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The President and Council have the honour to submit an important private statement, overleaf. - This year it is most needful that cordial support should be given in order that the organization for the development of the Society's working in India and the colonies, now half complete, may be carried to a successful issue, and not have to be recommenced, at a disadvantage hereafter in advancing the Institute and its increasing work, and in turning that work to account, the steady support of all has been of the last importance, encouraging moreover the adhesion of many men of Science. - The Institute is also indebted to many who have introduced new supporters. I am yours faithfully  
F. Petrie

SPECIAL and PRIVATE.—1882.]

The Members will be glad to hear that although the Institute's progress during 1881 in England has been impeded by those influences which have adversely affected all Societies, yet that abroad it has been very encouraging. This year a larger number than in any former year—122 Members—(including some Scientific Men of note) have joined, of whom 53 are Indian, Colonial, and American, 14 are old Members who have returned, and some public bodies desiring the Society's Journal have begun to subscribe.\*

In America, the publicity given to the Institute has led to a most satisfactory event, viz.,—the formation of "the American Institute of Christian Philosophy," an independent Society, founded on the Victoria Institute's lines—whose Object or explanatory paper has been wholly adopted by it—for the purpose of carrying out the Victoria Institute's Objects in the United States. The American Society's Members state that they shall not retire from the Victoria Institute, but will urge that their new Members should join the Victoria Institute also.

As regards the Victoria Institute's Philosophical and Scientific Investigations, an increased number of home and foreign members and friends now contribute to enhance their value.

The general sale of the Journal and People's Edition has doubled since 1880, and it is noteworthy that several orders have been received to send the whole of the Volumes to public Institutions in North and South America, India, Australia, New Zealand, &c. (a special *grant* of the Volumes has

\* In no year have the Subscriptions been so soon paid in; this has especially helped the Society's progress.



been voted by the Council on account of an application on behalf of the Japanese University).

Letters have been received from Members (Prelates and other Ministers of Religion and laymen) in many parts of the world, expressing warm approval of the Institute, and their sense of the value of the Journal; it is increasingly used to lecture from at home, abroad, and in the colonies—lectures in India have now commenced.

For the purpose of making the Society known and furthering its Objects, as complete a list as possible of suitable Indian, Colonial, and United States Newspapers (1,300)\* has been secured. These, having been specially communicated with in regard to the Society's objects, now receive—several times a year—a carefully-prepared paragraph, containing a précis (prepared by the author) of each popular Paper read before the Institute; the arguments therein are thus brought, in a concise form, before a vast mass of readers, and in many instances the newspapers have added leading articles upon the Institute.

The People's Edition (so highly valued by the general public in England, India, and especially in the Colonies) is increasingly popular (the Fund is used so far as its extent allows†).—In addition to the ordinary channels, the papers therein were on Sale at *all* York Booksellers during the British Association Meeting.

\* In 1880 there were only 300, in addition to the Home Newspapers.

† The following were the sums placed to the "People's Edition" Fund during 1881 :—W. Peck, Esq., £25; G. Harries, Esq., £10; R. H. Gunning, Esq., M.D. (South America), £10; Rev. Sir G. Glyn, Bart., £2. 18s.; Rev. J. Gould, and W. E. Stanford, Esq. (South Africa), £2. 2s. each; Rev. T. Powell and J. Langham, Esq., £2 each; Revs. H. S. Escott and W. West, £1. 1s. each.

