

NOTES ON PROTESTANT MISSIONS.

Of the larger English Societies, the oldest are the *Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge*, founded 1698, and the *Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts*, 1701. The operations of the

Anglo-Spanish Missions. S.P.C.K. have always consisted in the main of the publication of Christian literature in many languages, and of grants of money for episcopal endowments, church building, and a host of other objects; though for just a century, ending 1824, it carried on Missions of its own in South India with German and Danish Lutheran ministers. The S.P.G. was founded primarily to provide Church ministrations in the Colonies, but from the first it sought to reach the heathen races as well as the settlers, particularly in North America; and in the present century its direct Missions to the Heathen have been largely developed. No society has more varied and extensive fields. In India, it has extensive Missions in the Telugu and Tamil districts in the South, where it took over, in 1824, the old S.P.C.K. Missions above alluded to; also in Bengal, the North-West Provinces, and the Bombay Presidency. Bishop Caldwell of Tinnevely was an S.P.G. missionary for half a century. In West Africa (Rio Pongas); in South Africa (several large dioceses); in Madagascar and Mauritius; in Ceylon, Burmah, and Malaysia (Singapore, Borneo, &c.); in North China, Japan, and Corea; in North and South America, and the West Indies; and in the South Seas, it either conducts Missions directly or subsidizes Diocesan Missions. In South Africa, Madagascar, Burmah, Malaysia, North China, Corea, and Guiana, it is the only missionary society of the Church of England. Many of the greatest colonial and missionary bishops have been upon its roll of missionaries. Its figures are—Clergy 719, (European 549, Native 170); single women, in connexion with Ladies' Association, 63; communicants, 74,754; total adherents, 269,874.

On the *Church Missionary Society*, see separate Note, below.

The *Universities' Mission to Central Africa* was founded in 1859, in response to the appeals of Livingstone. From Zanzibar as a base it has extended largely on the mainland of East Africa, from Usambara in the north to Lake Nyassa in the south. Bishops Mackenzie, Steere, and Smythies have been conspicuous among its leaders. Its figures are—Missionaries (white), 82, (ordained 27, lay 30, single women 25); native clergy, 6; communicants, 1186; total adherents, 4101.

The *South American Missionary Society*, founded under the name of the Patagonian Society in 1844, was the outcome of the heroic attempts of Captain Allen Gardiner to evangelize the Fuegians of Patagonia. He and his party perished of starvation; but his successors were wonderfully blessed, and the results of their work led to Charles Darwin becoming a contributor to the Society. Its present title was adopted in 1864, and its operations now extend to many parts of South America. Its figures are—Missionaries, 41 (ordained 11, lay 19, wives 8, single women 3).

The *Colonial and Continental Church Society*, founded 1823, though not strictly a missionary society, cannot be omitted, because its work in the Colonies runs parallel with a large section of the work of the S.P.G., which is always included in missionary statistics. Its operations are carried on in Canada, West Indies, South Africa, India, Australia, New Zealand, and Mauritius. Its figures are—Ordained 140; lay 31; single women 95; total, 266. This of course does not include chaplains employed for short periods on the Continent.

The *Church of England Zenana Missionary Society*, established 1880, provides lady missionaries for most of the C.M.S. fields in India; also some in Ceylon, and in the Fuh-kien Province of China. It is the largest women's missionary organization, employing 171 missionaries.

Among smaller Church of England missionary organizations are the following:—The *Cambridge Mission at Delhi*, the *Oxford Mission at Calcutta*, the *Society of St. John the Evangelist* (Cowley Fathers) in India and South