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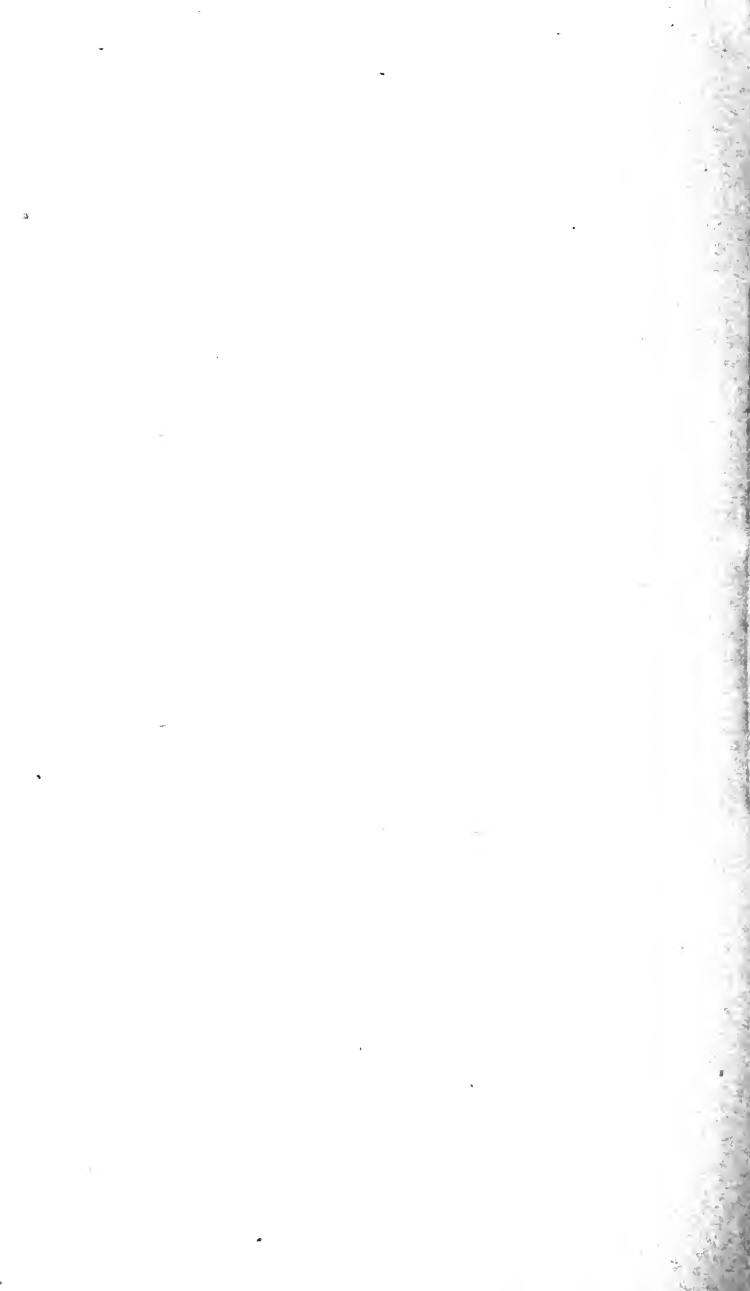
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ANNUAL MEETINGS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

BUFFALO, TUESDAY, *May 14*, 1850.

At 10 o'clock, A. M., the Board of Managers of the American Baptist Missionary Union, held its thirty-sixth annual meeting with the Washington Street Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

A letter from the Hon. James H. Duncan, Chairman of the Board, assigning reasons for his absence from the meeting, was read, and on motion, Rev. Elisha Tucker, D. D., of Ill., was appointed Chairman, *pro tem*.

The services were commenced with singing, and prayer by Rev. B. T. Welch, D. D., of N. Y.

A season of prayer was then observed for the blessing of God on the deliberations of the Board and the Union, and upon the missions under their direction. Rev. O. C. Comstock, D. Ives, and R. H. Neale led in prayer.

The Recording Secretary being temporarily absent, Rev. Jiral D. Cole, of N. Y., was appointed Recording Secretary, *pro tem*.

The roll of the Board was then called, and the following members answered to their names:

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Laymen.</i>
T. F. CALDICOTT,	ALFRED BENNETT,	WM. BUCKNELL, JR.,
JONAH G. WARREN,	WILLIAM R. WILLIAMS,	D. SANDERSON,
LEVI TUCKER,	MORGAN J. RHEES,	J. BORDEN.
A. D. GILLETTE,	E. L. MAGOON,	T. WATSON,
C. B. DAVIS,	JOHN JENNINGS,	B. GREENOUGH,
ELISHA CUSHMAN,	E. E. L. TAYLOR,	JOHN CONANT,
ISAAC WESCOTT,	J. G. COLLOM,	D. R. BARTON,
J. L. BURROWS,	S. W. ADAMS,	GEO. JAMES,
E. TUCKER,	L. RAYMOND,	J. N. WILDER,
L. F. BEECHER,	N. COLVER,	D. M. WILSON.
R. H. NEALE,	J. N. GRANGER,	
DWIGHT IVES,	C. P. SHELDON,	
E. G. ROBINSON,	M. ALLEN.	

The Chairman made a brief and appropriate address to the Board.

Letters, accounting for absence from the meeting, were read from Rev. F. Wayland, D. D., of R. I., E. Hutchinson, of Vt., and C. Evans, of Mich.

The times of meeting were fixed at 9 A. M., and 2½, and 7½ P. M.; and of adjournment at 12½, and 5 o'clock, P. M.

V. R. Hotchkiss, C. P. Sheldon, E. Bright, Jr., and R. E. Eddy were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for the devotional and public missionary meetings to be held during the session.

The Treasurer, R. E. Eddy, Esq., read his Annual Report, showing the expenditure during the year ending March 31, 1850, of \$84,147.23, and the receipt, during the same period, of \$87,537.20, exclusive of grants made by the U. S. Government and coördinate Societies.

The report of the Auditing Committee, Messrs. Charles D. Gould and Joshua Loring, was read.

The reports were laid on the table.

The Annual Report of the Executive Committee was read by Rev. E. Bright, Jr., one of the Corresponding Secretaries, assisted by Rev. B. Stow, D. D.,—Rev. S. Peck, D. D., being absent on account of severe illness.

This report, with that of the Treasurer and the Auditing Committee, was on motion referred to the following committees :

1. *On Obituaries.*—H. J. Ripley, L. Raymond, J. B. Olcott.
2. *On Finances.*—D. R. Barton, D. M. Wilson, J. Borden, L. D. Boone, B. Greenough.
3. *On Publications.*—A. S. Train, H. Fletcher, H. V. Jones, J. T. Seeley, W. Bucknell, Jr.
4. *On Agencies.*—C. B. Davis, E. Cushman, J. L. Moore, S. Tucker, D. Bowen.
5. *On Burmese Missions.*—E. G. Robinson, N. G. Lovell, H. Davis, T. Wattson, S. N. Kendrick.
6. *On Karen Missions.*—S. F. Smith, E. E. Cummings, J. G. Collom, R. R. Raymond, M. Allen.
7. *Siam and Chinese Missions.*—O. C. Comstock, W. Clarke, S. J. Drake, J. C. Foster, T. D. Chollar.
8. *Assam and Telooqoo Missions.*—D. Ives, J. Smitzer, H. I. Parker, J. Jennings, S. Haskell.
9. *Bassa Mission.*—R. Babcock, D. C. Eddy, S. B. Page, N. Hooper, S. D. Phelps.
10. *German Mission.*—L. Tucker, B. T. Welch, I. Wescott, W. Douglass, T. O. Lincoln.
11. *French and Greek Missions.*—L. F. Beecher, I. Harris, H. Seaver, G. W. Harris, J. Hall, J. Reed.
12. *Indian Missions.*—J. N. Granger, N. Colver, A. Bennett, A. D. Gillette, S. W. Adams, J. N. Wilder, Jesse Elliott, E. E. Cummings, T. O. Lincoln.

Adjourned till 2½ o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Rev. L. Leonard, of N. Y.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 2½ o'clock.

The Board met. Prayer by Rev. L. Raymond, of Ill.

It was resolved, that all committees be nominated by the Chair, and appointed by the Board.

A report on the Comparative Claims of Missions to Reinforcement, was read, and referred to J. Stevens, L. Tucker, A. Wheelock, L. Stone, and A. P. Mason.

The Committee appointed last year on the Claims of the Maulmain Missions, reported. The report was adopted.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of your body, with instructions to inquire into the relative claims to reinforcement and support of the Maulmain, Burman, and Karen Missions, and to offer such suggestions to the Executive Committee, relating to these missions, as the facts in the case might seem to require, respectively present the following report :

Your committee have attended to the duty assigned them: several meetings have been held, and a sub-committee have visited the Missionary Rooms, in Boston, where every facility was afforded them for obtaining a full understanding of the whole subject. They have also been favored with a personal interview with both the Corresponding Secretaries, and with Rev. Messrs. Vinton, Osgood and Haswell, returned missionaries. They also addressed a fraternal letter to the Executive Committee, whose reply, your committee are happy to state, shows that that body entertain similar views to those to which your committee have been led.

Your committee believe that the Executive body are prepared to sustain both these important missions, to the fullest extent allowed by the contributors to the Union. Your committee do not find that any further action of the Board, upon the subject assigned to them, is required.

All which is respectfully submitted.

S. H. CONE, *Chairman.*

JAMES N. GRANGER, *Secretary.*

A paper on the Resuscitation of the Ava Mission, was read by Rev. E. Bright, Jr., and was referred to a Committee consisting of W. R. Williams, P. Church, J. L. Burrows, A. M. Beebee and H. T. Love.

A paper on the Reinforcements and Appropriations for 1850-1, presented by Rev. E. Bright, Jr., from the Executive Committee, was referred to J. G. Warren, M. Stone, D. B. Cheney, N. Crosby and J. F. Wilcox.

On motion of Rev. S. S. Cutting, a Committee of nine was appointed, to inquire into the expediency of changing the time of holding the Annual Meeting of the American Baptist Missionary Union, from the month of May to the month of September or October; and S. S. Cutting, S. B. Webster, P. Work, G. W. Bosworth, L. H. Moore, Z. Freeman, A. D. Gillette, J. Schofield, J. Conant and S. J. Drake, were appointed the Committee.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported the following recommendations:

1. That this evening's services be devoted to addresses and prayer, in concert with our missionaries at their different stations.

2. That on Wednesday evening missionary meetings be held in the Washington Street Baptist Church, and in the North Presbyterian Church:—that

Rev. J. W. Parker, J. Wade and E. Kincaid, be invited to address the meeting in the Baptist Church; and Rev. M. Bronson, A. Sutton and J. M. Haswell to address that in the Presbyterian Church.

3. That the Board recommend to the Union that the Annual Sermon be preached on Thursday evening, at 7½ o'clock.

4. That they further recommend to the Union, that the designation and farewell services, connected with the departure of the missionaries during the ensuing season, be held on Friday afternoon, and that they consist of the reading of the Instructions of the Executive Committee,—the designation prayer, some parting words from the missionaries, and the farewell address to them and to the Union, by Hon. G. N. Briggs, President of the Union.

The report was adopted.

Adjourned till 7½ o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Rev. N. Colver, of Mass.

TUESDAY EVENING, 7½ o'clock.

The Board met. The services of the evening were devoted to addresses and prayer, in concert with our brethren at the missionary stations, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Devotional Exercises.

Addresses were made by Rev. J. M. Haswell, of the Burman Mission; M. Bronson, of the Assam Mission; and E. Kincaid, reappointed missionary to Ava; and prayer was offered by Rev. B. Stow, D. D., A. D. Gillette and N. Colver.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, *May 15.*

The Board met at 9 o'clock, A. M., and the meeting was opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. S. Tucker, of Ill.

The Recording Secretary was present, and assumed the duties of his office.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The Committee on the Resuscitation of the Ava Mission reported through Rev. W. R. Williams, D. D., chairman.

The resolution and report were adopted.

RESUSCITATION OF THE AVA MISSION.

Soon after the reappointment of the Rev. E. Kincaid, as a missionary to Ava or some other place in the northern part of Burmah, the Executive Committee were requested to send a missionary-physician to the same field and at the same time. The brother who applied for the appointment, besides the qualifications which might ordinarily be looked for in a candidate for such service, had the advantage of an intimate knowledge of the Burmese people and language. For these reasons, and from the conviction that his medical skill would prove a shield to the mission, nearly every pastor and several laymen of Philadelphia manifested a lively interest in his appointment: and the Committee would have complied with their wishes could it have been made probable that a Christian missionary might perform his work within the empire, or that the brother would be a successful preacher in one of the ceded provinces. In the absence of such information they were unprepared to incur the expense and hazard of the experiment without special authorization from

the Board. They thought it would be better for Mr. Kincaid first to go to Maulmain or Akyab, carrying with him the assurance that the medical missionary should be appointed on his sending home a carefully formed opinion that the way was open for resuming labor in Burmah Proper. Under these circumstances it was proposed that so much of the subject as refers to the practicability of resuscitating the Ava Mission, and the importance of taking more vigorous measures speedily to accomplish it, be laid before the Board at the present session; and the Committee, in doing so, are expected to refer to some of the facts and principles which deserve a place in the deliberations that may be given to the question.

Considerations of grave import and high interest favor the reöccupaney of Ava, and other places in Burmah Proper, at the earliest practicable time. These are to be found in the relations which American Baptists sustain to the evangelization of the empire; in the character and number of its population; in the relative position of the country; in the necessities of its Christian disciples; and in the expectation of the Christian world. The Committee have referred to the influence which these considerations have had on their own minds, in the report on the Comparative Claims of Missions to Reinforcement. No missionary field can have stronger claims on this Board; and if the opportunity for replanting the mission were within reach, it would baffle the wisdom of the wisest to show that the work might be left undone without incurring the displeasure of Him whom we serve.

But is Ava, or any other point in Burmah Proper, accessible to the Christian missionary as a *field of missionary labor*? The information needed in examining this question, can be drawn from no higher sources than the statements of the men who now are or have been connected with the missions in Burmah. From them the Board have learned that, as a result of the revolution of 1837, in which Thura-wadi usurped the throne and expressly prohibited evangelical labor,* the peril of conducting the work became so great as to induce every missionary to leave the country. Ava was abandoned in that year, and Rangoon in 1838; but the missionaries proceeded to the Tenasserim provinces, with the design of seizing the first opportunity of returning to their stations. Mr. Kincaid and Mr. Abbott went to Rangoon in 1839, with the hope of recovering their positions. Referring to this visit Mr. Abbott said: "I became more fully convinced than ever of the impossibility of doing anything directly for the Karens under the present government, without involving them in sufferings more serious than they have ever yet experienced." And in a letter dated Akyab, 1840, Mr. Kincaid said: "Brother Abbott and I had been laboring as we could in Maulmain and the villages, waiting for some change in Burman affairs. We spent some time in Rangoon, but in the end were convinced that it was quite useless to remain, as nothing worthy of being called missionary work could be accomplished. Like the merchants we could sit in our houses, and, if this were all that was necessary, we could keep the ground. There is no difficulty about *living* in Burmah, but we could not teach the people, for the people dare not come near us. While this state of things existed, and there were other large fields open to our efforts, it seemed not the part of wisdom to remain idle in Burmah. The command is plain, 'If they persecute you in one city flee to another.' When, in the providence of God, Burmah shall be open to our intercourse with the people, in a very few days we could go over to Bassein, or by the *Ang pass* could go directly to Ava." These were the facts and opinions which led the missionaries to abandon their stations in Burmah, and subsequently to plant others in the ceded provinces.

* See an article by Rev. E. Kincaid, on Revolutions in Burmah, in *Missionary Magazine* for 1846, p. 105.

From that time to the present the missionaries, both Burman and Karen, have manifested earnest solicitude for the renewal of operations in Burmah. Mr. Ingalls was desirous of being located there in 1844, and Messrs. Vinton, Stevens and Ingalls went to Rangoon in the dry season of 1844-5 to ascertain the practicability of occupying it; but they found nothing to justify the experiment. Early in 1846 tidings reached this country that the reign of the intolerant Thurrawadi had been superseded by a regency, in which the intelligent and magnanimous Mekara was said to hold a conspicuous place, and in 1847 Dr. Judson removed to Rangoon with the hope of renewing the work of evangelization. The aged governor received him favorably, "not as a missionary," however, "but as a minister of a foreign religion, ministering to foreigners resident in the place, and as a dictionary-maker, laboring to promote the welfare of both countries." After residing in the city a few weeks, Dr. Judson wrote, under date of March 28: "The present administration of government, though rather more friendly to foreigners, is more rigidly intolerant than that of the late king Thurrawadi. Any known attempt at proselyting would be instantly amenable at the criminal tribunal, and would probably be punished by the imprisonment or death of the proselyte, and the banishment of the missionary." Dr. Judson was not allowed to wait long for an illustration of the hostile disposition of the government. His Sabbath services were broken up; and he concluded that a footing in Rangoon could be obtained only by securing some countenance at Ava. The aged governor consented to the measure, and arrangements were made for visiting the capital; but the journey was prevented by an unforeseen deficiency of funds, and an unfavorable change in the administration of the government of Rangoon. The lack of funds was made up as soon as the Committee knew of its existence, but Dr. Judson returned to Maulmain in September, 1847. No attempt has since been made to resume missionary operations at Rangoon, and no change is known to have taken place in the policy of the Burmese government.

Mr. Abbott returned to Sandoway in November of 1847, determined, if possible, to plant a missionary station at some point in the province of Bassein or Rangoon; and the Committee gave him assurance of every help at their command. His heart yearned with paternal solicitude over the thousands of Karen disciples who needed his succor; and it was his intention to seek a foothold in Burmah Proper, through what might appear to be the most favorable route after re-surveying the ground. The first attempt was made in December, 1848, by way of Bassein river; the second early in 1849, by crossing the hills at the head of the river; but both attempts were unsuccessful. Dread of impeachment before the king, led the governor of Bassein to refuse the missionary admission within his territory in the first instance, and to drive him out of it in the second. But Mr. Abbott has some reason to hope that these attempts will, in the end, open the way for him to reënter Burmah. His latest letters, however, speak of the measure as being now impracticable; and within the last six months missionaries at Akyab, Maulmain and Tavoy, have spontaneously given the same opinion. One of them, Mr. Ingalls, of Akyab, in a letter, dated December 24, 1849, suggests a commercial treaty, between the government of the United States and the court of Ava, as the only feasible plan of regaining our ground in the empire; and measures have been taken to bring the subject to the notice of our government.

The Committee have thus alluded to the history of the abandonment of Ava and Rangoon, and the attempts made to reoccupy them, not because they suppose that history to *prove* Burmah to be inaccessible, or that no direct effort should now be made to regain the ground. On the contrary, an appointment was given to Mr. Kineaid for this object with all cordiality and without hesitation. But when it was proposed to send with him a medical helper,—thus becoming responsible for his

support during life, while no such helper was needed in any of the missions of the ceded provinces,—the Committee felt bound to wait for the instructions of the Board, or for evidence that missions would be tolerated by the Burmese government.

They also felt the necessity of estimating the probabilities of meeting the additional expenditures involved in the reöccupancy of Burmah,—for the appropriations desired by existing missions, together with the sending forth of missionaries ready to return and those under appointment, will swell the expenditure of the year ending April 1, 1851, from \$10,000 to \$15,000 beyond that of the last year.

But the Board may deem it wise to direct an expenditure beyond the demands of existing operations, in order to give the fairest trial to the intensely interesting project of resuscitating the Ava Mission. In that event, the Committee will implicitly and heartily comply with such instructions; and in any event, they will not cease to pray that Burmah may speedily throw open all her gates to the Christian missionary, exclaiming, “How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him . . . that publisheth salvation !”

