1,179 out-stations.