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or dollars, for church expenses, schools, and Foreign Missions; but three priests are required here to help the pastor, who is advanced in years. The large and flourishing church of Bom Pastor, Gaia, a centre of Christian work, has, including her Missions, close upon two hundred communicants, and the Gremio da Juventude Evangelica (Young Men's Christian Association) are also self-supporting, and these form a decided majority of the Lusitanian Church. The Church of Espirito Santo, Setubal, has a very active pastor and a membership of nearly one hundred communicants. There are three churches in the city of Lisbon, one at Oporto, and one in the parish of Oliveira, borough of Gaia, but as they have not published any statistics for several years, we much regret that we are unable to state what progress they have made.

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## THE CHURCH ABROAD.

### THE CHURCH IN PORTUGAL.

In our advertisement columns will be found an interesting letter from the Treasurer of the Church of S. Juan Evangelista, Gaya, Portugal, giving an account of the progress which is being made by the Lusitanian Church. In February last it was reported that there had been a considerable increase of members, and during the first six months of the present year 118 fresh members were enrolled. Although Portugal is now passing through a most serious financial crisis, poverty being rampant, the finances of the Church were never before in so satisfactory a condition. Thirty members or adherents of that congregation had been mobilised and sent to Africa or France, and at least half of these were officers or sergeants. A native-born Bishop is urgently required.