On behalf of the Committee,

EDW. BRIGHT, JR., *Cor. Sec.*

The committee to whom was referred the paper of the Executive Committee on the Resuscitation of the Mission to Ava, would respectfully submit to this Board the following report :

The subject is one of grave import, and is not without its peculiar difficulties. The renewal of aggressive operations on the part of our missions against the heathenism of Burmah Proper, has been for some years the theme of solicitude, discussion and prayer. It seemed a reproach on American Baptists, that whilst their labors had been drawn off or excluded from these territories, some members of the much older Romish missions remained in comparative security; although it was understood they so remained in virtual inertness, mute and bound, as to any efforts at proselytism. Our own labors among the Karens, a noble though a subjugated race of the population of Burmah, had been and yet are crowned with signal benediction. And the recent journals of Roman Catholic missions show, that to this field, in which our triumphs have far outstripped any Burman results of their labors, our success has provoked them, and in consequence, Romish priests are now going thither to rival, to thwart, and, if it may be, to supplant us.

A brother beloved, who, after long toil in the East, had been spending years amongst us, feeding and kindling missionary zeal in this his native country, finds himself now in a state to attempt the resumption of his eastern tasks; and his heart yearns to preach Christ at Ava itself, the imperial capital of Burmah. A large portion of his family will accompany him: and it is thought that their very presence, with the husband and father, will be to Burman suspicion a pledge of the honest and unworldly character of his mission. But, severed there, as this family would be from such medical relief as is accessible at many other mission stations, it seems desirable that they should not be sent out so unprovided in their perilous loneliness, and where sickness so likely to befall them would become doubly fearful and needlessly fatal. A brother who was in youth long a resident of that country, speaking several of its tongues, of approved medical skill, and a kinsman of the missionary, and himself of allowed piety and devotion, offers himself and family to attend the venture. Brethren in Philadelphia, long the city of his residence, urge his appointment and most forcibly.

On the other hand the Executive Committee at Boston find themselves surrounded by peculiar embarrassments. Recognizing the worth and medical skill and disinterestedness of the missionary physician, thus nominated for appointment, the

brethren left in the keeping of our Mission Rooms are like Paul the Apostle, burdened with that charge, so anxious though so blessed a one: "the care of all the churches cometh upon" them. They must look with earnest solicitude to the effect of every new station, established or reoccupied, upon the churches *at home*, as winning the ir decided sanction and support; and upon the missionary churches and laborers *abroad*, as it may propitiate their judgment, and as it may aid *their* work on the one hand, or on the other hand lesson and divide *their* resources.

Our churches in this country have spoken with some distinctness their opinion, that the press and the school and the tract may have sometimes crowded disproportionately on the old apostolic method—the simple preaching of Christ's word; and that the Executive Committee should therefore sedulously seek to restore the balance that may have been disturbed, between such ministerial and other forms of missionary labor. The physician in the present case would not go out as an ordained minister. Again, whilst opinions expressed on the part of some brethren, as our excellent brother Kincaid himself, and others more or less conversant with Burmah, favor the conclusion that Ava is open as a missionary station, several of our missionary brethren in Burmah itself seem to hold an opposite sentiment. If the doors of the imperial capital be found yet hopelessly sealed, the casting of the missionary enterprise which makes the experiment into so large and costly a shape, would be occasion hereafter of some regret if not complaint. It is allowed that, if the gates be found open, a physician may be himself one of the strongest commendations and safeguards at Ava to a preaching missionary. The Luke, "the beloved physician," may not only minister to the bodily infirmities of the Paul, but be the usher and defender and patron of the Apostle. But this is an uncertain result, remote and problematical; whilst the pecuniary burdens consequent upon the measure would be certain and immediate and permanent. The Executive Committee are willing that our brother Kincaid should go forward; and if on trial he find his hopes as to the accessibility of the capital to be warranted, that, upon his sending back the requisite statements, the appointment of the missionary physician should be made, and the entire missionary staff required at the capital be thus completed.

Now it is the duty of the churches of Christ to cultivate a holy spirit of enterprise, and a generous, trusting faith in the God whose promises were never small, and whose strength is not yet spent. But he is also a God of counsel, and would have his people walk wisely and in lowliness before him. Whilst he blesses the simple trust that is the best basis of missions, he does not approve the kindled imagination and the glowing and self-reliant impulses that are often mistaken for simple faith, but which may be more truly entitled the romance of missions. Ava must have great influence; and deserves from us great remembrance and greatest prayers. In the first preaching of his gospel, Christ bade the apostles begin at Jerusalem, the Ava of Judaism; and Paul, Christ's great apostle to the uncircumcision, yearned through weary years to visit Rome, the metropolis of that Gentilism which he especially sought to convert. To that Burman race for whom your missionaries have translated the Bible, and so long prayed and toiled—the imperial Ava is both a Jerusalem and a Rome,—the seat of civil dominion and the proudest fastness of spiritual delusion and despotism. But as God in the early ages of the church soon scattered the apostles *from* Jerusalem; and made some of the greatest triumphs over Gentilism to be won far away *from* Rome; so it may be in the labors of the nineteenth century upon heathen Burmah. The capital having early repelled, may long and obstinately exclude what the nation is yet to receive at other points more vulnerable, and through channels which no despotism can always guard and close. And while Faith is daring as against the world, she must be docile and submissive as before the Providence that wields the world and guides the church.

Your committee have felt the solemnity, the special difficulties, and the vast responsibilities that cluster around a wise decision of the pending question. Apprehending in the expected larger expenditures of the coming year requisite for existing appointments, a very heavy draught upon your treasury, they yet desire to extend, where God seems to beckon us to the work, the cords of the missionary enterprise. But if in stretching out these cords the churches do not actually lengthen them by enlarged zeal, contributions and prayer, then the cord so extended at one spot will be only tightened at another, and perhaps with the result at this latter point to cripple, and it may be to strangle, other branches of our missions where the station is less than the present, one of uncertain enterprise, and where the demands for help are loud, imperative and unquestionable. Strongly as we may be attached to new enterprises of high adventure and large promise—and we are bound to them by every tie of Christian sympathy and pious hope—yet we must not forget that to the existing stations we are held not only by all those above-named ties, but by the added and stronger bonds of the explicit, solemn and repeated pledges we have given—pledges we can neither easily discharge nor innocently forget.

Some of your committee have leaned, therefore, to the recommendation of the Executive Committee, that our brother Kincaid's experiment be first made; and that the appointment of a physician be reserved as a contingency to depend on the success of the experiment at Ava. But to conciliate as far as is possible the wishes of all, your committee have concluded to unite in recommending yet another modification. It is, that the Board now recommend to the Executive Committee, to appoint a missionary physician: but that, from a regard to the growing demand of the churches at home for preachers as laborers in the missionary field, this appointment of a physician be with the explicit condition, that if the attempt to plant a station at Ava should be in Divine Providence frustrated, then such physician's relations to this Board cease. In suggesting this, the committee would expressly protest against any misconception. They have formed from concurrent testimony a high estimate of the worth of the brother, of his medical skill, and of his pious consecration. But they understand that he would be at no loss to secure, in the British colonial or consular establishments, an appointment with higher remuneration than we can offer, and would not therefore incur pecuniary loss or wrong. On the other hand, our missions in the ceded provinces, apart from Burmah Proper, do not, it is understood, require the increased burden of such medical laborer to be attached to the mission.

Your committee make, with great distrust and after protracted and anxious discussion, the preceding suggestions as affording what seemed the most feasible, harmonious and safe disposal of the question.

Resolved, That the Board will sustain the Executive Committee, in vigorous efforts to resume missionary operations in Burmah Proper, and will justify the Committee in the appointment of a medical helper, to accompany the Rev. Mr. Kincaid in his attempt to reënter that field, on such conditions as are suggested by the Report of the Committee of five on the part of this Board.

The Committee on Reinforcements and Appropriations for 1850-1, reported through Rev. J. G. Warren, chairman.

The report and resolutions were adopted, and the paper from the Executive Committee on the subject, directed to be read to the Union on Friday morning.

Your committee have examined with as much care as the time would allow, the facts and reasonings of the paper submitted to its consideration, and are prepared to sympathize most heartily with the Executive Committee in their perplexity.

The history of the past, the moderate advance which from year to year has been

made in the offerings to the missionary cause, and the pressing claims of other departments of benevolent and Christian enterprise, seem to forbid any considerable advance in the expenditures of the coming over those of the past year. Any scale of increase unwarranted by the liberality of the churches and involving the Union in debt, should, in our judgment, be adopted with caution; and in no case could be justified only by the sternest necessity. Still we solemnly believe our motto should be onward. *Onward*, ONWARD, in an enterprise like this, indicates the only policy that can ensure success, or that is at all in keeping with the magnitude of the objects to be realized. To devise small things is to go backward. To devise liberal things is to go forward.

Our God has gone out before us, so as he never went out before the church in any former period. Is it not alike our duty and our honor to follow? As the leaders of the sacramental host of God's elect, is it not the duty of the members of this Board and this Union, to go out before the people? and so surely as they do it, in the spirit of self-sacrifice, will not the people follow? God by his acts has created a demand upon us, and thereby assured us of his confidence in our ability and our readiness to meet it. It is our prerogative, by our liberal plans and our personal zeal, to create a demand on the resources of the saints, and thereby show that we believe them both able and willing to meet that demand. God says to us, "Come and see what I am doing, and have a part with me." It is our privilege to say to our brethren of like precious faith, Come and see what we are doing, and share with us in the Godlike achievement.

The world is perishing. The heathen are calling for the bread of life. Doors of usefulness, wide and effectual, are opened in every land. The Spirit is poured out from on high, and converts are multiplied. Our missionaries are fainting on the field and crying to us for helpers. Stations, where holy men of God toiled and died, are vacant and must be manned anew. Our churches have means enough, and more than enough, for every emergency. Your committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, as the sense of this Board, That the exigencies of the times and the claims of our missions demand for the coming year an outlay of at least *twenty thousand dollars*, over and above the expenditures of the last year.

Resolved, That by our personal sacrifices, by our influence in the pulpit and out of it, by encouraging in every possible way those self-denying men who, in the capacity of agents, gather up the offerings of our churches, and above all by devout prayer to the God of Missions, whose are the silver and the gold, and in whose hands are the hearts of all men, we will seek to meet this claim and swell the income of the present year to the requisite amount.

Resolved, That the paper now under our notice be read before the Union on Friday morning, and submitted to the deliberation and action of that body.

The Committee on the German Mission reported through Rev. L. Tucker, D. D., chairman.

The report was adopted and ordered to be printed.

The committee to whom was referred that part of the report of the Executive Committee relating to the German Mission, submit the following:

It is with emotions of unmingled pleasure, and with unfeigned gratitude to God, that we learn that the same eminent success which attended the first efforts of our beloved brother Oucken, to preach the gospel to his countrymen, still continues to be enjoyed by himself and his coadjutors; and that the mission shares largely in the divine favor. In many respects this may be regarded as the most important mission established within the present century.

Acting in the very heart of Europe,—characterized by thoughtfulness, integrity, perseverance, an unconquerable love of literature and vastness of learning,—the German mind is fitted to exert a controlling influence over the nations of continental Europe.

In reading the history of the German churches, the labors of the missionaries and pastors, the persecutions endured by some, and the self-denying and self-sacrificing spirit manifested by private members, we are reminded of the history of the apostolic churches.

A distinguishing feature of this mission is the fact that the general intelligence of the people renders unnecessary much of the preparatory labor required among ruder nations. Our missionaries are not obliged to begin their work with the alphabet of literature, and perform a tedious amount of preparatory instruction, before men can be sufficiently enlightened to comprehend the truths of revelation. And though we now find access chiefly to the humbler classes of society, the truths of the gospel are powerful enough to subdue the most cultivated minds that now sway German thought, and through that the thought of the world. Such a result, though it may be far distant in our sight, is not beyond the vision of faith.

The millions of Germany are now accessible to missionary labor; and to human perception, men and means only are needed to emancipate them from the power of a transcendental theology, and to work a reformation as spiritual and as perfect as that of Luther was political and incomplete. Men they seem to have among themselves, and this is one of the most encouraging features in the mission; but though their liberality is truly apostolic, their means are very limited. How fervently, therefore, ought we to pray the Lord of the harvest to raise up faithful men and send them into this ripened field, and to incline the hearts of his people to sustain them.

Present appearances indicate that Austria is to be converted to the truth through the agency of German Christians. Rare facilities also exist for carrying the gospel into Hungary, Prussia, Silesia, Denmark, Holland, and other continental countries.

While br. Oncken, the pioneer in this interesting mission, and his successful and indefatigable fellow laborers are worn with toil, calls for help are multiplying, new fields are opening daily, and the fruits of their labor are abundant and glorious.

Your committee do not feel at liberty to suggest any alteration in the mode of prosecuting a mission which has been so eminently successful, and conducted, so far as they are able to judge, with great wisdom and zeal. They would therefore recommend it, and the faithful laborers engaged in it, to the liberal support of the American churches.

The Committee on Comparative Claims of the Missions to Reinforcement reported through Rev. J. Stevens, chairman.

The report was adopted and ordered to be printed.

COMPARATIVE CLAIMS OF MISSIONS TO REINFORCEMENT.

Claims to reinforcement may be founded on the state of the missions in themselves considered, or on the number, character and position of the people to whom they are sent. With respect to claims of the former class, there appears to be at present no occasion for extended remark. They pertain ordinarily to states and times of destitution and feebleness. They involve considerations affecting the continuance of missions, not so much their effectiveness as bearing on the work to be performed. The missions of the Union are not, at this time, in a state to demand

of us an anxious and labored adjustment of their comparative claims to succor. Measures are in progress which, with the blessing which has attended our efforts since the reorganization of the Union, and in the same ratio of advancement, will place all the missions of the Board, within a very short period, not only above any gloomy forebodings of abandonment or extinction, but in a whole and healthful condition for aggressive movement. What will better comport with the present stage of our operations, is a consideration of the claims of missions to enlargement, in regard to the people whom they are laboring to enlighten and save.

1. *Missions to Indian Tribes.* These are the Ojibwa, Ottawa, Shawanoe, and Cherokee Missions.

The Ojibwa Mission, located near Lake Superior, with two missionaries and two assistants, restricts its operations necessarily to the few and scattered wanderers of the tribe who roam in that vicinity, having with rare exceptions no certain dwelling place. Even the larger bands, amounting in the aggregate to some thousands, are dispersed abroad, on the north and west of the Superior, over as many thousand square miles.

The Ottawa and Shawanoe Missions, with four missionaries, six or eight female assistants, and several native helpers, are an adequate provision for the 1,500 or 2,000 individuals demanding their care.

In the Cherokee Mission, embracing three missionaries and as many assistants and five native preachers with a printing department, it might be pertinent to inquire whether enlargement or reduction, on the part of the Union, would be more safe and salutary. The Cherokee churches are rapidly attaining an age and strength adequate to their own self-support and prosperous extension, to the maintenance of their own native pastors and for home evangelization. It might be wise to encourage them, if encouragement were necessary, to rely more extensively on themselves.

2. *Missions in Europe.* The reinforcements required by the European Missions will be, mainly, in funds. God is raising up in France and Germany able and faithful men. His method, we may assume, if the end is to be accomplished, will be substantially the same in Greece.

With respect to the amount of our appropriations, the limitation is not to be found in the extent of demand, nor in the prospect of correspondent returns. The work is large. God has set before our brethren, and before us, an open door, in times most eventful and auspicious, among communities and races who of themselves might best command our sympathies and challenge hope, and who in their relations to others are representatives, heads of influence, of the three ecclesiastical communions of Europe,—Protestant, Papal and Greek. Our brethren, zealous, courageous, self denying, and ready to every good work, cannot accomplish this warfare, in its beginnings at least, at their own charges. They are the poor of this world, though making many rich. The limitation is the inadequacy of our income, as compared with the claims of the heathen world. We now appropriate to these missions one eighth of our annual ingatherings. That proportion of our increase is the least we can impart to their need, the work continuing to advance and yielding an hundred fold.

3. *In Africa* we have but one mission, the Bassa, now vacant, dependent for its existence on native laborers.

If the Bissa Mission is to be continued and effectively conducted, it must have the labor also and the supervision of American missionaries. The number of missionaries to be sent may be estimated by the nature and extent of the work designed to be wrought in a given period, in connection with the liability of its

retardation or interruption by the sickness or death of the laborers. The work is abundantly large for many hands. The Bassas number in population 120,000. They are now within the territory and subject to the jurisdiction of Liberia. The influence to be reciprocated between the immigrant and the native population, and from Liberia inward upon other races and tribes, is now receiving its life and features. What is to be done must be done quickly. And the Bassas are worthy. Compared with other African races they are intelligent and energetic, inclined to the arts of peace, accessible, desirous of culture, and open to the teachings of the gospel. We have gained their confidence and regard. Their language we have reduced to writing. Schools are now in progress. Some have learned from the heart the way of life; a few have become spiritual guides to their countrymen. Few missions promise, for labor bestowed, an earlier or richer equivalent. The infusion of their character, christianized and nurtured in knowledge, would be no disparagement to their brethren transplanted from other Christian shores; much less would they fail to be ministers of light and salvation to kindred races, natives of Africa, so long the theatre of spoil and outrage, to whom we owe, in common with other Christian nations, more than large redress.

As to danger of retardation or interruption of the work from sickness or death of missionaries, what at first might seem a reason for sending but few laborers is more justly a motive for their multiplication. The greater the peril to health and life, the more abundant, if indeed we intend to achieve the work, should be the supplies of workmen. There ought to be *relays* of laborers. In the Bassa Mission, if in any, missionaries should be sent two and two, and the force should be speedily duplicated. The number ought to be ample to allow of frequent removals and substitutions, for the renewal of health and vigor, without causing the work to cease. This will save, and would have saved, valuable lives.

4. *Missions in Asia.*

Pursuing inversely the order of their institution;—the Teloofoo Mission was reëstablished too recently to add to, or change, materially, the views which in 1848 led the Board to direct its resuscitation. The reorganization of the mission has been effected. Two missionaries are in the field, bending assiduously to its culture. With discouragements such as are common to the process of evangelizing the heathen, they have also in fair proportion their grounds of hope. In some of its aspects the field is one of marked promise. Our missionaries stand on vantage ground gained by fifty years' toil. During all that protracted period the preparatory work, for the demolition of idolatry in India, and the bringing in of Christianity, has been surely advancing, and the crisis is near at hand. Hopeful and expectant we wait on God. Meanwhile we must strengthen and extend our appliances. We must aim not only to give the mission stability and security against a second and fatal abandonment, but effectiveness proportionate to its largeness of assured results. We owe something to the maintenance of good faith. The reëstablishment of the mission was grounded on the express stipulation that it should be vigorously sustained. For the present necessity the missionary force should be doubled. The future we may leave to future progressive manifestations of the divine will.

The field of operations in the Assam Mission is the valley of the Brahmaputra, an area of moderate extent and well defined, enclosing an easily accessible population of more than a million of souls, and radiating, as from a centre, a commanding influence upon the surrounding hill tribes. It connects also, by thoroughfares, with Manipur and the upper provinces of Burmah, and, less directly, with Thibet and the Chinese empire. It is subject, as also the Teloofoo country, to British rule. The people of Assam, fettered by caste and by appetite, and under the domination of a wily priesthood, are nevertheless, as compared with other races

of India, wanting neither in strength, quickness nor nobleness. They are susceptible of a generous culture; a choice field, on which to develop the beneficent, diversified influences of the Christian faith, and the adaptedness of the scheme of Christian Missions to spread them abroad. Into this field of hopeful promise, by a series of providences most unlooked for, but not of doubtful interpretation, the missionaries of the Board were led in 1835, while it yet lay in its unbroken native wildness. It was committed to our hands for culture. We accepted the charge. From that day to the present we have been laboring, though with a very inadequate instrumentality, to fell the forest and sow the seed. God has recompensed abundantly our toil. The limitations of our work for Assam are not to be found *in* Assam, but in the bounds of our available resources, and the antagonist claims of other fields.

