

of war and commercial difficulty, *this* intelligence by the English March Notices: "It will excite gratitude to God in the hearts of all the friends of the Society to learn that the ordinary receipts for the year 1855, have equalled those of the previous year, and that the total amount to be reported will considerably exceed £100,000." The core of British mercy, and of British Methodism is sound. "When an African Prince sent an embassy, with costly presents to the Queen of Great Britain, and asked her in return to tell him the secret of England's greatness and England's glory, our beloved Queen sent him, not the number of her fleets or her armies, the cost of her crown jewels, or the details of her commerce, but she sent him a beautifully bound copy of the BIBLE, and said, "This is the secret of England's greatness!"

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### OUR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It cannot have escaped observation, that the extension of our work to the Hudson's Bay Territory has not obtained the mere acquiescence of the ministers, members, and friends of our Church, but an approval given with avidity, and made delightfully satisfactory by an unexampled generosity. They needed such a field for the exhibition of their Christian principles, and the British Conference providentially surrendered it; they needed a tour of exploration, and no less an experienced Minister than the Wesleyan Co-Delegate undertook it; they needed Missionaries for the posts selected, and they were ready: we need more Missionaries now, and already has the Society an offer of Ministerial service; we need always a cordial community to sustain the Society, and we have that, thank God. Last year, doubtless, many contributions were increased in remembrance of Hudson's Bay claims, and several large subscriptions were expressly for its Missions: this year we expect to find, when the Branch Society's reports are received, it is the same; but already it is known that at the late noble Anniversary of our Richmond Street friends in this city, a gentleman proposed to give a hundred dollars towards sending additional Missionaries to the Bay; and since then many tongues have been recommending, and many Dorcas hands preparing clothing for indigent Indians, and sundry useful articles for the Stations there. They sent a box last year valued £40, and the returns they have had from a gracious Providence since, make them impatient to be blessed again. We have other friends in the Province—east and west—who will want from time to time to be participants in such acts and such happiness.

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### PROGRESSION.

At the close of a business letter the Rev. Conrad Vandusen, the active Chairman of the Owen's Sound District, informs us, that the work is growing in many parts of his District, especially on the Indian Missions. He says, "They are still prospering at Garden River, and at the Pic. A letter from the brother labouring there I here enclose to you. In a former letter he informed me that they held a Great Council at the Pic, and the Indians have concluded to form a settlement there, and plant next spring." An auspicious movement, and always consequent on religious impressions made upon Pagan minds; and it shows that the leaven of the Divine word is diffusing itself.