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We make an appeal to all to assist in a national cause. We claim the help of those who have long ago advocated the duty of providing education free and without cost. We appeal to the ratepayers, who are patient sufferers under a grievous burden, and who are in danger of suffering more. We appeal to the mass of the people who are paying fees heavier than they can well afford. We appeal to the philanthropists who are enlisted in the sacred work of education, who know the deadening influence of the hand of the State, who have marked the sad results of overstrain upon children and teachers, and who note with unutterable disgust the false catch-words which bring victory in School Board elections. We are not afraid of appealing boldly to the secularist who maintains that the State should pay all round for efficient secular education, leaving the religious teaching to the voluntary bodies; to the Nonconformist, "who detests officialism, and believes that a righteous and God-fearing race need very little Government;" and lastly, to the Churchman, who does battle for liberty of conscience, who believes in the absolute duty of parents, be they Catholic or materialist, to insist that their children shall be definitely taught the reasons for their faith, the dogmas upon which, according to their knowledge, the principle of life is founded.

STANLEY LEIGHTON.



ART. IV.—OUR SUPPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS must be our ejaculation, as we learn that, in the year 1882, God's people in the British Isles contributed more liberally towards Foreign Mission work than they had ever done before; nearly £100,000 more than in the previous year.¹ Yet our jubilation will receive a wholesome check, if we realize one aspect of the second verse in that grand old hymn, "Te Deum": "*All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father Everlasting.*" If we Churchmen, whose privilege it is constantly to utter these words, would

¹ British Contributions to Foreign Missions amounted to :

£1,086,678 in the year 1879	} Without reckoning any income from investments or contributions from abroad.
£1,108,950 in the year 1880	
£1,093,569 in the year 1881	
£1,191,175 in the year 1882	

give heed to the Missionary suggestions they may raise, lifting our thoughts from the obedient earth itself to the inhabitants thereof, each "Te Deum" that is chanted might incite us to greater exertion for the spread of Christ's Gospel into the dark places of the earth.

The increase in contributions, during 1882, was not confined to any one body of Christians in the British isles; but there was an advance along the whole line. Analysis of the various Reports shows that the sums voluntarily contributed may be classified as follows :

	£
Church of England Societies received	500,306
Joint Societies of Churchmen and Nonconformists	154,813
English and Welsh Nonconformist Societies	348,175
Scotch and Irish Presbyterian Societies	176,362
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Total contributed in 1882 to Protestant Societies	1,179,656
Roman Catholic Societies, received	11,519
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Total	£1,191,175

In this summary we have nothing but voluntary contributions from the British isles. Income from investments is excluded; and no account is here taken of the large sums raised abroad, nor of balances in hand at the commencement of the year.

The Reports prove that amongst many whom God has blessed with wealth, the duty of giving annual subscriptions, proportioned to their large means, is realized, and is increasingly acted upon. Nevertheless, it is vain to shut our eyes to the fact that the conventional subscription of one guinea per annum is far too often adhered to by good men who ought to give more. We have been much impressed with the thoughts suggested by an entry in the daily-expense book of a Kentish esquire, of small estate, who lived at the time of the Commonwealth. It records his donation to the cause of Christian Missions, long before the oldest of our Missionary Societies was formed. Our Society for the Propagation of the Gospel was incorporated in 1701, for the religious instruction of British subjects beyond the seas; for the maintenance of clergymen in the plantations, colonies, and factories of Great Britain; and for the propagation of the Gospel in those parts: and its income in 1701 was £1,537. Our Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge had preceded it in the Mission field by three years, being incorporated in 1698. Seven years earlier still, a Christian Faith Society for the West Indies had been formed in 1691. Long before any of these Societies had arisen, during the period when Oliver Cromwell was Pro-

lector, the Kentish esquire recorded his donation to Foreign Mission work. Its terms seem to suggest that the title of our old Society, the "S. P. G." must have been borrowed from a yet older organization, which sprang into being while Cromwell was at the head of affairs.

The actual entry in the daily-expense book of James Master, Esq., of Mereworth in Kent, runs thus :

	£.	s.	d.
1655, Sept. 2 : Given to y ^e propagating of y ^e Gospell			
in New-England			01.00.00

Two hundred and twenty-eight years ago, money was of much greater value than it is now : yet the majority of annual subscriptions to the work of 'propagating y^e Gospell' still find their limit in the guinea which resembles in amount that Kentish gentleman's gift in 1655.

