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For the Christian Messenger. The English May Meetings.

[From our London Correspondent.] London, May 15, 1857.

MR. EDITOR,

meetings as yet held. To many readers, the the Sunday-school Union afforded. tails may be dry, as they are mostly statistical. But to those who feel an interest in those samerous Societies which are the exponents of aglish Christianity-which have for their object sectension of the Redeemer's kingdom at and abroad-I believe, even the brief deuils sent will be very acceptable. Etterly despairing of giving anything like an

la of the numbers assembled, or of the elohimen's names. The reports, however, mich contain the gist of operations performed, Bulgaria. adexplain the way in which funds have been mended, I have analysed so as to present a aridea of each Society's progress. It would be an interesting and well-repaid blour, to compile the gross amount of all the inds raised for evangelical and Bible missions ming the past year : perhaps some of your milers may have the leisure and inclination to iss, analyzing the various fields of labour, and awing the amount devoted to each. Such, migh laborious, would be a service, in showing wfar England, who sends troops and armaints abroad, also sends the gospel of peace to wolf shores and idolatrous benighted nations. would also refute the charges we sometimes at, that while money is lavished on foreigners, spoor, destitute, unchristianized masses of nows land are left unprovided for. With these preliminary remarks, I offer a mof information (the reports and proceedings MERTY-FOUR SOCIETIES) which is perhaps not is found together in any one paper, in Engalor elsewhere. The series shall be continued meetings are held. To the " Christian Mesger" all details of Christian labour are wele, be they carried on by any God-fearing a, on any spot of that earth which must be ingelized before Christ shall reign among the MAYAL AND MILITARY BIBLE SOCIETY:-Anmeeting held at Willis's Rooms, St. in.-The report stated that during the past w the Society had issued 14,229 Bibles and fee plantations in Ceylon. Testaments, Of these, 923 Bibles and Testaments had been granted to Her Majesthips; 234 Bibles and 156 Testaments to Royal Marines; 416 Bibles and 160 Testaats to naval and military schools, sailor's as, &c. The army had been supplied during last year with 2173 Bibles and 183 Testaab i while the militia, previous to being disaded, were supplied with 130 Bibles and 582 aments. In addition to the above free at to the military, 3,250 Bibles had been plied at the reduced prices to the Chaplainaral, for distribution. 2,075 Bibles and Testaments had been circulated among the mant seamen, and 1,795 Bibles and 1,008 aments among canal boatmen, bargemen, tshermen. The receipts for the past year

Keep a copy of these rules. Read them at to be found in Sunday-school, in connexion or total receipts, from the ordinary sources of inleast every week, and often ask wherein you disagreement with the Established Church. come, £137,756 14s. 11d., being £9,031 4s. 10d. bave sinned against them. If you are prone to The report stated that the total receipts for the more than in any former year. To the above break them, then read them every day, as you year had been £2,952, which, compared with must be added the sum of £993 2s. 4d. for the

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION .-- The annual meet-Observe these rules, and though by nature ing was held in the newly erected Jubilee Buildthe colonies. It concluded by referring to the personal canvas which took place in the meschools, and 34,901 were promised to be sent : £73,000. and it appeared that 13,345 fulfilled their pro-

wief abstract of nearly all the anniversary of 100,000 persons requiring instructions which Mr. Lush, Q. C. The report stated that since

From the report it appeared that the mission pensioners receive 10 guineas per annum ; 232 established by the American Board of Commis- receive 5 guineas per annum; 50 receive £2 8s. sioners for Foreign Missions appear to be entitled per annum, eight in poor-houses, receive 1s. per to the largest share of support, being extended month; making a total of 432 pensioners, over a much wider field, and having been suc- amongst whom during the past year a sum of cessfully prosecuted where no other Protestant £2029 2s. was distributed-being £100 above missions had existed. Last year the revenue the previous year's expenditure, exclusive of ment speeches delivered, I have only given had increased to £3,162; £214 had been con- necessary expenses. A sum of £2502 12s. 10d., tributed to the purposes of the new mission to including a balance of £225 15s. 1d. carried