Of China, with its vast extent of territory, its countless inhabitants, its growing proximity and ease of access from our western shores, its advanced civilization and intelligence, its freedom from caste and comparative looseness of attachment to its existing systems of religious faith, its quick appreciation of the teachings of Christianity, of salvation by Jesus Christ, the nature, necessity and way, and its readiness to accede to its proffer as illustrated in numerous instances, vieing in its preparedness for the gospel with every other Asiatic people, one race only excepted; of China the claims to evangelical efforts would seem to challenge, if not exclusively, our largest sympathies and resources, were it not that these claims are simultaneously and coordinately addressed to other Missionary Institutions, of this and other lands; and were they not, also, more definitively restricted, under the providence of God, to such communities, or sections of the people, as speak the dialects which the missionaries of this Union have learned to use.

The Union has two missions in China, on its southern and eastern borders, at Hong Kong and Ningpo. Each mission is well planted, each is ministering the gospel in a dialect spoken by many millions of people, and, compared with the force provided, each with promise of good success. The Hong Kong Mission, in the number of hopeful converts, has in China, we believe, no parallel. What is demanded of us, and what of itself will involve no ordinary amount of well-directed, strenuous effort, is so to sustain these missions that they may prosecute their work effectively; promoting at the same time, in common with others, the general evangelization of China, by the spread of the written word, and, mediately, by such native instrumentality as the Head of the church may ordain.

The Siam is our oldest Asiatic Mission next to the Burman. Situate between China and Burmah, Siam is also midway, compared with them, in general science and the arts; and, so far as may be inferred from the past, in its spirit of tolerance as respects foreign systems of faith. It is less haughty and opinionated than either, and more open to light and docile of teaching from abroad. Its estimated population is from three to five millions. Its climate is singularly uniform throughout the year, and is pronounced by the oldest foreign residents, comparatively not insalubrious. The mission at Bangkok has the confidence and protection of the Government. It commands the respect of the people. Its object, spirit, and manner of operation, and its principles, both of doctrine and precept, are widely known. The New Testament Scriptures have been translated and printed, with numerous religious tracts, and scattered abroad. A spirit of inquiry has been awakened. Individuals have come from the interior, several days' journey distant, seeking the foreign teacher. A vast amount of preparation for the wide dissemination of the gospel has been effected. That it has been perfected only in solitary cases through faith unto salvation, is attributable not so much to the grossness of heart, the dullness or the stupidity of the Siamese, we are constrained to believe, as to our own languor of faith and zeal. The Siam Mission has not been duly

sustained. The oldest member of it, and the founder, has virtually, so far as concerns the ministry of the gospel, with temporary intermissions labored alone. *How shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?*

Connected with the Siam Mission is a Chinese department, with a Chinese church and Chinese native assistants, but not with an American missionary. In Siam, also, are Peguans, some of whom have received the gospel; and far inward, along the northern and western frontiers, are Siamese Karens, now connecting by mountain passes with Burmah, but more accessible, it may be found, for American missionaries by way of the tributaries of the Meinam.

The evangelizing of Burmah, (meaning by Burmah the Burman Empire as constituted when it was first entered by the missionary, extending to the Bay of Bengal on the west, and southward to the Malayan peninsula, embracing Arracan and Tenasserim,) the evangelizing of Burmah may be regarded, so far as concerns the present comparison, as one enterprise, though prosecuted for the greater efficiency in several separate missions.

The claims of this enterprise on American Baptists are marked and peculiar. Apart from all that gives it interest and attractiveness in the number, character or relations of the diversified population of Burmah, amounting at a moderate estimate to some six or eight millions, Burmans, Karens, Peguans, Tounghthoos, Kemmces, Salongs and Shyans;—apart, also, from whatever in the physical features of the country, its healthfulness and accessibleness, or in its civil, political and religious constitution invites to the prosecution of the work;—the assignment of it to us was so evidently of God, and its progress to the present day has borne such marks of his presence and power, we can only regard the service as a divine commission to be sacredly discharged, a work to be prosecuted zealously and unremittingly until it is done. To accomplish this enterprise was the primary object for which the General Convention was constituted. Its execution is reserved to us by the general consent of the Christian world. The claims of the Burman Missions to the support of the Union, if we view them from this point, are not comparative, but absolute. The question before us is, simply, How may these claims be best fulfilled?

Assuming that Burmah is to be evangelized by American Baptists, by the will of God,—the following general principles, among others, are obvious to be noted in respect to the mode of procedure.

1. The scale of preparation, the general outline of plan, the entire array and bearing of the enterprise, and of all engaged in its prosecution, should be adjusted to the work, whatever its largeness or difficulty, as to a work sure to be done. There ought to be a boldness of conception, a directness of measures, and a generosity of supply of stores and men, commensurate with the end to be gained, and with the purpose, under God, of attaining it. Supplies should not be stinted to the obvious existing demand, the demand being restricted not by the nature of the enterprise, but by adventitious temporary circumstances. There should be a forestalling in supply, a forestalling not of necessity merely, but of opportunity. Burmah Proper at this moment is apparently shut to the missionary, but God will open it. Supplies should be in prospect of its being opened. Arracan and Tenasserim bordering on it, should be surcharged with men. Labor, there, cannot be applied in vain; while men will be in training for "the regions beyond."

So, too, on the reöpening and reöccupancy of Burmah Proper, our aim and effort should be not penuriousness, but exuberance of supply; our measure not what we may safely withhold, but what effectively bestow; our object not tolerance, but conquest. A hesitating, doubtful tenure of two or three widely-sundered positions, is

unworthy of the enterprise. The Irrawaddy, in the shortest time possible, should be lined with mission stations. The plan of depositing the printed word of God in every city and village, by missionaries and native assistants, projected years since, should be put in effect. The sound should go out into all the land.

2. In distributing supplies and extending our line of operations, while we are slow to abandon what, with much toil and hurt perhaps, we have won, we must be prompt to push our successes, seizing our opportunity and pressing on where God leads the way. "Work where God works and when God works;"—no rule is more just, rightly interpreted; none surer to profit, rightly applied. The bearing of this rule applied to the evangelizing of Burmah, none conversant with the enterprise can mistake. Our thought in sending the missionary, was to evangelize Burmans. It is part of our purpose still. We believe it is God's purpose. Our brethren who toil in this part of the vineyard, work where and as their Lord appointed, and shall not lose their reward. They are to be sustained, and their number, as we have intimated, is to be multiplied in generous measure, God adding to their bounds and to their increase. Meanwhile, on either hand, in the paths of a present God travelling in the greatness of his strength; and a people unthought of, unknown, but almost equalling the Burmans in multitude, come bending to serve him. They come as clouds, and as doves to their windows; their converts are as the drops of the morning. We magnify the grace of our God; we adore his sovereignty. "He hath mercy on whom he hath mercy; as he hath also said, I will call them my people, which were not my people."

The claims of the Karen Missions upon the Missionary Union, to a free, earnest, unmeasured support, so far as may promote their effective working, are paramount to every and all other. Beyond all known precedent, the Karens are a people for whom the Lord has prepared his way. Were the instrumentality adequate, were the company of preachers great, like the multitude of companies of hearers, the millions of Karens of even the present generation would receive the gospel of the Son of God. A nation would be born in a day.

On behalf of the Committee,
S. PECK, *Cor. Sec.*

The committee to whom was referred the paper on the Comparative Claims of Missions to Reinforcement, beg leave to report:

1. That they regard the subject of the paper as one of the gravest importance and responsibility.

2. That the proper adjustment of these claims, from the nature of the case, requires a careful and minute survey of the intrinsic claim of the several missions.

3. That these intrinsic claims, for the most part, can be presented by no others so well as by our missionaries connected with the several missions; and that the comparative claims of the several missions can be adjusted by none so well as by the Executive Committee, who are charged with the immediate supervision of the whole work.

4. That, as it regards the distribution both of laborers and of supplies, the success of the enterprise will be likely to be promoted by a generous confidence in the Executive Committee, from our brethren who labor abroad and from those who contribute at home.

5. That we recommend the paper submitted to our examination, in its general outlines, as to principles, specifications and conclusions, to the approval and adoption of the Board, with the simple suggestion of the inquiry, whether Burmah Proper and the Peguan department do not require greater immediate attention than is specified in the paper.

The Committee on Indian Missions reported through Rev. J. N. Granger, chairman.

The report was adopted and ordered to be printed.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Annual Report as relates to the Indian Missions, respectfully present the following report:

There are at present four Indian missions under the patronage of this Board: the Mission to the Tuscaroras, in the State of New York, having passed under the control of the New York Baptist Convention. A peculiar interest attaches to these missions. The question of their separation from the Board has been often considered, but there has always been manifested on the part of the friends of the Union, a great unwillingness that any such measure should be adopted. There is in almost every mind a feeling of obligation to make some atonement, by means of Christian charity and liberality, for the grievous wrongs which the aborigines of this country have received at our hands. And were the expense attending the support of these missions much greater than it is, your committee suppose that it would be the duty of the Board, a duty in the discharge of which they would be sustained by the wishes and approval of the entire body of our contributors, to extend a generous support to these missions so long as the missionaries desire to hold their present connection with this body. And so long as on this continent, and even on the territory of States included in the home field of the Union, heathen tribes exist who are dependent upon us for the bread of life, a great missionary organization like this cannot well become insensible to their appeals, and confine its attention to the heathen of other continents. While our ears are open to the faintest cry which comes from the far east, we cannot close them against the voices of the dying multitudes close at hand.

The Mission to the Ojibwas, at Sault de Ste Marie, and the Mission to the Ottawas in Michigan, are exerting a steadily increasing influence by means of school education, instruction in the arts of civilized life, and the preaching of the gospel. The last named tribe is now greatly reduced in numbers. The mission must ere long be brought to a close, by the extinction of the tribe itself, unless the few survivors can be induced to remove to the Indian Territory.

The results of the labors of our missionaries, connected with the Shawanoe Mission, are an illustration of the superior advantages of mission labor in the Indian Territory. The people are advancing in the knowledge of civilized life and of the Christian religion.

The same remarks may be made respecting the Cherokee Mission.

The Annual Report presents a view of the connection of slavery with the churches under the charge of this mission. Your committee have given careful attention to this subject, and, besides that portion of the Report now named, have read the correspondence between the Executive Committee and the mission; and your committee desire to state that they fully approve of all the steps which the Executive Committee have taken, with a view to ascertain and to present to this Board the facts relating to the subject. The inquiries presented by the Executive Committee to the mission, have related to all the parts of the subject, and the missionaries appear to have taken pains to supply the information desired. The report presents a brief, but exact statement of the case. No missionary, no assistant missionary, or native preacher, owns slaves. Of about 1,200 members in the churches, only four own slaves,—three of whom were slave owners by inheritance, before they became members of the churches.

So far as the influence of the Executive Committee, acting in concert with the missionaries, is concerned, your committee find good reason for repeating and

endorsing the language of the Annual Report: "Things are in a fair train to lead to the utter extinction of this evil in the Cherokee churches. The instructions of the missionaries and other influences at work in them, [the churches,] are tending in the right direction. The Committee desire to give the mission their full and hearty coöperation in respect to the result aimed at,—viz. a complete separation of the churches from every form of slavery."

This language is based upon a principle recognized by your committee, that the entire removal of American slavery from churches, whose ministers receive their pecuniary support, either in whole or in part, from this body, is an indispensable condition on which this Board will continue to extend its aid. They desire to recommend that this Board approve of the measures which the Executives have already adopted, and that they be instructed to employ all proper means to guard against any extension of slavery in these churches, and also to provide for the entire removal of the evil at the earliest possible day.

The Committee on Finances reported through D. R. Barton, Esq., chairman. The report and resolutions were re-committed.

The Committee on changing the time of holding the Annual Meeting of the American Baptist Missionary Union, reported through Rev. S. S. Cutting, chairman.

The report was directed to be read to the Union, with the recommendation that the subject receive its serious consideration during the present session.

Adjourned till 2½ P. M. Prayer by Rev. W. Hague, D. D., of Mass.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 2½ o'clock.

The Board met. Prayer by Rev. E. E. Cummings, of N. H.

The Committee on the Siam and Chinese Missions reported through Rev. O. C. Comstock, chairman.

The report was adopted and ordered to be printed.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Report of the Executive Committee as relates to the Siam and Chinese Missions, respectfully report:

That the Mission to Siam is marked by encouraging events and indications; and your committee most cordially approve of the late appointment of another missionary, Rev. William Ashmore, for that extensive field of missionary labor.

The report respecting the Mission to China, furnishes much ground of gratitude and encouragement. It should induce augmented and persevering efforts to evangelize that ancient and vast empire. The painful and protracted illness of nearly all our beloved missionaries at these stations, has demanded and received, the tenderest sympathies of their brethren and friends, while the restoration to health and usefulness of these devoted servants of God, calls for renewed thankfulness and praise.

Your committee would further say, that the present political and commercial condition of the greater portion of the world, and especially many relations of much of it to our own favored country, are among the signs of the times which loudly call on the lovers of Zion and of man, to task their faculties, appropriate their means, and wield their influence, toward the consummation of the gracious predictions and promises of Jehovah concerning Israel and the nations.

We cannot, without disregarding our feelings, withhold an expression of our

hearty approval of those operations of the missions, to which our particular attention has been directed; nor would we ever forget that all their prosperity has been derived from the blessing of Almighty God, and that all our future success will hang upon the pleasure of his throne.

The Committee on Publications reported through Rev. A. S. Train, chairman. The report was adopted and ordered to be printed.

The committee on Publications respectfully submit the following:

The portions of the Report submitted to their consideration relate to the following topics; viz., the change in the proprietorship of the Macedonian, and the method of publishing that paper and the Magazine; the circulation of these periodicals; their gratuitous distribution; and Mr. Gammell's history of our missions.

The Union is now the exclusive proprietor of both its periodicals. They are printed in the best manner, at the least cost, and the subscription price is graduated to the lowest terms upon which they can be made to support themselves. All this is precisely as it should be. It regards these publications as agencies for the benefit of the cause they advocate; to be employed as widely and vigorously as may be, within this limit of their self-support. It arranges the merely business transactions connected with them, upon the principles which should govern every intelligent Christian in all such transactions. It aims to do the best thing, in the best manner, and at the least expense. Upon these principles all the purely business transactions of the Union should at all times be conducted.

Notwithstanding the character which these periodicals have acquired, and the cheapness at which they are afforded, their limited circulation continues to be a matter of serious regret. We have reason to be grateful that within the present year the edition of the Magazine has increased to 5,000 copies, and that of the Macedonian to nearly 30,000. Still it is difficult to believe that of the 150,000 families to which this Union has a right to look for encouragement and support, more than 100,000 of them take neither of its periodicals: that of the 3,500 churches, in more than 2,000 of them neither of these periodicals has a subscriber. Yet with all this, it is farther to be regretted, that complaints are still occasionally urged, because the gratuitous circulation of the Magazine has been discontinued. It is not the place of your committee to inquire with reference to the motives which have induced any minds to doubt the wisdom of discontinuing this gratuitous distribution. But it is pertinent for them to say, that in their judgment, that distribution was wisely discontinued, and that it cannot be revived without incurring a current expenditure of from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per annum. It surely cannot be the part of wisdom, or of duty, for this Union to incur this additional expense for this mere purpose of gratuity.

The Macedonian is sent gratuitously to every pastor whose address is known, and who does not receive it in some other way. This is well and should be continued. Its facts are briefly and clearly stated to the masses of our people; to those masses its appeals are made; into those masses its earnest spirit should be infused. But no pastor can have that knowledge of our work which his responsibilities demand, without the regular and careful perusal of the Magazine. No layman can discharge his duty to the cause, who does not by such perusal keep alive within himself a vivid apprehension of the condition, the necessities and the encouragements of that cause.

By many the monthly visit of the Magazine is hailed with gladness. It stirs afresh the fountains of feeling, furnishes topics for reflection and remark, and is regarded as a source of unfailing interest at the Monthly Concert. It should be so

regarded by all. And instead of the occasional complaint that its gratuitous distribution has been discontinued, it would be wise for pastors to place their own names at the head of the subscription list in their several churches, and thus accomplish the double purpose of securing its benefits for themselves and inducing others to secure them.

We all know the power of example, and that power may be as effective in this work as elsewhere in the world. In a church which was making a large annual increase of its missionary contributions, one of our most intelligent laymen remarked to his pastor, "You do n't know how greatly in this matter we are indebted to your example. Others have preached well about missions here, but when, in addition to the preaching, we saw that with limited means you were heading the list from year to year, with a generous subscription, we felt that something was to be and would be done." And in all sober earnest that church began its work.

Let pastors pursue a similar course with reference to the Magazine. Let their names, if need be, head the list of its subscribers. Let their example as their precept say, this is a periodical of which no Christian family can afford to be deprived. And we may hope ere long to find that instead of 5,000 subscribers it has 50,000.

Very much the same is to be said of Mr. Gammell's history of our missions. Its literary merits are of the first order. Its value as a history is sufficiently tested by the most competent authorities. And it is safe to say, that with all our commendations, we are in little danger of placing an undue estimate upon its value. It is a pleasure to know of the sale of 6,000 copies. But when we remember these 3,500 churches and 150,000 families, we are ready to exclaim concerning these 6,000 copies, "What are these among so many!" and to pray that they may be multiplied among the multitudes, until every heart has tasted and been refreshed.

Your committee regret to learn that with all efforts to prevent it, the Magazine has in some instances continued to fail to reach its subscribers in season for the monthly concert.

They, therefore, take the liberty in conclusion to suggest

1. That vigorous efforts be continued to place a copy of the Macedonian in every family connected with our churches and congregations.
2. That pastors interest themselves to increase the circulation of the Magazine, by placing their own names at the head of the list of subscribers in their several churches, or by such other methods as they shall deem most effective.
3. That especial care be taken to have the Magazine forwarded to the several places of its destination, in season to be received at least three days prior to the monthly concert.

The Committee on the Assam and Telooogo Missions reported through Rev. J. Jennings.

The report was adopted and ordered to be printed.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the Executive Committee as relates to the Assam and Telooogo Missions, submit the following :

The mission to the Telooogos has been so recently and fully discussed by the Board, that your committee deem it only necessary to say, that from the state of the church, the prosperity of the schools, the prevailing desire for books, and especially from the increase of preaching, we have reason to hope for a large measure of success.

One of the laborers in the Assam Mission has recently found his grave in the deep. This mission has powerful obstacles with which to contend. Caste, Shaster and Priest, exert a formidable influence against the missionary. Still the measure

of success already obtained is such as should encourage us to go forward and fully sustain the mission.

On account of the difficulty of reaching the people, as in other missions, our hope of success in Assam must largely rest upon efforts for the young. God has smiled upon the schools. Several of their members have been converted. Their representatives are with us to-day. The spirit of inquiry is increasing among the people, and we hope the day is at hand when the iron bands of superstition will be burst asunder by the Spirit of God, and a glorious harvest gathered in.

We learn with great pleasure that it is the intention of the Executive Committee to send three men to Assam, with special reference to the increase of the preaching force of the mission. The *preached* gospel, attended by the influences of the Holy Spirit, is our main dependence in all our labors.

The central position of Assam, and its proximity to other promising yet unoccupied fields, make it one of our most important missions. Moreover, with even ordinary progress, we may hope that soon our brethren here and those in Burmah will meet, and thus join field to field in the good work.