In England the cause of Missions is not systematically reviewed, in a general and comprehensive manner, by any of our magazines ; but THE CHURCHMAN has done more than any other in this direction. In the United States, a large bi-monthly magazine,¹ of eighty-eight pages, keeps its readers *au courant* with the Foreign Mission work of all the American Societies. Assistance of the greatest value might be rendered to the cause of Missions by the periodical press in England ; and we believe that a growing desire to treat the subject more fairly may be traced in many quarters. That there was great need for a change of attitude in some powerful organs of the daily press, may be gathered from the fact that, when the *Times* newspaper first inserted the present writer's "Annual Summary of British Contributions to Foreign Missions," an offensive heading was affixed to it in the editor's office. The statistics were printed at full length ; but they were labelled "THE FOREIGN MISSION TAX." Since that time, however, we have reason to believe that, with respect to Missionaries and their work, the harsh views of a certain great newspaper proprietor have been greatly ameliorated by personal intercourse with one of the most indefatigable of living Missionaries, the Bishop of Moosonee, and by a knowledge of the self-denying work of his life.

That French statesmen and French officers should malign English Missionaries and their work at Madagascar is natural ; but it is sad to see our own House of Lords, and the pages of our English Press, occasionally made the scene of general

¹ The *Missionary Review*, published at Princeton, New Jersey, under the direction of the Rev. R. G. Wilder, has appeared six times a year during the past five years.

abuse against the long-suffering body of faithful emissaries sent out by our Missionary Societies. It is refreshing to turn from such attacks in the present to Dr. Fleming Stevenson's notice of such an attack in the past. We have not personally investigated his figures, but Dr. Stevenson's authority may well guarantee the accuracy of his representation respecting the results vouchsafed to the labours of English and American societies.

"It was the boast of Voltaire," says Dr. Fleming Stevenson, "that Christianity would have disappeared from the earth before the beginning of the nineteenth century. We are approaching the end of it, and Protestant Christianity alone is represented by 100 Societies, supporting 3,000 ordained Foreign Missionaries, at a cost of £1,700,000 a year; and with the result that there are now 2,300,000 native Christians in the countries where they labour, and that a single year swells the number by 140,000 more."

W. A. SCOTT ROBERTSON.

ANALYSIS OF THE RECEIPTS OF 79 SOCIETIES FOR 1882-83.

I. Societies of the Church of England.

	From abroad and other sources.	From Invest- ments.	British Contribu- tions.
	£	£	£
1. Church Missionary Society	7,009	11,007	207,215
2. Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts (in addition to £18,272 received through Societies mentioned below	1,812	10,778	111,750
3. Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, paid in aid of Foreign Mission work, about . . . . .	...	...	15,000
4. London Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews	711	2,841	37,579
5. Colonial and Continental Church Society	20,889	173	22,835
6. Church of England Zenana Missionary Society	224	88	17,211
7. Central African Mission, of the Universities	173	317	12,544
8. South American Missionary Society	3,192	166	11,866
9. Ladies' Association for Promoting Female Educa- tion among the Heathen (to aid S. P. G.) . . . . .	...	...	6,150
10. Spanish, Portuguese, and Mexican Church Aid Society	60	...	6,073
11. Moosonee Diocesan Fund . . . . .	...	...	4,724
12. British Syrian Schools	212	210	4,139
13. Missionary Leaves Association (aiding Native Clergy of the Church Missionary Society) . . . . .	...	8	3,824
14. Colonial Bishops' Fund	1,508	10,780	3,244
15. <i>The Net's</i> Collections (for the Mackenzie Memorial Mission, and 12 other Funds) . . . . .	...	156	2,695
16. St. Augustin's Missionary College (in addition to endowment for Warden and Fellows) . . . . .	...	731	2,155
17. Melanesian Mission . . . . .	...	...	2,143

	From abroad and other sources. £	From Invest- ments. £	British Contribu- tions. £
18. Anglo-Continental Society	1,367
19. Coral Missionary Fund (to aid Schools and Native Catechists of the C.M.S.)	22	1,234
20. Columbia Mission (no Report), about	1,200
21. Foreign Aid Society (for France, Belgium, Italy, and Spain)	3	1,096
22. St. Boniface Mission House, Warminster	1,030
23. Cambridge Mission to Delhi	54	575
24. Delhi Female Medical Mission	327
Christian Faith Society for the West Indies	2,176	
<i>Estimated Value</i> of other Gifts sent direct to Mission Stations, or gathered for individual Dioceses, Schools, Colleges, and Zenana Work, unreported	22,330
<i>Total amount of Donations, Legacies, and An- nual Subscriptions to Church of England Societies for 1882</i>			<u>£500,306</u>