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY .- The anniversary meeting was held at Exeter Hall. Several remains a balance of £341 18s. The legacies Bishops and other dignitaries of the Church amounted to 199 19s. and the public memorial were present. The Earl of Chichester presided, fund has reached the sum of £223 3s. 2d. and in the course of his address adverted to the proposed Euphrates Valley Railway, remarking The thirteenth annual meeting of this society, that it was an undertaking of the utmost importance alike to the Christian and the civilized Lord Haddo, M. P. presided. Fifteen hundred world. It was doubtless destined to render incalculable assistance to the missionary cause indeed, it would appear to realize the words of prophecy. From the report it appeared that liabilities, however, were about £130. the total income of the past year amounted to £123,174, being an increase over the previous annual meeting was held in the Literary Instiyear of £7,966. The expenditure reached tution, Oldersgate-street-the Earl of Shaftes-£125,151, and was £1,976 in excess of income. bury presided. The report was rather a disser-The Society have now 131 stations. in various tation on the necessity and usefulness of Raggedparts of the world. The total number of clergy- schools, than a statement of facts. It appeared, men (European and native) in connexion with towards the close, that 563 children had attendthem is 218. In addition to these, there are ed the school during the year, and that in the engaged in the work of the Society 38 European Refuge 3959 persons had been lodged. The laymen, 12 European female teachers, (exclu- average attendance at the Ragged Church, sive of missionaries' wives), 182 native and every Sunday morning, was about 150. Lord country-born catechists and teachers of all class- John Russell, Drs. Archer and Leask, &c. &c. es, and 18,724 communicants. The points of spoke to the meeting. special interest in the report are the largeness of income ; the increase of candidates from the READ .- Annual meeting held at Hanover Square universities; the commencement of a Niger Rooms, and most fashionably attended. The mission in West Africa, and the ordination of Bishop of Calisle presided. From the report it native teachers; the prospects of success at appeared that there are at present 58 pupils in Peshawur; the commencement of a mission in the institution. The past year's receipts were as's; the Marquis of Cholmondely in the Mauritius; and the progress of the mission £1809; expenditure, £1709. A lady had givamong the Tamil Coolies employed on the cof- en £200 to reduce the debt, and it is now but In the evening a second gathering was held sang the 125th hymn. in the same place, the Marquis of Cholmondeley presiding. BOOK SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN Hanover Square Rooms, the Bishop of London KNOWLEDGE AMONG THE POOR .--- The 107th annual meeting was heldat the London Coffee House, good effected by the readers-both spiritually Ludgate Hill .. The Report entered into a de- and in bringing to light cases of distress and tailed account of the progress of the Society, poverty which otherwise would never have been and was of a highly satisfactory' character. LIBERATION OF RELIGION SOCIETY .- The an- year, and the expenditure had exceeded the innual public meeting was held at St. Martin's- come by £622 : which was occasioned bp preshall; Thomas Barnes, Esq., in the chair. The sure of the late war. Secretary made a statement, in lieu of a report, from the committee. He said they had now ROMAN CATHOLICS .- The eighth annual meeting succeeded in opening Oxford to Dissenters, and was held in Excter-hall, the Earl of Cavan in

total of £138,749 17s. 3. The issues of the Society for the year are as follows :-- From the your minister may be far from what you would ings, Old Bailey ; Mr. Alderman Challis in the depot at home, -1,001,965 copies ; from the dehave him, still grace and your kindness will chair. The report stated that the Union was pots abroad, 515,893 copies; total, 1,517,858 extending in England, France, America, and copies, being an increase of 43,464 copies over those of any preceding year. The total issues of the Society now amount to 32,381,759 copies. tropolis on the 20th April last. There were The ordinary payments have amounted to £132,-6,172 persons engaged in the task, and they 094 4s. 7d., and the payments on account of the visited the various streets and lanes, throughout Jubilee and Chinese New Testament funds to London: 120,675 houses were visited, in which £6,890 18s. 10d., making the total expenditure 240,186 children, between 3 and 18 years of age, of the year to amount to £138,985 3s. 5d. The were found ; of these, 123,794 attended Sunday- Society is under engagements to the extent of