Your committee are impressed more than ever with the fact that in all the field, both at home and abroad, we must have the divine influence. Paul may plant and Apollos water, but God must give the increase.

The Committee on the Karen Missions reported through Rev. S. F. Smith, chairman.

The report was adopted and ordered to be printed.

The committee on the Karen Missions submit the following report:

The Karens are distributed into two branches, the Pwos and the Sgaus, who are about equally divided. They are found in and around Maulmain, Tavoy, Mergui, Rangoon, and on the borders of Siam, along the mountain sides and on the banks of the rivers, in all southern Burmah. They speak two different dialects. Hence, for the present, different books are to be provided for each, and different teachers are required to be devoted to their interests. Attention had been paid by the missions to both branches. But the larger measure of labor had been bestowed upon the Sgaus, and among *them* has been enjoyed the largest measure of success. It is now about twenty years since the Karens were introduced to the mission under the labors of the lamented Boardman. They have seemed from the beginning a people prepared of the Lord. The progress of the gospel among them has been a perpetual triumph. While in some of the missions, much preparatory labor was to be performed, here God had opened the way of the gospel as if almost by miraculous interposition. The reaper has quickly followed the sower, and he that came to cast in the seed has filled his bosom with the sheaves.

In the various divisions of the Karen field, at least eighty-five Christian churches have been organized. More than 12,000 persons have given evidence of regeneration, of whom upwards of 7,000 have been baptized. Hundreds of these converts have departed in faith, the first-fruits of the Redeemer's triumph among them. Thousands remain, to take part in promoting the conquests of the gospel, and to aid in leading their countrymen to Christ.

The Karens, to whom the gospel has come, are assuming, under the superintendence of the several missions, the characteristics of a truly Christian people. The feature which seems fraught with the deepest interest and encouragement, in this respect, is that the Karen churches are coming up to the work of sustaining their own religious and educational institutions. The Sandoway Mission, having peculiar facilities in this regard, has nobly undertaken the work. Here the con-

verts have erected chapels, sustained schools, and, in some instances, supported their own pastors, and sent forth native laborers, with comparatively little aid from the mission, to the destitute population around them. The Karen churches in connection with Maulmain and Tavoy, according to their numbers and ability, have not been wanting in similar endeavors. The whole system of efforts necessary to the piety, intelligence, elevation and prosperity of a truly Christian people, has been in several places set in order, and the blessing of the Divine Spirit accompanies the work.

Still the superintendence of American missionaries cannot be dispensed with. The Karen Christian communities, in their infant state, need the vigilant eye and the steady hand of men of large experience, sound judgment, and great practical wisdom and efficiency.

The committee have no new measure to recommend. They congratulate the Board on the signal success which has crowned their endeavors in these fields, and urge the continued prosecution of their efforts on similar principles.

The Committee on Agencies reported, through Rev. C. B. Davis, chairman. The report was adopted and ordered to be printed.

The committee to whom was assigned the section of the Annual Report relating to Agencies, present as follows :

Your committee would rejoice if wisdom were given them to report a plan of agencies liable to no objections in principle, and no default or friction in action,—but such a consummation will long be deferred. At present, our aim must be an approximation towards the least objectionable and the most efficient system of home operations ; and, with this system in view, we are unprepared to advise any material departure from our existing order of agencies. It is not so much a new plan of measures, as the missionary heart, universally diffused, that is needed. To secure this chief object, the suggestions in the Report submitted to your committee claim earnest consideration. We commend the vigorous use of the press, both in its sheet and its volume issues ; but with all the difficulties and evil prejudices inwrought with the subject, we more especially commend the agency of living men of God, as indispensable to enlisting the great masses of our churches in the successful prosecution of the home work of missions. We doubt if any uniform method of procedure can be devised to meet the different circumstances and exigencies of the widely different sections of country embraced in this organization, nor are we sure that such uniformity of means, if practicable, is of very essential importance. But we would plead before all churches, and particularly before all pastors of churches, for much thought, much prayer, much reading, much preaching, much conversation, much giving, and much weeping at the cross of Christ over the impending religious destinies of mankind. If these simplest works of our faith are habitually performed by all Christian disciples, we are certain that the happiest home and foreign results must follow, and that the Master will say, Well done.

The committee venture to suggest, that, while there should be no abatement of our agencies in the eastern and middle States, but rather a vast increase of home efficiency here, whether we ought not to furnish an extended and thorough living agency to the new and great western States,—an agency attended, perhaps, for the first ten years, with as much outlay as income, but which in all after years may yield the thirty, sixty, and hundred fold for all the toil and expenditure incurred. We think it time to say practically, that the value of a travelling and preaching agency depends only in part on immediate receipts. Over an immense portion of the field of our home operations, we believe the most important present agency is in sowing the seed of future harvests.

We add our profound conviction of the utter impotence of all human agencies and might, unless interpenetrated and made effectual by the Spirit from on high,—for which infinite blessing may every heart supplicate God.

The Committee on Obituaries reported through Rev. H. J. Ripley, D. D., chairman.

The report was adopted and ordered to be printed.

The Committee on Obituary Notices would acknowledge, with devout gratitude, the favor of Divine Providence in removing from active service, during the past year, so few of the persons who have held appointments under the Missionary Union. Two female assistant missionaries have finished their labors on earth and, we humbly trust, have entered into the joy of the Lord.

Mrs. Osgood, wife of Rev. S. M. Osgood, formerly of the Maulmain Mission and, since his return to this country, an agent in the employ of the Board, had greatly endeared herself to her missionary associates. She was a most valuable assistant to her husband in the multifarious cares which devolved on him as in some sort a commissary of the missionary corps in Maulmain, as well as in more direct endeavors to teach the way of life.

Mrs. Moore, who left this country in October, 1848, to join the Arracan Mission, has been summoned from earth too soon for the Christian public to learn her worth, but not too soon for her immediate friends to experience the bitterness of disappointed hope.

Quite recently, intelligence has reached this country of the decease of Rev. Cyrus Barker, of the Assam Mission. He had for years been struggling with disease, and was on his homeward voyage in pursuit of health. During the voyage, on the 31st of January last, while in the channel of Mozambique, the storm of earth for him subsided into the calm of heaven. Of his useful labors our missionary records contain ample testimony. Of his devotion to the cause of Christ among the heathen, and of the eminently Christian spirit in which he met the summons of death, the committee are happy in being furnished with attestations, in a letter just received from his afflicted widow. As this letter has not been made public, your committee, trusting that they shall not thereby violate the proprieties of the present occasion, avail themselves of it as enabling them to pay a just tribute to the memory of a modest and laborious missionary.

For some time after br. Barker's embarkation, his health seemed to be improving; but about the 20th of January, most unfavorable symptoms appeared. During the wanderings of his mind, he was conversing, as he supposed, with persons who required instruction concerning their sinfulness and their need of salvation by Christ; then again he seemed to himself to be surrounded by the native Christians, inquiring into their spiritual state. "In reply to an inquiry as to his hopes and feelings," Mrs. Barker writes, "he said, 'I have endeavored devoutly and sincerely to commit my soul to Jesus; but I make *no account* of what I have done, but *all account* of what the blessed Saviour has done. He that believeth in Christ shall never die. Let his blessed will be done.' The night before his death he said to me, 'I begin to feel that I am sinking. Blessed be the Lord: his will be done.' Then his mind wandered and he conversed with new missionaries who, he said, had joined us. Again he recovered his recollection and begged me to assure the dear church in Gowahatti of his unabated and warm affection, of his great interest in them and constant desire for their spiritual prosperity." After acknowledging the sympathetic interest which all on shipboard expressed in her affliction, from the captain to the common sailor, our bereaved sister adds, "I have now a request to

make of you and of those who care for the heathen, that you will pray for me and my fatherless children; and that they will send a missionary to Gowahatti immediately. Help came too late to relieve my dear husband; and shall br. Danforth be left alone to suffer in the same way, and through excessive labor, care and responsibility, be brought to an early grave?"

The Committee on the Bassa Mission reported through Rev. R. Babcock, D. D., chairman.

The report was adopted and ordered to be printed.

The Committee on the Mission to the Bassas, have given to the subject of that mission the utmost attention in their power, and beg leave to submit a few considerations which seem to them of transcendent importance and interest in the present exigency.

First of all, they are unanimous in the expression of their satisfaction with the spirit of that part of the Annual Report embracing this mission. It breathes a yearning kindness for poor Africa, and her darkened millions, and of regret at the failure of their efforts and hopes to do something efficient for their enlightenment. Still it would be useful, and your committee have thought it important, that along with the going forth of this document there should be some fuller development of the real and mournful state of the case, as the facts connected with it sufficiently indicate. All the information within their reach has therefore been laid under contribution by your committee, and they beg leave with freedom, but without the slightest disposition to imply or express censure, to offer briefly the results of their inquiries.

This seems to be the only one of our missions, devoted to the evangelization of probably a fifth part of the entire heathen world. When it is further considered, that we, of all others, are more peculiarly obliged, — both from the duty of repairing dreadful injustice, and from the peculiar facilities within our reach for diffusing the blessings of civilization and Christianity among them, — than any other nation to put forth our utmost endeavors to spread among Africans the knowledge of the gospel, it must be confessed that the present position of our mission here is intensely painful. For more than a year past, no American missionary has been in our employ in Africa, and the few and feeble native assistants, uncheered and unguided by such help as their case seems most imploringly to demand, are in danger of yielding to utter discouragement. Probably little more than twelve hundred dollars, have, the last year, been remitted to this mission, for the support of schools, preachers and assistants; and the reduction which has been rapid for some years past, will soon reach, if past tendencies are unchecked, an entire extinction.

It may reasonably be asked, why should such a state of things be permitted? The mission established fifteen years since, has been eminently successful, considering the small amount which has been expended on it. The language of a numerous, efficient and hopeful tribe, has been thoroughly mastered, elementary books of instruction prepared and published, a dictionary has been compiled, and large portions of the Scriptures, translated and revised, have long been ready for publication, and are in danger of being hopelessly lost if not soon printed. Nor has the mortality of American missionaries been so uniform or fearful, as to furnish adequate reasons for such an abandonment as now seems to impend. Br. Clarke lived and labored ten years here without one interval of relief by a return to this country, and the widow of the lamented Crocker waits with heroic impatience but the appointment of an American missionary to this field, to return again to her loved and chosen labors in it. Can it be impossible, under such circumstances, to find

men, fit and willing, to cast themselves into this breach, and speedily, with God's blessing, stay the progress of ruin ?

The providence of God is just offering for our acceptance a most eligible site for an educational establishment, and perhaps for the seat of the printing department, and the permanent residence of a portion if not all of the American missionaries here required, on Factory island, a tract of fifty or sixty acres of fertile land, in the very mouth of the St. John's River, where a stone edifice, of large expense in its original construction, is now understood to be procurable at comparatively trifling expense ; and may very probably furnish the nucleus of a permanent mission printing and educational establishment, where scores and hundreds of native converts may be prepared for extensive usefulness among their benighted countrymen. If the future, like the past, shall prove the comparative salubrity of this position on the coast, even for American missionaries, and the Executive Committee shall feel warranted to possess themselves of this position, perhaps we may congratulate ourselves with the hope that the days of feebleness and discouragement are ended, and that a glorious day is dawning, which will witness the fulfilment of the promise, "Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God."

With confident assurance that the Board will cheerfully authorize such additional expenditure as may be deemed wise by the Executive Committee for preserving what has been gained, and resuscitating the waning fortunes of this mission, your committee refrain from appending any resolution to their report, and respectfully submit the above suggestions to your consideration.

The Committee on the French and Greek Missions reported through Rev. L. F. Beecher, chairman.

The report was adopted and ordered to be printed.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Annual Report as relates to the French and Greek Missions, beg leave to report that they are exceedingly happy to find that the French Mission appears to have got out of the straits, and away from the winds, which prevail along shore, into deep water and plain sailing. For many years associated with the Greek Mission, in the minds of its friends, on account of its numerous embarrassments and its limited apparent success, it seems now to have secured a strong foothold upon the soil, and a place in the affections of many of the French people. We hear, on every hand, of an efficient distribution of labor, of new centres of operation, of new organizations to give solidity and permanency to the conquests already achieved, and of new laborers, and increasing numbers converted to the truth. The efforts at the capital, though attended with some success, have been suspended, and the laborers transferred to more productive and less expensive fields.

Young men are offering themselves as laborers in new and interesting fields of missionary enterprise, or as students, to prepare themselves for missionary work. The churches are increasing in number and in their membership, and the seed, which has been buried long, is germinating, and the fruit appears. We are the more happy to acknowledge these tokens of Divine favor, because France is a field in which faithful men have labored under many discouragements, and with little to cheer them.

Of the importance of this field it is not necessary for us to speak. The eyes of the world are upon it, and the influence of evangelical sentiments, if once firmly established here, will reach points which can be touched through no other agencies. While a purer faith will prove the surest safeguard of the nation, it becomes us to consider well, whether her peculiar position does not give to her the power of

repaying, to evangelical Christendom, all that may be done for herself, in crippling the power of the Papacy, a power which looks to France mainly for deliverance and protection. We bespeak for the mission in France a large share in the fervent prayers and liberal benefactions of all the people of God, and we trust the day is not far distant when it shall equal that of Germany, both in the magnitude of labor attempted and in the amount of good accomplished for God.

The committee acknowledge they have felt no little embarrassment in attempting to settle the principles by which a missionary body like this should be guided, in deciding such a question as is brought before them by the present and past condition of the Greek Mission. They feel the full force of what has been so often said in reference to its apparent want of success. They know that it has had to meet and surmount difficulties of greater magnitude than usually fall to the lot of laborers even in the foreign field. They know that the gospel is now, as it was in the days of its first proclamation, to the Jews a stumbling block, and to the Greeks foolishness: but they also know, and they dare not disregard the fact, that it is to *all*, both Jews and Greeks, the power of God and the wisdom of God. Your committee are satisfied, however, that the number of persons who give evidence of conversion, in any given period, is not the only thing upon which to predicate the success or failure of missionary labor. While one man may strike into a soil prepared by a long series of favoring providences, another may strike into a richer soil, so overrun with weeds and so hedged in with difficulties, as to require a long and tedious preparatory labor before he can cast in the seed and reap the harvest. While one is gathering in his ten fold for the seed sown, receiving in a short time all that the nature of the soil will ever give him, the other may be preparing ground for seed which shall ultimately give back to him and to the church an hundred or even a thousand fold.

While we are not permitted to speak of the Greek Mission in the same terms which can be employed of other and more favored localities, yet we are glad to be able to testify to the entire competency and faithfulness of the missionaries there employed, and we are inspired with the greater measure of hope in reference to the future from their unwavering faith and their untiring perseverance. Your committee do not feel willing, under the circumstances, to utter one word which shall look to the immediate abandonment of that mission. The future they leave to the future, but the present is too hopeful for either despair or despondency. The darkness which overhangs the mission is not universal. The parting clouds have shown the Sun of Righteousness already in his course through the moral heavens, and a single ray, clear and bright, has fallen upon the land once bathed in its heavenly light.

Obstructions imposed by government have been removed. The leaven of the gospel has already begun to work. Access to the Greek people may be had in any desired measure, and the germs of more liberal principles, both in civil and ecclesiastical affairs, are beginning to appear. The confidence of the people, which was for a season withdrawn from the missionaries, has been regained; all the means and appliances for successful missionary labor have been perfected, and more than all and better than all, God has distinctly shown his hand, rifting the cloud and pointing to the open sky.

In view of these facts your committee dare not take the responsibility, till the Master of the vineyard give evidence of his impatience, of saying, "Cut it down;" but recommend, rather, that we dig about it more perseveringly, and enrich it more liberally, and if it bear fruit, well,—and if not, "*after that* thou shalt cut it down."

The Committee on the Burmese Missions reported through Rev. E. G. Robinson, chairman.

The report was adopted and ordered to be printed.

The committee on the Burmese Missions respectfully submit the following report:

The missions among the Burmese, though first in our affections and more tenderly cherished perhaps than any other, have seemed to be in danger, within a few years past, of losing a portion of the regard they had so long retained. Other fields, of apparently easier culture and promising more immediate and more abundant fruits, have seemed to present superior claims. The long period elapsing between seed time and harvest among the Burmese, has often been spoken of in comparison with the field, already sown of God and white to the harvest, among the Karens. We have thus been in danger of undervaluing what has really been accomplished among the Burmese.

The additions to the Burman churches at Maulmain and Amherst, within the past year, it is true, have been small in comparison with those of some of the other missions. There has, nevertheless, been progress. The bread cast upon the waters from the schoolroom and the printing office must, hereafter, when the many days shall have passed, be found again. The facilities for diffusing truth among the Burmans, on the printed page, from Maulmain, and the extent to which these facilities have been improved, it seems to your committee, afford the strongest encouragement to believe that the "set time" to favor this people must come at no distant day.

Burmah Proper has been, and perhaps now is, barred against us. Our missionaries, as teachers of religion, may still be, as heretofore, strictly prohibited from entering it. But at Maulmain the gospel can be preached to the Burmans to an extent that has not yet been fully improved. That city, it may safely be said, contains an average number of one thousand Burmans from the villages and towns of the interior. The great body of these visitors to the city are easily accessible to the living preacher, and no inconsiderable portion of them resort thither with the intention of seeing and hearing for themselves of the "new religion." These persons, consisting of merchants, boatmen and common laborers, have heard something of Christianity through the books and tracts that have already been carried into the interior by former visitors, but come to Maulmain desirous to see and hear the teacher himself. To this class of persons no little attention, it is true, is given by the native assistants; but the need of the guiding mind of a judicious missionary who should be exclusively devoted to preaching in Burmese, is constantly apparent, is deeply felt, and earnestly urged on the attention of the Executive Committee.

The mission among the Burmans in Arracan, seems to have been highly prosperous during the past year. Among the additions to the church at Akyab, there have been some that give promise of very considerable usefulness. The building of the mission chapel at Akyab, by funds collected entirely from the population of the place, has marked this station as one from which the most cheering accounts are to be anticipated. Our missionaries at this post, alluding in their correspondence to indications of coming good, appear to cherish high hopes for the future. The prospects at Ramree are, also, highly encouraging.

The Kemees, though neither a branch of the Burman people, nor speaking any dialect of the Burmese tongue, are yet so connected with the mission at Akyab as to be considered belonging to that station. This people have been permitted at last, we trust, to look upon their long expected and long promised teacher. A missionary has been sent out to them during the year, who is, probably, already on the ground, and engaged, we may suppose, with the teacher that awaited his arrival, in

the acquisition of their language. May the results from his labors be commensurate with the interest that will be felt in them by all our churches.

Your committee, in concluding their report, would say, that while remembering with gratitude the reinforcement that has been sent to the Burmese department in Arracan, they cannot but hope that some more express provision than now exists, may be made for the Burmans at Maulmain. We remember with solicitude the latest sad tidings received from the venerable founder of the missions to the Burmans; and our prayer is that, if he still lives, he may yet be spared to see the people, for whom he and others now with us have spent their best strength, flying as a cloud to the house of the Lord.

The Committee on Finances, to whom was re-committed the report made this morning, again reported through D. R. Barton, Esq., chairman.

The first resolution presented was lost, and the other two, with the report, were adopted.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Report of the Executive Committee as relates to the subject of finance, beg leave to submit the following:

They feel themselves relieved of a part of the duty that would otherwise belong to them, by the appointment of a committee on the subject of agencies, who will recommend the best means of meeting the expenses of the current year. While, therefore, they have no report to make on that subject, they are free to declare that they could not, if desired, recommend any better plan than the one reported last year, to which the attention of the Board was called yesterday by the Home Secretary. Three points have received more particular consideration.

