

1811 to 1892 her voluntary contributions for the building and maintenance of schools was over thirty-six millions of pounds.

Of a total sum of £1,363,153, contributed in 1892 by the Church and all the religious bodies in England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, including the Church of Rome, in Foreign Missions, the Church of England contributed £584,615. And while recently all the religious bodies to which reference has been made have decreased their contributions to foreign missions by a total of £102,000, churchmen, at the same time, have increased their contributions by a total sum of £45,000 a year.

Of course, in the absence of published statements, we cannot obtain accurate information as to the amounts which the various religious bodies annually raise for the support of their own denominational objects and organizations.

From such information, however, as we can obtain, we should judge that the sum total of the voluntary amounts raised by the whole of them put together falls short of that raised by the Church, while for undenominational, but purely general charitable objects, the Church, singly, voluntarily contributes a much larger sum annually than that which they all give to the same purposes.

No doubt you regard this statement as startling, if not incredible, and as requiring proof.

Well, the best way to settle the point in your own mind, and to test the accuracy of our assertion, is to obtain the subscription list of any general charity in your own

county, and to compare the amounts contributed by Churchmen and Nonconformists, and the collections in churches and chapels for its support (our readers in every county can do the same), and it will be found that there is a heavy balance indeed in favour of the voluntary liberality of churchmen.

You ask for a specific illustration of the accuracy of our assertion. Well, you shall have it. Here it is.

There are some twenty-two of what may be called the principal religious bodies in London, with the representatives of a large number of smaller religious bodies beside, and yet on Hospital Sunday, in the June of each year, for the last twenty years, the Church has contributed more than all of them put together.

On Hospital Sunday, in June 1892, out of a total raised of £37,082 15s. 2d., the Church actually contributed the large proportion of £29,653 10s. 1cd.; and out of a total sum of £624,095, contributed to the Hospital Sunday Fund within twenty years, churchmen actually gave the very large proportion of £478,623.

We think, then, that these facts clearly show

1. That the Church of England, notwithstanding her anciently acquired endowments from voluntary sources, is still a very voluntary Church.

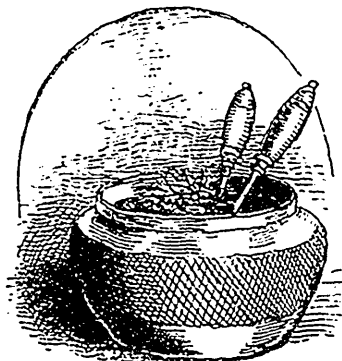
2. That in the exercise of voluntary liberality she will compare favourably with all the religious bodies put together, and that her possession of endowments does not hinder the exercise of her voluntary liberality.

COTTAGE COOKERY.

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POOR MAN'S GOOSE.



	Average Cost.
1 Sheep's heart and liver	6d.
2 lbs. potatoes	2
2 Onions	1
1 Teaspoonful powdered sage	} 1
1 Teaspoonful salt	
1 Teaspoonful pepper	
	9d.

Wash, pare, and parboil the potatoes—that is, put them into a saucepan covered with cold water, and when it boils take out the potatoes. Cut them in slices. Wash the heart and liver well in cold water, dry thoroughly, and slice thinly. Mix together on a plate the sage, pepper, and salt. Peel and chop the onions. Next grease a pie-dish, and put in it alternate layers of potatoes and meat, sprinkling each with chopped onion and seasoning. Cover the top with a piece of greased paper, and bake in a moderate oven about an hour.

Sometimes slices of bacon are added to this dish. They should be placed between the potatoes and the meat,