AGED PILGRIM'S FRIEND SOCIETY .- The annual In accordance with my previous promise, I mise. Thus 20,000 children had been added to meeting of this society was held on Tuesday the establishment of the society, fifty years ago, TURKISH MISSIONS AID SOCIETY .- The annual a sum of £50,000 had been distributed by the

> over from previous year, was received during the year, and after deducting expenditure, there

sociation £5,275 had been so granted. Since July there were thirty-six applications. Twentyone of theap plicants were received in houses of refuge and one in a penitonitiary, three were Chinese New Testament fund, making a grand rejected for want of room, eight were not heard of again after application at the office.

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PRAYER-BOOK AND HOMILY, SOCIETY .- The 45th annual meeting was held in Willis's Rooms; the Marquis of Cholmondeley, in the chair. The report stated that the receipts from April 1856, to March 1857, amounted to £1,776 17s. 4d. The expenditure, including a repayment of £131 14s. 2d., borrowed in 1855, had exceeded the income by £25 2s. 1d. The capital fund had been diminished to that extent. During the year ending March 31, 1857, 5516 ships had been visited. These visits led to the sale of 2525 prayer books at reduced prices, and the distribution of 285 books of selected homilies

and other small volumes, besides a large number of single homilies in about twenty different this week send an extra letter, containing a the schools; but there still remained upwards night in Exeter Hall. The chair was taken by languages. The cost of the labours in visiting emigrant, ships and distributing homilies, and collects with catechisms for school children and large prayer-books, has amounted to £221,meeting was held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's. body amongst 1600 pensioners. At present 42 15s. 8d; the contributions to the special fund have been only £59 15s. The total balance now due from the special to the general fund amounts to £397 3s.

> LONDON CITY MISSION .- The annual general meeting was held in Exeter-hall; Mr. J. P. Plumptre in the chair. The report stated that their Committee had been enabled this year to increase the number of its missionaries to 339. Many of these had been placed in very bad parts of the metropolis; and in most cases very nearly the entire salaries had been guaranteed to the Society as a condition of the appointments The new missionaries, included one to the Gipsies, one to the night coffee-houses and refreshment shops, and one to the Orientals of London. The Committee regretted to state that there was a decrease in their funds to the amount of £1,704 18s. 3d. The receipts of the year had been £30,693 12s. 11.; and, in addiincome for the year was £612; the expenditure, tion, £269 1s. 6d., had been received for the £533, leaving a balance in hand of £78. The Disabled Missionaries' Fund. The number of religious tracts distributed during the year was FIELD LANE RACCED SCHOOL .- The fifteenth 2,109,375 : a number not quite equal to the previous year.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY,was held at Excter-hall, which was crowded. members are now enrolled by the society ... The

LONDON SOCIETY FOR TEACHING THE BLIND TO £150. In course of the proceedings the children

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCRIPTURE READERS' AS-SOCIATION .- The annual meeting was held at in the chair. The report spoke fully of the known. The receipts were £482 less than last