1. The practice of leaving so large a part of the yearly collections till the last month. The report informs us that more than \$36,000,—considerably more than one-third of the whole sum raised during the year,—were contributed during the month of March. This must prove a serious inconvenience to the Treasurer, inasmuch as the drafts upon him are very equally distributed through the year, obliging him to negotiate loans to meet them. The accumulation of such a debt must cause anxiety in the minds of the Executive Committee and the Treasurer, knowing that a slight reverse in financial affairs may prevent the making up of the needed amount, and produce most disastrous consequences. Your committee would recommend to the Board, to devise some plan for making the collections at all seasons of the year and relieving the Executive Committee from the anxiety and responsibility resting upon them in the existing state of things.

2. They call attention to the practice, on the part of individuals and societies, of marking out the specific channel in which their contributions are to flow. While no one doubts the *right* of every person to direct the application that shall be made of his donations, it is easy to see that such a course may at times embarrass the Board. Suppose one of our beloved missionaries, who had labored long and successfully in some interesting field, seeing converts multiplied and churches planted, should be permitted to visit his native land and address many of the churches. The interest he would excite in the special object of his labors might be of such a character and extent, as to cause an undue share of the contributions of these churches to be directed in that channel, leaving other stations, that have not the direct aid of such an advocate, insufficiently provided for. The brethren to whom you have committed this trust are able to survey the whole field and to act for the best interests of every part.

3. The debt of the Union existing at the close of the financial year is stated to be \$21,501.09. It is a cause of gratitude to God, who inclines the hearts of the

children of men, that it has been reduced more than one-third during the last four years; but still a large balance remains due, and it must be the desire of the Board to adopt some decided and practical mode of extinguishing it. The committee would recommend, as the most feasible plan, the appropriation of the avails of the Farwell estate and of the Grand Rapids lands, as fast as they may be realized.

With respect to the expenses of doing the business at the Missionary Rooms, your committee have examined the items, and see no way in which they can be curtailed without inconvenience, neither have they any change to recommend in the mode of transacting the business.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Executive Committee adopt some effectual plan by which the pastor of every church connected with this Union, shall be considered a local agent for collecting the funds intended for the support of foreign missions, and cause the same, as far as practicable, to be transmitted monthly during each financial year.

2. *Resolved*, That the Board have entire confidence in the Executive Committee that they will make the best disposition of the entire funds that may be contributed for the objects of this society, and would recommend to all donors to place their contributions in the hands of said Committee without specific instructions as to their final disposition.

8. *Resolved*, That the avails of the Farwell estate and the Grand Rapids lands be appropriated as a sinking fund, for the liquidation of the debt standing against the Missionary Union on the 31st day of March, the present year.

Resolved, That the report of the committee on the Resuscitation of the Ava Mission; so much of the report on Indian Missions, as relates to the Cherokee Mission; and the report on the Bassa Mission be read to the Union.

Resolved, That the reports of the Treasurer and Executive Committee be accepted, and printed with the proceedings of the Board.

Resolved, That the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary be instructed to present abstracts from their reports to the Union.

Resolved, That the Chairman and Recording Secretary of the Board, be instructed to report to the Union the proceedings of the Board.

Adjourned till 7½ P. M. Prayer by Rev. S. J. Drake, of N. J.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7½ o'clock.

The Board met. After singing, Rev. T. F. Caldicott, of Mass., led in prayer. Rev. J. W. Parker, of Mass., made an interesting statement of what he had seen and heard during a recent visit to the French and German Missions.

Rev. J. Wade, of the Karen Mission; Rev. E. Kincaid, reappointed missionary to Ava, and Lucien Hayden, one of the Assamese converts, addressed the meeting.

A collection was taken amounting to \$120.

Adjourned with the benediction by the Chairman.

M. J. RHEES, *Rec. Sec.*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MISSIONARY UNION.

BUFFALO, *May* 16, 1850.

The American Baptist Missionary Union assembled this day at 10 o'clock, A. M., in the meeting-house of the Washington Street Baptist Church, to hold its thirty-sixth annual meeting.

The President of the Union, Hon. George N. Briggs, of Massachusetts, took the chair.

Rev. Amos Sutton, missionary to Orissa, India, offered prayer.

The President then made an appropriate and able address, introductory to the business of the meeting.

Rev. Messrs. D. B. Cheeney, of O., J. S. Shailer, of Mass., S. L. Caldwell, of Me., W. F. Hansell, of N. Y., Mr. J. Hanna, of Pa., Mr. A. M. Gammell, of R. I., Mr. H. B. Glover, of Mich., were appointed a committee to ascertain the names of the members present, and subsequently reported as follows :

The whole number of names enrolled is 374, of whom 277 are ministers of the gospel, and 97 laymen. From Maine there are nine members; New Hampshire, six; Vermont, six; Massachusetts, sixty-four; Connecticut, seven; Rhode Island, six; New York, one hundred and sixty; New Jersey, sixteen; Delaware, one; Pennsylvania, sixteen; Ohio, fifty-two; Michigan, fourteen; Indiana, one; Illinois, ten; Wisconsin, two; Canada West, one; Returned Missionaries, three.

MAINE.

Samuel L. Caldwell,
Caleb B. Davis,
Byron Greenough,

Henry Illsley,
John L. Sanborn,
Sylvanus G. Sargent,

Jacob R. Scott,
Samuel K. Smith,
N. Marshman Williams.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

J. M. Chick,
E. E. Cummings,

King S. Hall,
Noah Hooper,

Thomas O. Lincoln,
Gilbert Robbins.

VERMONT.

Nathan H. Bottom,
John Conant,

Horace Fletcher,
Joseph C. Foster,

John Goadby,
Hervey I. Parker.

MASSACHUSETTS.

John Allen,
Robert W. Ames,
A. J. Bellows,
Foronda Bestor,
Jefferson Borden,
G. W. Bosworth,
Joseph A. Brabrook,
George N. Briggs,
Edward Bright, Jr.,
Thomas F. Caldicott,

Asahel Chapin,
William C. Child,
Pharcellus Church,
Nathaniel Colver,
G. W. Cochrane,
Joseph W. Eaton,
Daniel C. Eddy,
Richard E. Eddy,
Albert Field,
James Fosdick,

Lewis Gage,
Amory Gale,
Daniel Goddard,
William Hague,
Dudley C. Haynes,
William H. Jamieson,
John Jennings,
George W. Little,
N. G. Lovell,
Horace T. Love,

Bradley Miner,
 Alan-son P. Mason,
 J. Warren Merrill,
 George Millard,
 Rollin H. Neale,
 William Newton,
 J. W. Olmstead,
 J. W. Parker,
 John Parkhurst,
 George W. Patch,
 Andrew Pollard,
 George W. Reed,

Henry Richards,
 Humphrey Richards,
 Henry T. Ripley,
 Daniel Sanderson,
 Horace Seaver,
 William H. Shailer,
 Julius S. Shailer,
 Thomas Shaw,
 Benjamin Smith,
 C. B. Smith,
 Philip Smith,

S. F. Smith,
 John Spence,
 Oakman S. Stearns,
 Baron Stow,
 James N. Sykes,
 John C. Stockbridge,
 Arthur S. Train,
 Levi Tucker,
 Daniel White,
 Samuel K. White,
 James F. Wilcox.

CONNECTICUT.

Elisha Cushman,
 Dwight Ives,
 John N. Murdock,

Harvey Miller,
 S. Dryden Phelps,

Charles Weeks,
 Samuel M. Whiting.

RHODE ISLAND.

Isaac J. Burgess,
 William Douglass,

Samuel W. Field,
 James N. Granger,

Pardon Miller,
 Samuel Richards.

NEW YORK.

S. S. Ainsworth,
 George C. Baldwin,
 V. Bemis,
 Samuel M. Bainbridge,
 Alfred Bennett,
 Dolphas Bennett,
 L. F. Beecher,
 A. M. Beebee,
 A. M. Beebee, Jr.,
 Charles L. Bacon,
 Isaac Butterfield,
 L. C. Bates,
 E. L. Benedict,
 Jirah Blackmer,
 David R. Barton,
 A. C. Barrell,
 John Bush,
 George Bridge,
 Henry Bowen,
 David Burbank,
 James Ballard,
 Peter Balen,
 Harris M. Baldwin,
 Leroy Church,
 William D. Corbin,
 William B. Curtis,
 A. J. Chaplin,
 Thomas D. Chollar,
 Lyman Clark,
 William Clarke,
 Russel Chappell,
 Martin Colman,
 Sewall S. Cutting,
 Zenas Case,
 Charles N. Chandler,
 Caleb B. Crumb,
 W. B. Curtis,
 C. G. Carpenter,
 Smith Chapman,
 E. W. Clark,
 Jirah D. Cole,

Francis C. Dusenberry,
 William Dayton,
 Harrison Daniels,
 Henry Davis,
 William B. Downer,
 James Edmunds,
 Jesse Elliott,
 H. B. Ewell,
 C. M. Fuller,
 Charles A. Fox,
 Hosca Fuller,
 Zenas Freeman,
 B. Farr,
 Timothy Fuller,
 M. P. Forbes,
 Charles Graves,
 Joel H. Greene,
 Samuel Gilbert,
 Oliver W. Gibbs,
 H. L. Gross,
 Salem T. Griswold,
 Eliab Going,
 Caleb G. Guro,
 Elon Galusha,
 William F. Hansell,
 James L. Hodge,
 Edward L. Harris,
 George F. Hurd,
 Ira Harris,
 Daniel Harrington,
 Martin Holmes,
 R. Harmon, Jr.,
 V. R. Hotchkiss,
 Leland I. Huntley,
 Charles W. Hewes,
 James Ives,
 Silas Ilsley,
 Ira Justin,
 Reuben Jeffrey,
 A. S. Kneeland,
 A. C. Kendrick,

Daniel W. Litchfield,
 I. R. Lacombe,
 Reuben P. Lamb,
 Lewis Leonard,
 John H. Morrison,
 Jerome T. Mason,
 Reuben Morey,
 S. R. Martin,
 Almon C. Mallory,
 W. Metcalf,
 William McCarthy,
 James McLallen,
 J. S. Maginnis,
 James Nickerson,
 John A. Nash,
 Philetus Olney,
 J. W. Osborn,
 Sewall M. Osgood,
 James B. Olcott,
 Charles Pohlman,
 R. M. Pease,
 Bela Palmer,
 Spencer Pomroy,
 Daniel G. Powers,
 Warren F. Parish,
 William F. Purrington,
 Alfred Pinney,
 William Rees,
 Charles B. Read,
 Daniel D. Read,
 Hubbard Russel,
 Nathan A. Reed,
 James Reed,
 Rufus Reed,
 John T. Seeley,
 John Smitzer,
 Justin A. Smith,
 Lyman Smith,
 Harry Smith,
 Jacob T. Stone,
 Joseph W. Spoor,

Elijah F. Smith,
Howell Smith,
Smith Sheldon,
Clesson P. Sheldon,
H. K. Stimson,
Philetus B. Spear,
Benjamin R. Swick,
Henry Stanwood,
S. M. Stimson,
Alvah Strong,
Oren Sage,
Charles Sherman,
William N. Sage,

Israel Starkey,
John G. Stearns,
Marsena Stone,
David T. Taylor,
E. Turney,
Dwight O. Taylor,
Jefferson Tillinghast,
E. E. L. Taylor,
H. Tefft,
T. Thomas,
Samuel White,
Lyman Wright,

John N. Wyckoff,
A. Wheelock,
John W. Wiggins,
William H. Wyckoff,
Isaac Wescott,
Benjamin Warren,
B. T. Welch,
William R. Webb,
Hezekiah West,
Chauncey Wardner,
Gibbon Williams,
Jonas Woodward.

NEW JERSEY.

J. Q. Adams,
Jona. G. Collom,
Simeon J. Drake,
Henry C. Fish,
Zelotes Grenell,
Josiah Hatt,

Henry V. Jones,
P. Mason,
A. F. Randolph,
Peter P. Runyon,
David B. Stout,

Samuel Smith,
William H. Turton,
Thomas Taylor,
D. M. Wilson,
William V. Wilson.

DELAWARE. — Morgan J. Rhees.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Rufus Babcock,
William Bucknell, Jr.,
J. Lausing Burrows,
Park H. Cassaday,
John Dawson,
John R. Downer,

A. D. Gillette,
John Hanna,
John S. Holme,
John Jones,
Eugenio Kincaid,

Edgar M. Levy,
George I. Miles,
William Penney,
Harvey Silliman,
Thomas Wattson.

OHIO.

L. Andress,
William Ashmore,
James R. Abbott,
Dudley Andrews,
Seymour W. Adams,
Aaron D. Abbott,
John G. Bowen,
Henry A. Bowen,
Isaac Bloomer,
C. J. Bowles,
Charles A. Dean,
David B. Cheeney,
Charles A. Clark,
Ira Corwin,
Eben Crane,
Jefferson Chambers,
Hervey S. Dale,
Jona. B. Dibell,

P. C. Dayfoot,
Joseph Elliott,
F. R. Freeman,
James Goodrich,
James M. Hoyt,
Jeremiah Hall,
Roswell N. Henderson,
Thomas E. Inman,
W. G. Johnson,
George James,
P. P. Kennedy,
John Kelly,
Joseph C. Miller,
John L. Moore,
Stephen B. Page,
Lewis Ranstead,
E. G. Robinson,

D. A. Randall,
Edward Royce,
Benjamin Rouse,
H. C. Skinner,
J. B. Sackett,
John Stevens,
Frederic Snyder,
Andrew M. Torbet,
V. R. Wall,
Lyman Wilder,
Silas B. Webster,
Jeremiah W. Wetherby,
Moses White,
D. D. Walden,
William White,
N. N. Wood,
Archibald Williams.

MICHIGAN.

Marvin Allen,
F. L. Batchelder,
O. C. Comstock,
Supply Chase,
Samuel Graves,

Samuel Haskell,
G. W. Harris,
John Harris,
E. H. Hamlin,
Jeremiah S. Hamilton,

T. Z. R. Jones,
L. H. Moore,
U. B. Miller,
William Taylor.

INDIANA. — J. A. Dixon.

ILLINOIS.

Levi D. Boon,
Nathaniel Crosby,
Robert F. Ellis,
Frederick Ketcham,

Walter Levesse,
Lewis Raymond,
James Schofield,

Luther Stone,
Elisha Tucker,
Silas Tucker.

WISCONSIN.

James Delany,

Perley Work.

CANADA WEST. — James Piper.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES.

Miles Bronson,

James M. Haswell,

Jonathan Wade.

Rev. M. J. Rhees, Secretary of the Board of Managers, read the following communication from that body, which was accepted.

To the American Baptist Missionary Union, the Board of Managers respectfully present the following report :

During the past year the blessing of God has rested upon the missions under the care of the Union. The missionaries have been prospered in their labors, and many souls have been brought to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. The Executive Committee have exercised a careful supervision of the missions, and have reinforced them to the extent of the means at their disposal.

At the meetings of the Board, on the 14th and 15th inst., that Committee reported its doings; which, after a careful revision by special committees, and free discussion in the Board, have been approved by that body. An abstract of the Report itself, and also of the Treasurer's Report, will be read to the Union. Reports from some of these special committees, will be submitted to the Union for the information of all its members, and for their consideration.

1. One of these is on the Resuscitation of the Ava Mission, upon which the Board resolved to reënter Burmah Proper and resume that mission.

2. Another is on the Indian missions, so far as relates to the Cherokee Mission, and which the Board believe presents that subject in its true light.

3. The report on the Bassa Mission will also be presented, as an important document to awaken sympathy for ignorant and down-trodden Africa.

4. A report on the subject of a change in the time of holding the Annual Meetings of the Union, with a view to facilitate its financial operations, is also submitted for consideration.

5. A paper from the Executive Committee, on Reinforcements and Appropriations for 1850-1, the Board recommend to have read and made the order of the day for the Friday morning session of the Union.

6. The Board recommend that the Annual Sermon be preached on Thursday evening, at 7½ o'clock; and that the designation and farewell services connected with the departure of the missionaries during the ensuing season, be attended to on Friday afternoon; and that these services consist of the reading of the instructions of the Executive Committee, the designation prayer, some parting words from the missionaries, and the farewell address to them and to the Union, by Hon. G. N. Briggs, President thereof.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ELISHA TUCKER, *Chairman.*

M. J. RHEES, *Rec. Secretary.*

Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of one from every State embraced in the home field of the operations of this Union, be appointed, to nominate twenty-five persons to be elected as members of the Board of Managers. Rev. Messrs. O. C. Comstock, of Mich., J. N. Murdock, of Ct., J. N. Granger, of R. I., C. B. Davis, of Me., E. E. Cummings, of N. H., M. J. Rhees, of Del., J. A.

Dixon, of Ia., J. Delany, of Wis., E. M. Levy, of Pa., and Messrs. E. F. Smith, of N. Y., D. Sanderson, of Mass., B. Rouse, of O., P. P. Runyon, of N. J., N. H. Bottom, of Vt., were the committee.

Resolved, That the President nominate all committees during this session of the Union, unless otherwise ordered.

Voted, That 4 o'clock, this afternoon, be assigned as the time for electing the officers of the Union for the ensuing year, including the Board of Managers.

Rev. Messrs. A. C. Kendrick, D. D., of N. Y., F. Snyder, of O., J. W. Olmstead, of Mass., G. I. Miles, of Pa., J. R. Scott, of Me., H. Miller, of Ct., T. Z. R. Jones, of Mich., were appointed a Committee to designate the place for the next annual meeting; also to nominate some person to preach the annual sermon.

Voted, That the time of holding our sessions during this anniversary, be from 9 o'clock A. M. to 12½ P. M.; from 2½ P. M. to 5 P. M., and at 7½ in the evening.

Voted, That the Committee on nomination be requested to prepare printed ballots of such persons as they may nominate to serve on the Board of Managers.

The Treasurer of the Union, R. E. Eddy, Esq., presented an abstract of his Annual Report to the Board of Managers, which was accepted.

The Home Corresponding Secretary read an abstract of the Annual Report of the Executive Committee to the Board of Managers, which was also accepted.

The report of the Committee on the Resuscitation of the Ava Mission, referred to the Union by the Board, was read and adopted.

The report of the Committee on changing the time of holding our Anniversary, was read and discussed.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of a change of the time of holding the annual meeting of the American Baptist Missionary Union, from the month of May to the month of September or October, are unanimously agreed in the following report:

They are not prepared to recommend any action at this time upon the subject; they believe, however, that its grave importance commends it to the consideration of the members of the Union. That the present system is attended with serious disadvantages is very clear: whether another could be devised which should obviate these, without creating others equally or more serious, is the difficult question. The month in which the annual meeting is now held, is crowded with anniversaries of leading institutions, and is a month of pressing engagements with business men of almost every vocation. But these are not the chief difficulties. The chief difficulties relate to the financial affairs of this body. The members of the Union have observed, with regret and alarm, a large and annually increasing sum in the receipts of the Union, crowded into the last month of the financial year. Of the receipts reported by the Treasurer, yesterday, \$36,257.69, or more than two-fifths of the entire donations of the year, were reported as received during the single month of March. It is doubted whether this evil can be cured while the annual meeting remains so near the close of the winter months. It is in these months that the collections in the principal towns and cities must be made, and though by increased painstaking the evil may be partially met, by pressing collections elsewhere in other seasons, the collections in these cities and towns will always rise to so large a proportion as to give this inevitable feature to our financial affairs, so long as our financial year closes as now.