II. Joint Societies of Churchmen and Nonconformists.

25. British and Foreign Bible Society (portion devoted to Foreign Mission Work) . . . . .	...	...	75,000
26. Religious Tract Society	5,337	563	14,261
27. China Inland Mission . . . . .	...	...	13,840
28. Indian Female Normal School Society	26	...	8,497
29. East London Mission Institute (portion devoted to Foreign Mission Work), about . . . . .	...	...	7,000
30. Society for Promoting Female Education in the East	156	549	6,815
31. Moravian (Episcopal) Missions of the United Brethren	12,403	731	6,594
32. Livingstone Inland Congo Mission . . . . .	...	...	6,543
33. Christian Vernacular Education Society for India	6,327	123	3,390
34. Waldensian Missions Aid Fund . . . . .	...	...	3,116
35. Trinitarian Bible Society . . . . .	...	24	2,029
36. Turkish (American) Missions Aid Society . . . . .	...	...	1,704
<i>Estimated Value</i> of other Contributions in money and work . . . . .	...	...	6,024
<i>Total amount of British Contributions for 1882, through Joint Societies of Churchmen and Nonconformists</i>			<u>£154,813</u>

III. Nonconformist Societies (English and Welsh).

37. Wesleyan Missionary Society (spent £5,955 on Missions in Ireland)	153,626	4,588	120,578
38. London Missionary Society	20,668	4,445	100,245
39. Baptist Missionary Society	13,440	1,598	51,449
40. English Presbyterian Foreign Missions	1,051	59	14,021
41. British Society for the Propagation of the Gospel among the Jews . . . . .	...	29	9,425
42. "Friends" Foreign Mission Association . . . . .	...	401	6,129
43. United Methodist Free Churches Foreign and Colonial Missions	8,052	...	6,040
44. Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Missions	1,404	385	5,435
45. Evangelical Continental Society . . . . .	...	42	5,368
46. General Baptist Missionary Society	3,540	241	4,197
47. Wesleyan Ladies Auxiliary for Female Education . . . . .	...	45	3,792

	From abroad and other sources. £	From Invest- ments. £	British Contribu- tions. £
48. Primitive Methodist Colonial Missions . . . . .	...	...	3,400
49. Colonial Missionary Society . . . . .	...	69	3,311
50. Methodist New Connection Missionary Society	788	...	2,720
51. English Presbyterian Women's Mission Fund . . . . .	...	...	2,414
52. "Friends" Mission in Syria and Palestine	1,554	...	1,650
53. Primitive Methodist African Mission . . . . .	...	...	1,565
54. Women "Friends" Committee for Christian Work in France . . . . .	...	29	436
<i>Estimated Value of work sent to Mission Stations, and of other unreported Contributions . . . . .</i>	...	...	6,000

*Total British Contributions through English and
Welsh Nonconformist Societies for 1882* £348,175

IV. *Scotch and Irish Presbyterian Societies.*

Free Church of Scotland Mission Funds :—

55. Foreign Missions	27,614	2,741	42,189
56. Continental Fund	745	124	8,080
57. Ladies Society for Female Education . . . . .	...	...	5,291
58. Jews Conversion Fund . . . . .	...	322	4,936
59. Colonial Mission	134	52	3,107
60. United Presbyterian Foreign Missions	858	1,288	35,992
61. United Presbyterian Zenana Mission . . . . .	...	...	3,938
Church of Scotland Mission Boards :—			
62. Foreign Missions	9,041	556	15,394
63. Jewish Mission	204	...	5,958
64. Colonial and Continental Missions . . . . .	...	...	5,945
65. Ladies' Association for Female Missions . . . . .	...	...	4,465
66. Ladies' Association for Educating Jewesses . . . . .	...	...	473
67. National Bible Society of Scotland (exclusive of Sales, £11,162) . . . . .	...	965	14,629
68. Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society	970	138	3,517
69. Waldensian Missions Aid Fund . . . . .	...	...	2,989
70. Lebanon Schools . . . . .	...	...	865
71. Original Secession Church's Indian Mission . . . . .	...	...	699
<i>Estimated Value of other Scottish Contributions . . . . .</i>	...	...	3,230

*Total Contributions of Scottish Presbyterians
for 1882* £161,697

Irish Presbyterian Missions :—

72. Foreign Mission	1,454	240	6,225
73. Jewish Mission . . . . .	...	...	3,675
74. Continental Mission . . . . .	...	...	2,216
75. Ladies' Female Missionary Society . . . . .	...	...	1,720
76. Colonial Mission	200	...	829
77. Mrs. Magee's Indian Education Fund . . . . .	...	1,261	...

*Total British Contributions through Scottish
and Irish Presbyterian Societies for 1882* £176,362

V. *Roman Catholic Missionary Societies.*

78. Society for the Propagation of the Faith . . . . .	...	...	7,356
79. St. Joseph's Foreign Missionary Society and Col- lege at Mill Hill, Hendon . . . . .	...	...	4,163

*Total British Contributions to Roman Catholic
Missions* £11,519