SOCIETY NOR IBISH CHURCH MISSION TO THE

He described the work done during the general meeting on the present important and influental versary meeting was held in the long room, \$2,125 18s. fld., and the expenditure election, and stated the result to be a probable position which the Society now occupies. The Exeter-hall, which was crowded to excess. The 121 13s. 8d. clear gain of thirty-six votes in the new Parlia- report stated that the contributions for the year Rt. Hon. J. Napier, M. P. presided. The re-BE PROTESTANT REFORMATION SOCIETY .- The ment in favour of the Society's Parliamentary 1856 were £32,989, which were less by £3,746 port stated that the total issues last year were, and meeting was held at the Hanover-square policy. They were arranging for the immediate than the sum received in 1855. The ordinary 33,988,316, which showed an increase of 2,459,-Lord Calthorpe in the chair. The rere-introduction of the Church-rate Bill. contributions, however, showed an advance of 131 over the previous year. If the Foreiga stated that missions had been established BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY .- The £82, over the former year. There was an in- issues were added, the total would be increased buthwark, Chelsea, St. Giles's, Whiteannual meeting was held at Exeter Hall. The crease of £5 0 6d. on the funds sent from Ire- to 37,000,000, and the total circulation since Mel, St. John's Wood, and in many provin- Earl of Shaftesbury presided, and on the plat- land. The total missionary expenditure was the establishment of the Society, 58 years ago, towns, where the operations of the Society form were the Marquis of Cholmondeley, Lord £27,168, which with the contingent expendi- 744,000,000. Issues had taken place in nearly J. Russell, the Bishops of London. Winehester, ture, amounted, to a total of £32,388. The funds were utterly inadequate to Carlisle, and Rupert's Land ; the Dean of Car- CHURCH PENITENTIARY Association .- The an- sales last year had produced £70,958 17s. 2d. ; every country on the face of the globe. The the numerous appeals for help which were lisle, the Hon. and Rev. B. Noel, &c. The re- nual meeting of this association was held on an increase of £3,284 6s. over the previous year ; * upon the Committee. ceipts of the year ending March 31, 1857, have Friday, at Willis's Rooms, Lord Lyttelton oc- but the benevolent receipts had suffered a de-MURCH OF ENGLAND SUNDAY-SCHOOL INSTITUTE. exceeded those of any preceding year excluding cupied the chair in the absence of the Bishop of ficiency ; the total receipts from subscriptions, tanual meeting was held at Exeter Hall; the special funds). The amount applicable to London. The report stated that the sum of donations and collections, amounting only to Bishop of Winchester in the chair. The the general purposes of the Seciety is £68,381 £500 had been granted in the course of the £7,507 0s. 2d. The grants had amounted to "man entered into statistics, showing that 15s. 8d., and the amount received for Bibles year to the various penitentiaries and refuge 29,681 4s. 0d. which exceeded the benevolent as than one seventh of the population was and Testaments, £69,374 19s. 8d.; making the houses, and since the commencement of the as- income by upwards of £2000.

ENGLISH CHURCH MISSIONS TO ROMAN CATHO LICS .- The annual meeting was held at Willis's Rooms ; Captain the Hon. Francis Maude, R. N., in the chair. The report stated that the income of the Society for the year 1856 amounted to £1,432 12s. 10d., being £284 13s. 3d. less than in the previous year. This deficiency arises chiefly from the lumented death of John Hardy, Esq., who, in the year 1855, contributed the sum of £200, in three separate donations; and from the fact that the Society has not a travelling agency to canvas the country for contributions in its behalf. A new mission has been undertaken in Brompton, owing to an appeal of the Brompton Ladies' Association on the establishment of a parochial district assigned to the Church of the Oratory, Brampton, by Cardinal Wiseman. Various details respecting the Southwark, Brighton, Colchester, and East London Missions, were then given, and the report concluded by giving a general summary of the progress of the Society.

COLONIAL CHURCH AFD SCHOOL SOCIETY .--The annual meeting was held in the Freemason's Hall, Great Queen street. The Earl of Calthorpetook the chair. The report stated the income for the year to be £17,264 4s., being an increase of £4,569 8s. 3d. over that of the preceding year ; and the disbursements, £16,654 17s. The number of missionaries and teachers employed under the Society, in the colonies and elsewhere, during the year, was 39 elergymen, 101 catechists and schoolmasters, and 42 female teachers.

enabling them to take degrees at Cambridge. the chair. The chairman congratulated the THE RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY .- The anni-