The dangers of such a system are apparent. The first six months of the financial year pass away with small receipts, but the expenditures do not wane in the same proportion. It becomes necessary, therefore, to commence the last half of the year by borrowing large sums in anticipation of receipts to come in at the very end of the year, occasioning not inconvenience only, but the necessity of expending large amounts in payment of interest. These receipts, as has been said, come in large proportions from commercial towns and cities. Let, then, sudden revulsions occur in commercial affairs in the months of January or February, and revulsions in the financial affairs of this body become inevitable. We have strained our present system to its utmost tension. God has mercifully delivered us at the latest moment, but it seems too much like tempting Him to continue the system without some attempts to provide a remedy for evils so manifest and so threatening. It is further worthy of notice, that under the present system the influence of the annual meeting upon the raising of funds is almost entirely lost. We come to our joyous gatherings, and then go home to six months of inactivity. Would it not be better if in some way we could make the incitements of these occasions our aids in the chief harvest time of the year?

But this is only one view of this difficult question. On the other hand, we have hitherto held our annual meetings in the spring, and the annual meetings of our Associations and State Conventions are adjusted to this arrangement. September and October are crowded with meetings of these bodies, and though it might be hoped that some week in these months would be cheerfully yielded to an imperious necessity, it is only such a necessity which would justify the call for such a concession. Other objections there are, scarcely necessary to be considered in detail, which will occur to every mind. In the face of such objections no change should be made without the gravest consideration. Your committee recommend such consideration, under the light both of our past experience, and of the future developments of providence.

Your committee will only say, further, that should a change at any time be made, they would recommend that the arrangement should involve, as an essential and important part, the holding of a missionary meeting in the month of May, in connection with other leading anniversaries,—a meeting which in their opinion could be made of great interest and importance.

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on changing the time of holding our Anniversary, be referred to a Committee of nine, with instructions to report at our next annual meeting.

Adjourned till 2½ o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Rev. H. J. Ripley, D. D., of Mass.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 2½ o'clock.

The Union convened, and Rev. J. Stevens, of O., offered prayer.

The Committee, appointed at our last annual meeting, to equalize the apportionment of members of the Board among the several States embraced in the home field of this body, reported as follows, and the report was adopted :

Your committee are unable to fix upon any plan, or ratio of apportionment, other than that which has already been adopted by the practice of the Union. The committee, therefore, recommend, that the subject be left without any new order being established by the Union, and that the vacancies be filled by men from the

States now represented in the Board of Managers, and according to the ratio of apportionment hitherto adopted.

So much of the report of the Committee of the Board on Indian Missions, as pertains to the Cherokee Mission, was read and accepted.

The hour assigned for the election of the officers of the Union having arrived, Rev. S. Graves, of Mich., and Messrs. W. N. Sage, of N. Y., J. M. Hoyt, of O., P. Mason, of N. J., Wm. Newton, of Mass., P. Miller, of R. I., and James Schofield, of Ill., were appointed to collect and count the votes, and they subsequently reported that the following were duly elected :

Hon. GEORGE N. BRIGGS, of Mass., *President*.

Rev. BARTHOLOMEW T. WELCH, D. D., of N. Y., } *Vice Presidents.*

Rev. ELISHA TUCKER, D. D., of Ill.,

Rev. WILLIAM H. SHAILER, of Mass., *Recording Secretary*.

The Committee to nominate twenty-five persons to serve on the Board of Managers, reported, and the report was accepted.

Rev. Messrs. H. C. Fish, of N. J., S. Chase, of Mich., R. F. Ellis, of Ill., P. C. Dayfoot, of O., and Messrs. A. J. Bellows, M. D., of Mass., S. Sheldon, of N. Y., and P. H. Cassady, of Pa., were chosen to collect the votes for persons to serve, during the three years ensuing, on the Board of Managers, and subsequently reported that the election was as follows :

Ministers.

J. SEWALL EATON, Portland, Me.,

EBENEZER E. CUMMINGS, Concord, N. H.,

PHARCELLUS CHURCH, Boston, Mass.,

HEMAN LINCOLN, Philadelphia, Pa.,

FRANCIS WAYLAND, Providence, R. I.,

ALFRED BENNETT, Homer, N. Y.,

BRADLEY MINER, Pittsfield, Mass.,

WILLIAM R. WILLIAMS, New York.,

ASAHEL C. KENDRICK, Hamilton, N. Y.,

JAMES L. HODGE, Brooklyn, N. Y.,

LEVI TUCKER, Boston, Mass.,

MORGAN J. RHEES, Wilmington, Del.,

ABRAHAM D. GILLETTE, Philadelphia, Pa.,

DAVID B. CHEENEY, Columbus, O.,

TIMOTHY R. CRESSEY, Indianapolis, Ia.,

OLIVER C. COMSTOCK, Marshall, Mich.

Laymen.

JAMES H. DUNCAN, Haverhill, Mass.,

JONATHAN BACHELLER, Lynn, Mass.,

ALBERT DAY, Hartford, Ct.,

IRA HARRIS, Albany, N. Y.,

DAVID A. BOKEE, Brooklyn, N. Y.,

ROSWELL S. BURROWS, Albion, N. Y.,

DAVID SCRIBNER, Topsham, Me.,

WILLIAM BUCKNELL, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.,

WILLIAM GAMMELL, Providence, R. I.

The report, referred to the Union by the Board, on the Bassa Mission, was read and discussed.

The Committee appointed to designate the place and to nominate a preacher for the next annual meeting, reported:—recommending that the meeting be held in Boston, Mass.; that Rev. William Hague, D. D., of N. J., preach the annual sermon, and that Rev. V. R. Hotchkiss, of N. Y., be his alternate. The report was adopted.

Adjourned till 7½ o'clock, this evening. Prayer by Rev. James Piper, of Canada West.

THURSDAY EVENING, 7½ o'clock.

After prayer by Rev. William Taylor, of Mich., the Annual Sermon was preached, by Rev. E. L. Magoon, of N. Y., from Matt. xx. 26, 27, and 28.

Adjourned. Rev. B. T. Welch, D. D., offered prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Union met pursuant to adjournment, and prayer was offered by Rev. C. G. Carpenter, of New York.

The records of yesterday were read and approved.

The following were appointed the Committee on changing the time of the anniversary. Rev. Messrs. J. W. Parker, of Mass., J. Stevens, of O., H. Fletcher, of Vt., M. Allen, of Mich., A. D. Gillette, of Pa., S. S. Cutting, of N. Y., J. D. Cole, of N. Y., M. J. Rhees, of Del., and Mr. D. M. Wilson, of N. J.

Voted, That the report on the Bassa Mission be accepted.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. B. Stow, D. D., and adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of the American Baptist Missionary Union are due, and are hereby tendered to the Rail Road and Steamboat companies which, with great liberality, have conveyed the members over their different routes at reduced fare.

George James, Esq., of O., offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to report at the next annual meeting, on the subject of making special provision for the support and education of the children of those missionaries who may die in the service of the Union. Rev. Messrs. B. Stow, D. D., J. G. Warren and E. E. Cummings, were the Committee chosen.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. M. J. Rhees, was adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting be presented to the members of the Washington Street Baptist church and congregation, and to the citizens of Buffalo, for their generous Christian hospitality extended to the members of the Union during its present session.

The special report of the Executive Committee, on the Reinforcements and Appropriations for 1850-1, and which was recommended to be made the order of the day, on Friday morning, was read by the Home Corresponding Secretary.

REINFORCEMENTS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1850-1.

The missions have sent home estimates of reinforcements and appropriations needed within the year ending March, 1851; and if taken as they stand its expenditures cannot be less than, from \$120,000 to \$125,000. The question, therefore, is submitted to this body, Shall the Board assume the responsibility of making the reinforcements and appropriations asked by the missions, or shall their estimates be reduced?

It may be well to state, that every mission is expected to furnish a minute annual estimate of its expenses for the year on which it is about to enter. These estimates are revised, first by the Secretaries and Treasurer, and afterwards by the Executive

Committee,—when such items are rejected or retrenched, as may be with the least injury to the missions, until the schedule of appropriations corresponds with the probable receipts for the same year. But the Committee are now perplexed. They are not prepared to reduce the appropriations, or to make them the basis of the year's expenditure.

1. They hesitate to enlarge the expenditure. The ratio of increase in the contributions of the last four years, is not favorable to a large advance the present year. The effort to pay the debt of \$40,000, swelled the donations and legacies of the year in which it was made, to upwards of \$100,000; but that was \$28,000 more than the Triennial Convention received in any previous year, and \$42,000 above the average of the four years next preceding the reorganization. In the year ending with March, 1847,—the first of the Missionary Union,—the amount of donations and legacies was \$85,000, and it has risen in no subsequent year higher than \$89,000. The average for each of the last four years, has been \$86,664.91; and little more has been done in the year ending with March, 1850, than to maintain this average. While these statements show an increase of nearly \$30,000, over the average of the four years ending with March, 1846, there is little in them to authorize the expectation of sustaining an advance of twenty thousand dollars in the annual expenditures.

Again: Kindred objects of benevolence will make larger drafts on the contributions of the churches than they have done. The unequalled growth and vast responsibilities of our own country, have invested the work of home evangelization with an interest and importance that must command for it the earnest sympathy of every heart animated by Christian philanthropy or true patriotism. But besides the claims of new States and territories, five of the older States are now engaged in endowing six Colleges and Theological Seminaries; and from these States,—Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio,—the Union has received, during the past four years, nearly three-fourths of all that has been contributed to its Treasury. Such enterprises will in the end subserve the evangelization of the world, but their immediate effect will be unfavorable to the foreign missionary treasury. How, then, can an advance of twenty thousand dollars, in the expenditures of the current year, be provided for?

2. But, on the other hand, the Committee are unprepared to reduce the appropriations asked by the missions, for reasons founded in the objects for which the increase is desired, and in the fruits of the missions. The objects are purely evangelical. Mission schools, except the theological, are necessarily of a mixed character, and have always occupied a secondary place among the means of evangelization,—receiving, exclusive of grants made by the United States government for educational purposes among the Indian tribes, no more than a twelfth part of the funds paid into the treasury. It is not for schools that additional means are now sought, but for the sending forth of men to *preach* the unsearchable riches of Christ as God giveth the opportunity. Some of these men have been seeking health under the genial influences of their early homes, and others have been recently appointed to fields in which overburdened laborers have fallen, or are now sinking under their cares. The contemplated reinforcement of the present year, including returning missionaries, is twenty-one,—seventeen of whom will be ready to sail the ensuing summer or autumn, and the Committee have hope of obtaining the services of the remaining four. The new laborers are designed for the Assamese, Burmese, Karens, Chinese and Bassas; and, assuming that Ava can be reoccupied, it would be difficult to decide from which of these nations the additional missionary might be the most safely withheld.

But with respect to the fruits of the missions. They furnish the strongest proofs

of philanthropic endeavor and large success. The history of these missions, recently written, commands for them the respect of the Christian world, and we are so thoroughly committed to their support that there seems to be no alternative but to learn how much they need and to supply it. They have just passed through a year in which not one of them is known to have made a retrograde movement; all, with the exception, perhaps, of the Ojibwa, the Ottawa and the Bassa, have advanced; and several of them have made developments of spiritual life and power such as, in some respects, have had no parallel in any previous year.

There have been years in which larger accessions were made to the membership of the churches; but in their influence on the communities among whom they are planted, the number and character of the native laborers, the manifestations of Christian beneficence among the converts, and the evident approach of native churches towards the power of self-support, the past year has been one of unexampled interest to the missions. These points have received their most impressive illustrations in the Cherokee Mission, among the Indian tribes; in the German and French missions, on the continent of Europe; and in the Karen missions, of south-eastern Asia. The Cherokee Mission is said to number more converts to Christianity, and to exert a stronger influence on the mass of the people, than any other mission among the aboriginal tribes of this continent. The pastors and churches of Germany are sending forth influences that bid fair to confer on central Europe the inestimable blessings of a pure Christianity; and the heroic men connected with the Mission to France, have brought out so many hidden proofs of spiritual power, that multitudes have heard the report of them with unbounded surprise. The Karen Mission at Sandoway, discloses some of the sublimest achievements of modern missionary effort. It tells us of more than forty Christian pastors, who voluntarily agree to depend for their support on as many Christian churches, in the jungles of Arracan and southern Burmah, the richest of which is worth less than a thousand dollars! It tells us, too, of Christian villages in the same regions, in nearly all of which Christian chapels have been built and Christian schools are sustained at the expense of a people who were regarded, only a few years ago, as the outcast race of an idolatrous land. In view of such results, wrought through missions in both hemispheres, can we do less than to give them enough to supply their necessities?

The Committee were instructed, at the last annual meeting, to gather information from all the missions as to the amount of money contributed by the converts for benevolent objects; and in answer to this call the missionaries have sent home many of the most instructive and encouraging statements ever received from their fields. Some of these have been published in the periodicals of the Union, and others are contained in the Annual Report submitted at the present meeting. From them it will be seen that the religion which we send to the nations prompts converts from heathenism to such deeds of beneficence, that to their power, yea, and beyond their power, they are willing of themselves to seek and to seize opportunities to relieve the suffering which surrounds them, and to spread the knowledge of Christ to the regions beyond. This large-hearted benevolence is developed in every mission, in every church, by nearly every member; and as a means of spiritual enlargement and Christian civilization in heathen nations, its great importance will be seen in every year's experience. It should not be lost upon us; but as an evident and precious fruit of wise and faithful missionary effort in time past, it should prove ample encouragement to increased activity and self-denial at home; and, as an example of the power of Christianity to fill the heart with generous impulses even in the most unfavorable circumstances, it might lead us to inquire how far we are under obligation to practise the beneficence which we teach the heathen.

This leads the Committee to state another consideration, in view of which they

shrink from reducing the appropriations of the year. There are 3,500 Baptist churches, with 285,000 members, in the home field of the Missionary Union. But one half of the receipts of the past year were the contributions of persons in less than one hundred churches; of the remainder, one half was contributed by less than three hundred churches; and the balance came from about one thousand churches: leaving upwards of two thousand churches with at least 175,000 members that must have contributed absolutely nothing directly for the evangelization of the heathen,—an object which is to be accomplished, not by the use of any one means, but by the use of all the means employed in the work of home evangelization.

The duty of doing this work, of preaching the gospel to every creature, in obedience to the great command of Jesus Christ, rests somewhere; and on whom, if not upon American Christians? To whom has it been more freely given? To whom have been more largely committed the means, the instruments and the opportunities of extending it to the nations? Possessing the rarest facilities for the widest missionary effort, and the ability to meet its largest demands, ought not every church in this land, to be heedful of the voice with which Divine Providence seems audibly to speak, saying: *If thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise from another place; but thou shalt be destroyed;—and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?*

With these considerations, which seem alternately to urge them forward and to drive them backward, the Committee pause. Shall they, in view of the blessed history and pressing wants of the missions, and of the power and duty of Christian men and women, advance where God seems to open and lead the way, or, warned by the risks of a sudden enlargement, shall they draw back?

For the Committee,

EDW. BRIGHT, JR., *Cor. Sec.*

Rev. Jonah G. Warren, of N. Y., offered the following resolution, which after an interesting discussion, which occupied most of the session, was adopted.

Resolved, That as members of the American Baptist Missionary Union, we will emulate the spirit and deeds of our faithful missionaries; and prompted by the calls of Providence and our own sense of duty, will respond liberally to the increasing demands made upon our resources, in striving to increase the income of the Treasury for the present year by at least twenty thousand dollars.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. A. D. Gillette, of Pa., was adopted.

Resolved, That as members of this Union and friends of missions in general, we deeply regret the absence of our esteemed Secretary, Rev. S. Peck, D. D., and more deeply deplore the afflictive dispensation which has fallen upon him; and we sincerely pledge him our kindest sympathies, and earnest prayers for his speedy restoration to health and usefulness in Zion.

Voted, That we adjourn. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Burtis, of the Presbyterian church, Buffalo.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 2½ o'clock.

The Union assembled, and prayer was offered by Rev. M. J. Rhees.

Rev. S. S. Cutting offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Union are presented to the choir of this church for their attendance on the meetings of this body, and the interest which they have given to its religious services.

The records of the morning were read and approved.

The services of designation, in respect to several returned missionaries and missionaries under appointment, were then held. Of the former, there were Rev. Messrs. Wade, Kincaid, Bronson, their wives, and Mrs. Cutter; and of the latter, Rev. Messrs. Ward, Whiting, Ashmore and Thomas, with their companions.

The Foreign Secretary being absent from the meeting, in consequence of ill-health, the Instructions of the Executive Committee to the missionaries, were read by the Home Secretary.

INSTRUCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The missionaries about to sail for Asia, in company with Rev. Messrs. Wade, Kincaid, Vinton and Bronson, their wives and Mrs. Cutter, are brethren William Ward, Samuel M. Whiting, William Ashmore, and Benjamin C. Thomas. The designation of Mr. Ward and Mr. Whiting is to Gowahatti and Sibsagor—stations of the Mission to Assam, the valley of the Brahmaputra—a field embracing a million and a half of souls, and from which the work of evangelization might be extended northward and southward and eastward, among tribes accessible to the Christian missionary. Mr. Ward goes to the place now made vacant by the death of Mr. Barker, to stand by the side of Mr. Danforth, the only missionary in charge of a station surrounded by a population of more than half a million of people. Mr. Whiting will be associated with Messrs. Brown and Cutter at Sibsagor, a station three hundred miles north-east of Gowahatti, where he will find one laborer absorbed with the great work of translating the Scriptures into Assamese, another with the no less indispensable service of printing them, and some hundreds of thousands of heathen willing to hear “the glorious gospel of the blessed God.” Mr. Ashmore is to join the Mission to Siam, to fill the place once occupied by Mr. Dean and afterwards by Mr. Goddard. There he will receive the fellowship and counsel of brethren connected with the Siamese department of the same mission; but on him will rest the sole responsibility of guiding a church embracing thirty members, and of making the truth known to the thousands of Chinese residing in Bangkok. Mr. Thomas will be connected with the Tavoy Mission, as fellow laborer with Mr. Brayton, in the province of Mergui, and with special reference to the Karens and Salongs. The station thus reinforced will have no more than two missionary families, upon whom will devolve the care of the churches now gathered, and the instruction of unevangelized Karens and the Salongs,—a people living on the islands between Mergui and Pinang, fishermen, lower in civilization than the Karens, yet possessing a written language and furnishing ample encouragement for missionary labor.

Thus every laborer, now set apart to the missionary work, goes to a mission in which are the manifestations of a present God; and each goes to engage in the highest department of missionary service, the *preaching* of Christ and Him crucified.

Dear brethren, these are the fields and this the work of which we put you in charge. In entering upon these fields and in fulfilling this service,

I. Keep ever in mind the design of your appointment. You are sent, in pursuance of the object for which the Missionary Union was constituted, “to diffuse the knowledge of the religion of Jesus Christ.” This appointment involves several particulars. You are sent to Assam and Siam and Mergui. Your work is *there*—the foreign not the home work of missions. Henceforward your thoughts, your plans, your labors, and your hopes of usefulness mainly, must be there also. Your influence may not be confined there; your love and faith, your patient continuance

in well doing, your constancy in trial and suffering, your limited or abundant success, may incidentally, will *assuredly*, we would say, reïect on the home field. But this is not the end of your being sent,—to do *us* good, to do *our home work*. We would value your aid, but we cannot claim it. The work abroad claims *all* your strength. It is greater than our work, and there are fewer to do it. Tell us that you need helpers, tell us that you need the means of efficient labor; but lay on us, and leave on us, the responsibility of sending the men and means.

You are sent to the *heathen* population of Siam and Assam and Mergui. You may meet, at least in Assam, with a community, not of large extent, bearing the Christian name, speaking your own native language, proffering to you the sympathies and courtesies of civilized life, and expecting from you in turn the attentions and services of a minister of Christ. Their distinguished moral worth, their benevolent interest and large liberality in furthering the designs of your mission; their seeming reliance on and cleaving to you, for their own spiritual edification, may assert stronger claims; and pressed by social, generous and even Christian impulses, without due forethought you may bestow on a few already instructed, or with the means of instruction in the way of life, the time and thought that belong to the multitudes of outcasts who throng around them. Unwittingly you may rob the *heathen*. Brethren, you are sent to the *heathen*, you are *debtors* to the *heathen*. Take heed that ye be faithful stewards, defrauding no man, fulfilling the service whereunto you now are appointed.

You are sent to diffuse among these heathen the knowledge of the religion of Jesus Christ; not earthly science, not art, not civilization. These follow in your train. The gospel *promises* the life that now is, as well as that which is to come. But these are not your aim. Your knowledge, the knowledge you seek to communicate, is the knowledge of Jesus Christ; Christ and him crucified; Christ first, Christ last, the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the ending of your mission.

What this knowledge is, what its essential truths, where the depository whence, and whence only, these are to be drawn, what its effectual working and manifestation, and by whose energizing, life-giving power, we need not now rehearse to you. God has called you, as we trust, and by his servants put you into the ministry; who have also extended to you the fellowship of the churches, and given their solemn charge.

II. Keeping distinctly in view the design of your appointment, consider, next, what are the essential preliminaries to its effective prosecution, and spare no personal effort or sacrifice to secure them. The most obvious of these is a knowledge of the language, character, and state of the people to whom you are to communicate the knowledge of Christ. You must know their *language*, not simply to read it, or to understand it read or spoken; but to speak it correctly, fluently, as your own native tongue. And to do this you must mingle and converse with the people. Dictionaries and grammars and reading books and pundits will not do it. They may make you correct critics, but stammering preachers. Our earlier missionaries, without grammar or dictionary, except as made by themselves, have not betrayed any special unfamiliarity with the languages of the heathen among whom they have preached the word. Every heathen was a teacher, every conversation a lesson. It was the same in respect to the character and state of the people. The sayings and doings of the heathen, their daily employment, their social habits, their religious observances, their civil institutions, the subjects of their ruling thoughts and fears, these were continually and carefully under their eye. All sights, all sounds, all associations were linked with the *heathen* whom they sought to instruct and save. And here lay one of the secrets of their large success. *This* made them, as concerns success, *native* preachers.

There is no special reason known to us, while these preliminary duties, of which we have spoken, should be urged upon you, Christian brethren, more than upon any other candidates for missionary service. We give them this prominence from a deep conviction of their preëminent importance, and from knowing how liable one is to fail of their adequate fulfilment.

III. Our third suggestion relates to the *doing* of the work for which you are sent,—diffusing among the heathen the knowledge of the religion of Jesus Christ. How shall this work be done? Our answer is, *Preach the word*. As ye go, *preach*. You are appointed of God to the ministry of the gospel. What does this mean? What does the preaching of the gospel mean *at home, among ourselves*?

It does *not* mean writing works for the press, writing books, good books, for a people just emerging from barbarism; supplanting fabulous and demoralizing legends by providing a Christian literature,—this is to do a good service, a great service; but it is not “preaching the word.”

Writing religious books, or tracts, though full of the word and spirit of the gospel, or even translating the lively oracles of God, is not preaching the word. All this is work to be done; the translating of the Scriptures, and preparation of Christian tracts, are means,—a most important, indispensable means of diffusing the knowledge of Christ among the heathen, and men must be sent to prepare and use them; but this work does not belong necessarily to the gospel minister; it may be done by others not put into the ministry: and hence translating the Scriptures, the highest order of book-making, is not ordinarily contemplated in setting a Christian minister apart to the missionary work. If made his duty, under the providence of God, it is by a new and special assignment.

Nor does preaching the gospel mean school-teaching. Schools must be taught; but the teaching of *theological* schools even, most suitably committed to gospel ministers, is a service altogether and confessedly distinct from preaching the gospel. We wish to be understood on this point. We ascribe to school teaching, rightly conducted, a most important agency in diffusing among the heathen the gospel of Christ. Schools help in various ways. In addition to the good which they directly communicate in knowledge and discipline, they separate the young to some extent from the revolting abominations of heathenism, encircling them, instead, with the atmosphere and sunlight of truth and purity. They sometimes present to the Christian laborer, his most promising field for culture, the most mellow, most free from noxious weeds, most sure of ripening precious fruits; the more precious as the culture is more constant and prolonged. Schools, too, are nurseries to congregations,—auditories for hearing the word. Of themselves they constitute a most interesting auditory to the preacher; they are *nuclei* for the aggregation of others. They are forerunners often, of the faith of the gospel; though the teaching most common to them is not the gospel, nor, as we esteem it, the necessary precursor of the gospel. But schools may engross, it is quite possible they have engrossed, in some instances, an undue proportion of the missionary's time and labor. Apart from their pecuniary expense, drawing largely upon resources demanded elsewhere, they make still heavier drafts, both in teaching and superintending, on strength and time which were intended to be given to the direct ministration of the gospel. On your part, brethren, it would be an unauthorized substitution, and as unwise, it might prove, as unauthorized.

Preaching the gospel, in the ordinary sense of the term, is not colporting, nor the superintending of churches or preachers. Much of this work may fall to the lot of the missionary preacher. Every preacher may be a colporteur; would that every missionary had native churches and preachers to superintend. But native

preachers can not do *his* preaching. Not only should he point, but lead the way. Paul, who had the care of the churches, preached nevertheless as did other evangelists, laboring more abundantly than they all. You, brethren, are not to preach *by proxy*. You are sent to the heathen, face to face; and from *your* lips must fall on *their ear* the words which shall make wise through faith to salvation. See that you make full proof of your ministry; and if the heathen perish, let it not be laid to your charge.

In ministering the gospel orally to the heathen, be careful to render, both in form and faith, *due honor* to God's own appointment. *Preach the word*; it is God's pleasure by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. Preach it purely, faithfully. Preach it with all plainness and directness; the word of God is the sword of the spirit. Pluck it forth from its scabbard; make it bare. Preach in faith, believing assuredly that the word shall not return void. To some it may prove a savor of death unto death; but so many as are ordained unto eternal life shall believe. Beware of substituting for God's wisdom man's inventions. It has been said by some, the teacher must go before the preacher; man's word before God's word. Believe it not; the gospel can work its own way; this is God's plan. Christianity will civilize; civilization cannot christianize. Apparent failures in preaching the gospel have their own cause. Preach the word faithfully, plainly, not only to your own understanding of what you say, but to the just apprehension of your hearers. See that the very thought, the thought as God meant it, be apprehended by your hearers. See, too, so far as may depend on your instrumentality, that it be not only apprehended but retained. Let it be *lodged* in the understanding of your hearers; *fastened* as in a sure place. This may demand unwearied repetitions, precept upon precept, line upon line; this may circumscribe to comparatively narrow bounds your preaching circuit; the heathen are dull of hearing. Yet if this is God's method, *be* it bounded. Preach to thousands if you cannot to millions. Bear salvation to hundreds if not to thousands.

Illustrations of the justness of the views now presented, are abundantly furnished in the labors and successes of the missionaries now with you. They have wielded this sword of the Spirit, and it has proved mighty. With Burmans and Karens and Assamese, wherever they have gone preaching the word, lo! God has been with them, working with them, and confirming, authenticating the word as his word, with wonders and signs following. In the preaching of the word by them its ministers, he has vindicated the wisdom of his plan, he has verified his faithfulness, he has magnified the riches of his grace. What a multitudinous array of witnesses might they set before us, fruits of their ministry, and of their faithful coadjutors, to attest the power of a preached word, *made quick by God's spirit!* They have wrought other labors, diverse in character and greatly useful; but so far as they have been honored *to win souls*, whether in city or jungle, on hill or plain, by the wayside, in the *zayat*, or in the school, the weapon of their success has been eminently the *preached word*,—*speaking* the word in God's appointed way, to the ear, the eye, the conscience of the stricken sinner standing with them before God.

But there are higher proofs of the preëminent excellence and power of the work to which you are set apart. Jesus Christ, in whom were hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, went about the cities and villages of his missionary field preaching the gospel; and when his mission was fulfilled, he commanded others to do the same work, throughout and to the end of the world. You know how the first missionaries, under this commission, went forth, and how they labored. Trusting in the promise of Him to whom all power had been given, they demonstrated in every place that the preaching of the cross was none other than "the power of God and the wisdom of God."

Serving the same Lord, authorized by the same commission, sustained by the same promise, animated, as we trust, by the same spirit, you are sent, dear brethren, to preach Christ crucified to the heathen,—to tread “the dark and death-fraught wilderness,” bearing a message which giveth light, life—immortality. You go, not knowing the things which shall befall you there; but you will find no spot not embraced within the field of Christian enterprise; none in which the deep sympathy of a multitude of Christian hearts will not reach you; none in which Christ will not be with you as your shield and strength. To Him we commit you; to Him who has said, “I am with you alway;” to him “who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy.”

To you, Christian brethren, who are about to return to your missions, we have nothing to say on this occasion in the form of instruction; but we embrace the opportunity to express thus publicly our gratitude to God for all the proofs of his favor towards you. “The right hand of his righteousness” has directed your labors among heathen nations, and crowned them with larger success than you hoped for on entering the missionary service. With health invigorated you again go forth to reap the fields in which you were among the first to cast the precious seed. But how great the contrast between the scenes which now await you and those which met you then! When the oldest of your number first went forth there were to be found in all the Burman empire, the seat of our only eastern mission, three missionaries and a solitary church of eighteen members. Now you go to missions numbering more than one hundred and seventy-five missionaries and native laborers, with sixty or seventy churches, and at least seven thousand Christians to hail your coming. The contrast holds, too, in what you leave at home. Then, by the Baptists of these United States, \$6,000 were contributed in a year for foreign missions; our annual income is now more than \$100,000. Cheered by these contrasts, we separate. We look forward, not with the hope of seeing your faces again on earth; but we look beyond it, expecting to meet you before the throne of Him whom you serve,—there, with its results before us, to contemplate the grandeur and glory of the missionary enterprise and of Him by whom it was planned and perfected.

“Oh then,
Your hearts will glow with gratitude and love!
And through the ages of eternal years,
Thus saved, your spirits never shall repent
That toil and suffering once were yours below!”

The prayer of designation was offered by Rev. Alfred Bennett, of N. Y.

The missionaries severally addressed the meeting, also one of the Assamese converts;—to whom the President of the Union responded, and gave the hand of fellowship, and assurance of sympathy and prayer.

The audience then united in prayer with Rev. J. Wade, and the Union adjourned to meet in Boston, Mass., on the third Thursday of May, 1851.

WM. H. SHAILER, *Recording Secretary.*

MEETING OF THE BOARD FOR 1850-1.

BUFFALO, FRIDAY EVENING, *May 17, 1850.*

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of the American Baptist Missionary Union, the Board of Managers met after the adjournment of the Union, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Chairman of the Board being absent, Hon. Ira Harris, of Albany, N. Y., was appointed Chairman, *pro tem.*

The meeting was opened with prayer, by Rev. O. C. Comstock, of Mich.

The roll was called, and the following members were found to be in attendance :

Ministers.

CALEB B. DAVIS,	JOHN JENNINGS,	ELISHA CUSHMAN,
E. E. L. TAYLOR,	J. G. COLLOM,	J. LANSING BURROWS,
L. RAYMOND,	N. COLVER,	R. H. NEALE,
J. N. GRANGER,	E. G. ROBINSON,	E. TUCKER,
M. ALLEN,	P. CHURCH,	A. BENNETT,
M. J. RHEES,	A. D. GILLETTE,	D. B. CHEENEY.
O. C. COMSTOCK,		

Laymen.

B. GREENOUGH,	D. SANDERSON,	J. CONANT,
J. BORDEN,	D. R. BARTON,	T. WATTSON,
G. JAMES,	IRA HARRIS,	R. S. BURROWS.

Rev. Messrs. J. N. Granger, E. Tucker, D. D., A. D. Gillette, R. H. Neale, O. C. Comstock and A. Bennett, and Mr. T. Wattson, were appointed a Committee to nominate an Executive Committee, two Corresponding Secretaries, a Treasurer and an Auditing Committee.

On motion, Mr. R. S. Burrows and Rev. J. L. Burrows were appointed tellers, to conduct the election of Chairman and Recording Secretary.

The Committee to nominate an Executive Committee and Officers, reported.

The report was accepted, and the Board proceeded to the election of the Committee and Officers.

Rev. Messrs. E. E. L. Taylor, and A. D. Gillette, were appointed tellers.

The tellers to conduct the election of Chairmain and Recording Secretary, reported the following persons duly elected :

HON. IRA HARRIS, LL. D., of N. Y., *Chairman.*
MORGAN J. RHEES, of Del., *Recording Secretary.*

The tellers to conduct the election of an Executive Committee, reported the election of the following :

Ministers.

BARON STOW, D. D.,
JOSEPH W. PARKER,
WILLIAM H. SHAILER,

ROBERT E. PATTISON, D. D.,
ROLLIN H. NEALE.

Laymen.

HEMAN LINCOLN,
SIMON G. SHIPLEY,

JOSEPH W. CONVERSE,
BENJAMIN SMITH.

SOLOMON PECK, D. D., *Corresponding Secretary for Foreign Department.*

EDWARD BRIGHT, JR., *Corresponding Secretary for Home Department.*

RICHARD E. EDDY, *Treasurer.*

CHARLES D. GOULD, } *Auditors.*
JOSHUA LORING, }

Resolved, That the salaries of the Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurer be fixed at \$1,500 for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the subject of salaries, and to report at the next meeting of the Board.

Rev. Messrs. J. N. Granger and D. B. Cheeney, and Mr. J. Borden, were appointed the Committee.

Resolved, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet on the Tuesday before the third Thursday in May, 1851, in the city of Boston.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the meetings of the Board and of the Union, with the documents, be published under the direction of the Executive Committee.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. N. Colver, of Mass.

M. J. RHEES, *Recording Secretary.*

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT.

MR. CHAIRMAN :

No member of the Board, or any individual to whom they committed any official trust at home, has died within the past year. Early in the year the Burmese missions of Maulmain and Arracan were bereaved of two of their female assistant missionaries,—Mrs. S. M. Willsey Osgood and Mrs. L. C. Irish Moore ; and the sad intelligence has recently been received that Rev. Cyrus Barker, of the Assam Mission, died at sea, while returning home, on the 31st of January. But the Committee have seen cause for special thanksgivings to God, that so few of the laborers, in the home and foreign fields, have died in a year when “ the slain of the Lord have been from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth.”

MISSIONARY ROOMS.

The professional duties of Rev. R. E. Pattison, D. D., made it necessary for him to decline the service in the Executive Committee, to which he was elected at the annual meeting of the Board, and subsequently Rev. William Leverett and George Cummings, Esq., resigned,—both having removed from the vicinity of Boston. The vacancies were filled by the reëlection of Dr. Pattison, who has accepted the appointment, and by the election of Rev. Rollin H. Neale and Mr. Benjamin Smith.

The Committee have held their stated meetings weekly throughout the year, besides such special meetings as seemed to be required ; and the subjects claiming their attention have been disposed of, after much careful consideration, with entire unanimity.

The health of the Foreign Secretary became so seriously impaired early in the last summer, that the Committee requested him to abstain from all labor in his department until such time as his medical advisers might think it safe for him to resume his duties. He consequently spent the months of July and August in freedom from labor, and then entered upon his duties with health much improved. He continued in

the active labors of his office till early in April, when he was seized with an alarming illness which still confines him. The Committee regret that this afflictive visitation has deprived them of his invaluable aid in preparing a large part of the documents for this meeting, and the Board of his presence and assistance in the services of their anniversary.

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS.

The receipts of the year have been as follows :

Donations from Individuals, Churches, and Sabbath Schools,.....	\$83,097	58
Legacies,.....	3,755	42
Income of the Farwell estate,.....	880	80
On account of sale of Grand Rapids land,.....	500	00
Profits of Missionary Magazine,.....	184	20
Interest on Fund for support of Officers,.....	1,219	20
Grants of the United States Government,.....	4,000	00
“ “ American and Foreign Bible Society,.....	9,000	00
“ “ “ Tract Society,.....	2,200	00
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Making the receipts, from all sources,.....	\$104,837	20

The expenditures have been for

Purposes described in the Treasurer's Report,.....	\$84,147	23
Civilization of North American Indians,.....	4,000	00
Translation, printing and distribution of Scriptures in Nellore, Burmah, Assam, Siam, China, France and Germany,.....	9,000	00
Tracts in China, Siam, Assam, Nellore, France and Germany,.....	2,200	00
Salaries of Secretaries and Treasurer,.....	2,100	00
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Making the expenditures of the year,.....	\$101,447	23
And leaving a balance of.....	3,389	97=\$104,837 20

with which the debt existing at the beginning of the year has been reduced to \$21,501 09.

This statement shows the amount received in *donations and legacies*, to be about two thousand dollars less than it was in the year preceding ; and the receipts from *all sources* to be \$679 09 below those of that year. Nevertheless the past year has been one of progress: the *donations*, the voluntary contributions of the living for the ordinary operations of the year, having been larger than in any other since the organization of the Triennial Convention. The comparative deficiency of receipts is to be ascribed to the fact that the avails of *legacies* have been nearly three thousand dollars less during the past year, than they were in the year ending with March, 1849.

The contributions to the treasury from the States of Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Illinois and Iowa, have exceeded those of the preceding year. The falling off in other

States may be accounted for by other causes than a declining interest in the missionary enterprise. In some of them the agencies of the Union have been less actively employed than formerly, and one or two of them have suffered much from commercial depression.*

Of the receipts of the year over \$36,000 were contributed in the month of March, and the Committee are apprehensive that there is an increasing tendency to postpone efforts in behalf of the missions to the last month of the fiscal year. This course is embarrassing to the Treasurer, who is thus brought to the necessity of borrowing large sums from the first of October to the first of March, and it is also fraught with danger. If more than one third of the ordinary donations are reserved to so late a period, a sudden revulsion in the business community, though only slight and transient, might involve the Union largely in debt. If means can be devised whereby the income of the several months shall be more perfectly equalized, a most important object will be secured.

Sabbath Schools have paid \$2,713 23 into the treasury within the year. Most of this sum has been applied, at the request of the donors, towards the support of the mission schools; and no contributions have been received and expended with greater pleasure.

The Report of the Treasurer shows a larger expenditure under the heads of Agencies, Publications, Secretaries' and Treasurer's departments, and Miscellaneous Expenses, than for the year ending with March, 1849. But if from the \$14,668 20, charged under those heads, the expenses incurred in preceding years, and not before accounted for, be deducted, the actual cost of conducting the business of the Board will appear to have been about the same as in the previous year.

Some anxiety has been expressed, lest the expenses incurred in doing the business at the Rooms might be unnecessarily increased. But it is

* The following table shows the amount of donations and legacies from different States in each of the last four years:

States.	1846-7.	1847-8.	1848-9.	1849-50.
Maine,	\$4,676 82	\$5,388 23	\$6,052 28	\$4,506 87
New Hampshire,.....	2,237 50	2,527 67	2,210 59	1,856 32
Vermont,.....	1,938 95	2,610 53	1,964 73	1,452 36
Massachusetts,	21,383 94	23,928 42	23,483 47	24,316 48
Rhode Island,	6,185 13	4,613 25	6,444 68	4,671 18
Connecticut,.....	6,236 61	4,248 45	5,039 74	5,602 06
New York,	20,191 46	22,708 15	24,707 14	25,908 06
New Jersey,	2,181 05	2,625 77	3,229 83	2,286 11
Pennsylvania,	11,352 67	5,147 89	4,806 56	6,340 13
Delaware,	300 00	200 00	200 00	600 13
Ohio,.....	2,607 31	6,429 00	6,635 85	5,740 52
Indiana,	102 00	854 50	832 01	820 52
Illinois,	360 86	696 49	936 18	1,032 64
Michigan,	968 55	781 63	904 42	579 95
Wisconsin,	73 04	146 75	5 00	
Iowa,	98 34	15 49	43 93	70 35
Miscellaneous,.....	4,115 01	2,971 39	1,406 58	1,069 32
Totals,	\$85,009 24	\$85,894 42	\$88,902 99	\$86,853 00

the deliberate opinion of the Committee that the number of persons employed is no greater than the complicated and laborious service imposed upon them demands. The salary of the Purchasing and Forwarding Agent, Mr. Thomas Shaw, is placed to the account of the Missions, because most of the goods passing through his hands are purchased and shipped for the individual pecuniary advantage of the missionaries; and nearly one third of the clerk hire is charged to the account of the Magazine and Macedonian, because those periodicals absorb a corresponding amount of time.

The Committee, in connection with the Board of the Massachusetts Baptist Convention, petitioned the Legislature of Massachusetts for an act releasing the estate of the late Mrs. Farwell from the trust in which it was involved, and the petition has been granted. The conditions imposed by the Legislature direct the payment to the Convention of \$6,666 67, — a sum, the interest of which, at six per cent, is equal to the annuity of \$400. The Treasurer has been authorized to make this payment, and measures have been taken to effect the sale of the estate.

The debt of the Union, April 1, 1846, was \$34,855 09, and at the close of the last financial year it stood at \$21,501 09; showing a reduction of more than one third in four years, besides the payment of the current expenditures of each year. The importance of liquidating the debt has at no time been overlooked by the Committee, and in their judgment it would be advisable to charge the avails of the Grand Rapids land and the Farwell estate with its payment. It is believed that these will prove sufficient to cancel the entire debt, and by giving them such direction more than one important object will be secured.

The Committee desire to call the attention of the Board to a source of embarrassment in conducting the work assigned them, namely, the practice of making donations for specific objects rather than for the general purposes of the Union. No *missionary* has been assigned to any individual or church since the rules directing the course of the Committee in that particular, were adopted by the Board at Cincinnati; and no injury is likely to result from inviting the Sabbath Schools to support the *mission schools*, or from designating a *mission* as the object to which any contribution is to be applied. But when the specifications have reference to objects less general, and involving smaller annual expenditures, there is danger of being led into enterprises of doubtful propriety, and of providing some favorite objects with means beyond any existing demand. So long, therefore, as the entire contributions fall short of the aggregate necessities of all the missions, is it not highly important that the Committee should be free to appropriate them according to the relative claims of the several objects before them? Contributors have an undoubted right to name the purpose to which their gifts shall be applied, and such designations, when made, should be strictly followed. Nevertheless it is a right the exercise of which, when unattended by any discretionary provision, has led to results that it would be well to avoid.

AGENCIES.

The agents employed through the year have been Rev. Alfred Bennett, Rev. Sewall M. Osgood, Rev. Joseph Wilson, Rev. Orrin Dodge, and Rev. James F. Wilcox. Besides these brethren, Rev. John Stevens was occupied, part of the time, till January, 1850, in superintending the Cincinnati edition of the *Macedonian*; Rev. Greenleaf S. Webb and Rev. Oren Tracy devoted a few of the first weeks of the year to their respective districts, and then resigned the service. Rev. J. M. Courtney spent five months in visiting churches and associations in Ohio. Rev. William Penney has been employed since December, 1849, in western Pennsylvania, and Rev. Joseph W. Eaton in Rhode Island and eastern Massachusetts. Other individuals have performed temporary service in different sections of the country; and of the missionaries now at home, Rev. J. H. Vinton, Rev. M. Bronson, and Rev. J. M. Haswell, have devoted a considerable part of their time to collecting funds and diffusing a missionary spirit in the churches.

The general character of the labor performed by the agents, the amount of time spent in the service, and the whole number of churches visited, have been about the same as in the preceding year. But a wider territory has been travelled over, and a larger proportion of labor has been done by occasional agents. The resignation of three agents, successfully occupying important districts, and one of them for many years closely identified with the growth of the missionary spirit in Ohio, made it necessary for the Committee to secure the temporary help of those who were willing to lend their aid. Several associations in Canada West, and the State Conventions of Indiana, Michigan and Illinois, have been attended by Rev. A. Bennett, and Rev. S. M. Osgood devoted part of the autumn and winter in promoting the interests of the Union in Ohio and Indiana. Mr. Bennett was accompanied by Rev. M. Bronson. Both were received with great cordiality, and many good results are anticipated from the services they rendered.

The Committee were instructed, at the last meeting of the Board, "to inquire into the expediency of modifying our system of agencies," and to report at the present time. Much inquiry has been directed to the subject thus referred, but without reaching such conclusions as would justify the Committee, at this time, in recommending any essential modification. The system now pursued, and the only system of means under the control of the Board, embraces the correspondence of the Missionary Rooms, the periodical publications of the Union, and the employment of district agents who are expected to promote their work chiefly by personal intercourse with the pastors and churches. If this system, embracing the written letter, the printed sheet, and the travelling agent, be viewed merely in theory, it might be difficult to suggest any modification that could give it greater completeness or efficiency. But practically it is attended with one serious embarrassment; viz., the difficulty of securing the services of a sufficient number of well qualified agents from year to year. This embarrassment arises from the nature of the service, the inroads it makes on the enjoyments of home and

habits of study, and from the views with which it is very generally regarded. Experience shows that a sufficient number of missionaries, to do the work of evangelization among the heathen, can be more easily obtained than the smaller number of thoroughly qualified agents for the home work.

This difficulty might be mitigated by diminishing the number of agents. But this would be rather a submission to the evil complained of than its removal. The present number of agents address not more than one third of the churches in the home field, and of the remaining two thirds not more than one fifth have pastors who will do the work without an agent's aid. Or the evil might be removed by effecting such a change in the duties of agents as would give them wider spheres of operation, and allow them to perform more of their labor by correspondence. Many weighty reasons might be assigned in favor of such a modification, but the Committee are not prepared to recommend its adoption at present. They would not relinquish the idea as impracticable, but hold it as a subject of future inquiry. Every year deepens the conviction that the employment of agents is indispensable to the home work; and means should be devised for securing the services of a sufficient number of men adapted to the service.

The Committee were also instructed to report at this time, "whether any improvement in the present plan of raising funds for the Union can be made, and if so to report a plan." The plan now relied upon for the supply of the Treasury includes such agencies as are under the direction of the Union, and such as are employed by individuals and churches on their own responsibility. The Committee have already stated that they are not now prepared to suggest any essential change in the first class of agencies; and as to the other class of means they are unable to report better than those presented at the last annual meeting.* A monthly missionary sermon from every pastor, a missionary periodical in every family, stated contributions from every Christian, a penny-a-week collection in every Sabbath School, and the missionary concert of prayer in every church, will secure to the missions all the money needed to supply every want. This plan is simple, economical, practicable. It has been proved; and when it shall be adopted and acted upon in every place, there will be no need of any other agency, on the part of the Union, than the written letter and printed sheet. But the Committee have learned that the most wisely adjusted framework has no power to sustain the missionary enterprise, without the animating influence of a living missionary heart. The great desideratum in the home work of missions is such a heart in the bosom of every man who has received a commission from Christ to be his ambassador.

PUBLICATIONS.

Of the thirty-fifth annual report, 1,500 copies have been circulated, in addition to the Magazine edition of the same document. The paper presented at the last annual meeting on the "means essential to the right

* See Occasional Publications, No. 2.

prosecution of the missionary work in churches," was printed, as No. 2 of the Occasional Publications, and 3,000 copies have been distributed agreeably to the directions of the Board. The monthly circulation of the Magazine, for the year ending with December, 1849, was about 4,000 copies, and its net profits were \$184.20. The monthly issue of the Macedonian, Boston edition, in the same year, was 14,000, and the balance in its favor was \$179.42. The average circulation of the Cincinnati edition of the Macedonian, in 1849, was 5,000 copies, and the balance against it, for the six years of its publication, including the sums received on the succeeding volume, was \$173.61.

The new arrangement for publishing the Magazine and Macedonian was entered upon in January last, after careful inquiry as to the best method of securing the objects contemplated by the Board. Regarding these periodicals as agencies for promoting the cause of missions, and as objects of common interest to all who contribute to it,—to be conducted, therefore, so as to be a source neither of direct expense nor profit to the Treasury, it was determined to reduce the Magazine to the lowest price, and to increase the Macedonian to the largest size, at which they could be printed and circulated without ultimate loss. It was also deemed important to have the periodicals printed at the same office, and to have the work done in the best manner and at the lowest rates. Accordingly, three respectable establishments were requested to give the terms on which they would print both, with certain stipulations, for three years from January 1, 1850. On receiving these proposals, it was found that Messrs. Damrell & Moore had offered the lowest terms, and a contract was closed with them.

Such a disposal of the printing did much towards securing to the Union the proprietorship of the Macedonian on reasonable terms; and the price of it, together with the balance against the Cincinnati edition, which was discontinued at the close of its sixth volume, will chiefly be paid by the balance in favor of the Boston edition at the end of 1849, and the profits of the Magazine the same year.

The Magazine continues to be edited by the Foreign Secretary, and in addition to editing the Macedonian, the Home Secretary has the immediate care of the *publication* of both periodicals. It has been the aim of the Committee to use every means consistent with the principle of self-support, to increase the value and the circulation of both publications. Agencies, at which monthly packages are delivered at the expense of the publications, have been established at twenty-five places in twelve different States; and the monthly issue of the Magazine has now reached 5,000, and that of the Macedonian nearly 30,000. This measure of increase, however, does not correspond with the magnitude of the object for which they plead, or with the influence which they ought to exert.

The wisdom of discontinuing the gratuitous distribution of the Magazine has been doubted. It is urged that some plan by which every pastor, and every annual contributor of a given sum, might receive it without charge, would effectively subserve the missionary work. But such a distribution would depreciate the paying subscription list, and make a direct draft on the Treasury of from \$1,000 to \$2,000 a year. The

Macedonian has been sent, since the beginning of the present volume, to every pastor whose address could be ascertained, and not known to receive it in some other way. This has been done for the benefit both of that periodical and of the cause of missions. The same course could be continued at an annual cost of about three hundred dollars, and it is worthy of consideration, in view of its relations to the home work of missions, whether this would not be expedient.

The publishers of Professor Gammell's *History of Missions* have issued the sixth edition of that work, and sold nearly six thousand copies. Several of our missionaries, to whom it has been submitted, have attested the substantial accuracy of the narrative. It has been received with marked favor both by the religious and literary public, and has met the unqualified commendation of the highest critical journals. As a standard history of our missions, worthily commemorating the past and fitted to enkindle new zeal for the future, the importance of giving it the widest circulation can hardly be over-estimated.

MISSIONARIES APPOINTED.

The missionaries and assistant missionaries appointed during the year have been,

Rev. Harvey E. Knapp and Mrs. E. R. Keyes Knapp, to the Arracan Burmese Mission, and to labor among the Kemees.

Rev. Harvey E. Campbell, and Mrs. C. C. Conant Campbell, to the Arracan Burmese Mission, and to labor among the Burmese of Ramree.

Miss H. Elizabeth T. Wright, to the Maulmain Karen Mission, to be associate teacher in the Karen Normal school.

The individuals above named sailed from Boston on the 18th of October, 1849.

Rev. Eugenio Kincaid, with Mrs. B. McBain Kincaid, has been reappointed missionary to Ava, or some other place in the northern part of Burmah Proper.

Rev. William Ward, and Rev. Samuel M. Whiting, have also been appointed missionaries to Assam; Rev. William Ashmore to the Chinese department of the Siam Mission; and Mr. Benjamin C. Thomas to the province of Mergui, including the Salongs. These brethren, with the same number of assistant missionaries, are expected to sail the ensuing summer and autumn for their respective stations.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNION.

The whole number of members now in the Missionary Union, is 2,530;—of whom 1,873 have been made members by Churches, Associations, Conventions, and other religious bodies, and 659 by their own or the contributions of personal friends.*

* In a few instances it is not known by whom individuals were made life members.

MAULMAIN BURMAN MISSION.

MAULMAIN.—REV. MESSRS. A. JUDSON, E. A. STEVENS, and L. STILSON, Mr. T. S. RANNEY, printer, and their wives; Rev. T. SIMONS, Miss L. LILLYBRIDGE, teacher.
Ten native assistants.

AMHERST.—Three native assistants.

In this country, REV. MESSRS. J. WADE and J. M. HASWELL, and their wives; on their way from Burmah, Rev. H. HOWARD and wife.

Two stations; * eight missionaries and eight female assistants; thirteen native assistants.

The connection of Rev. S. M. Osgood with the Maulmain Mission was closed in October, in view of his constitutional tendency to disease in a tropical climate. Mrs. Osgood, after many years of faithful service in Assam and Burmah, deceased at Wyoming, N. Y., in July. Mr. and Mrs. Haswell arrived in this country in June last, and will probably be detained for the benefit of their health through another cold season. The return of Mr. and Mrs. Howard is in consequence of the long continued illness of Mrs. H., Mr. Howard's health being also much impaired. Mr. Wade is transferred from Tavoy to Maulmain, to labor among the Burmese population of the city, this arrangement being favorable to his health, and the wants of Tavoy station being comparatively supplied.

The duties performed in past years by Mr. Howard are now devolved, in the Burmese Boarding school, upon Mr. Stilson, and in the English church on Mr. Simons. With these exceptions, the course of labor at Maulmain and Amherst is substantially as reported last year. Dr. Judson continues in charge of the Burmese church, and is also preparing and carrying through the press his Burmese and English Dictionary. Mr. Simons, in addition to his labors among the English, visits more or less extensively among the Burmese population. To Mr. Stevens is assigned the care of the Maulmain preaching assistants, and the theological school, and of the church, assistants and school at Amherst, with the editing of the monthly Religious Herald in Burmese. He also preaches on the Sabbath, alternately with Dr. Judson, to the Burmese chapel congregation, and at other times at out-stations and in the city, occasionally making excursions into the jungle. Mr. Stilson has been employed in preparing books and maps, and in teaching, but has conducted the native Sabbath school, and on Sabbath evenings has regularly preached at one of the day school stations. To Mr. Ranney, besides other more general interests, belongs the care of the binding and printing departments and the depository for both the Maulmain missions. Miss Lillybridge has found her principal occupation in the female department of the boarding school, but, with one or other of her missionary sisters, has devoted portions of time to visiting Burman females at their dwellings.

The mission speak, also, of the services of Mr. Mason of the Tavoy

* The Mission name no "out-stations," though several preaching places might properly be so designated.

Mission ; who, residing at Maulmain, throughout the year, and occupied principally in translating the Scriptures into Karen, has ordinarily made two circuits on the Sabbath among the Burmese, preaching and distributing tracts.

The native assistants preach almost daily at *zayats* in the city, when not employed in adjacent places, or in visiting more distant villages in the dry season. Two are stationed at Obo, the north-eastern suburb of Maulmain.

At Amherst, in the absence of the pastor, Sabbath services are regularly conducted by Moug Oung Men, with occasional help from other native brethren.

Churches.—Compared with the extent of preaching in and around Maulmain, the accessions to the churches within the year have not been large ; sufficing however to indicate the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. The number admitted by baptism is nineteen, distributed as follows :

The Maulmain Burmese church, .. 3	Whole number,	141
Maulmain, English church,	“ “	25
Amherst “	“ “	46
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Total,	“ “	212

The average aggregate attendance at public worship has been, in the same connection, about 350. The Maulmain Burmese Sabbath school has had eighty pupils, and the Amherst fifty. Another church, it has been suggested, might be advantageously organized in the southern section of Maulmain, and a preaching missionary stationed permanently in that vicinity.* Urgent representations are also made of the importance of employing one missionary exclusively in visiting and preaching in the city in company with the native assistants, as tending greatly to enhance *their* usefulness.

Schools.—The theological class has consisted of four pupils, three of whom were from Burmah Proper ; their attention has been given to the study of the Scriptures, particularly the New Testament. The Boarding school has numbered sixty boarding and forty day scholars ; the Eurasian department, of from twelve to twenty pupils, having been closed. At five day schools the aggregate attendance has been 103 boys and thirty-eight girls. The day school at Amherst has averaged fifty boys and ten girls. Whole number of pupils about 300.

Publications.—The number of volumes printed in the year ending July 1, 1849, in four languages, was 1,900, and of tracts, 9,300 ; making pages 1,096,900. Whole number of pages from the beginning, 92,590,237. Issues from the depository, of books and tracts, 19,969.

In the printing office are seven fonts of type in native languages, and six in English ; also a font of music, made wholly by a native. A bindery and type foundry are connected with the establishment. There is also a lithographic and copper-plate printing department, conducted by Mr. Stilson.

* This place, it is expected, will be supplied by Mr. Wade.

Contributions.—The contributions to the Burmese Missionary Society for the year 1848–9, were as follows :

Maulmain Burmese church,.....	<i>rs an.</i> 153 7
Other contributors,	205 9
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Total receipts,.....	359
The receipts of the Maulmain Missionary Society for the year ending Oct. 31, including the Karen Mission, were.....	2,665
Receipts of the Burmese Boarding school, less rs. 130 included in the above,	776
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Total, rupees,.....	3,800

In addition to the above, about rs. 100 per annum, are raised for contingencies in the Burman chapel worship, and rs. 2,000 for similar purposes connected with the English congregation, besides a special contribution the past year of rs. 400 for repairs on the English chapel.

The contributions of the native church have in some years amounted to rs. 250. Similar aid may reasonably be expected from year to year.

MAULMAIN KAREN MISSION.

MAULMAIN (*Newton.*)—Rev. Messrs. J. G. BINNEY, N. HARRIS, W. MOORE, and their wives; Miss M. VINTON and Miss H. E. T. WRIGHT, teachers.

In this country, Rev. J. H. and Mrs VINTON.

Three native assistants.

Kaukoo, Dong Yan and Balagoon, out-stations; six native assistants.

Newville.—*Ko Panlah*, native preacher; five native assistants.

Chetthingsville.—*Prahhai*, native preacher; four native assistants.

Bootah.—*Tahoo*, native preacher.

Rangoon.—*Kyahpah and Aupaw*, native preachers; eleven native assistants.

1 station and 7 out-stations; * 4 missionaries and 6 female assistants; 5 ordained native preachers; 3 teachers and 26 other native assistants.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinton expect to resume their labors in the mission before the close of the current year. Miss Wright, lately appointed assistant teacher in the Karen Normal School, left this country for Maulmain, in company with other missionaries, in October.

Churches.—The usual visitation to the churches was made in the early months of 1849, Mr. Binney proceeding to Newville and Chetthingsville, and their branches: Mr. Moore to Dong Yan and other Pwo churches; and Mr. Harris to Bootah, &c., on the Attaran river and to Balagoon. They found the churches generally in a prosperous state, although some, as at Newville † and Krai, had been subject to severe trials.‡ All had

* The number of places of stated preaching is thirty-five, including twenty in Burmah Proper. All the assistants itinerate more or less.

† See letter of Mr. Binney, *Miss. Mag.* 1849, pp. 284–5. Also letter of Mr. Moore, *ib.*, pp. 286–7.

‡ Mr. Binney writes of Newville church: “The church at Newville has been passing through a furnace the past two years. The greater part of the members are tried, steadfast Christians. They would be a blessing to any church. A few are, I fear, deceived ones. There is a class between the two who appear to be really Christ’s people; but they have failed amid their many temptations. Seven were excluded;

received additions by baptism. At the close of the rainy season reports were still more gratifying; embracing, however but few particulars from Rangoon.

TABLE OF CHURCHES AND BAPTISMS.

<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Baptisms.</i>	<i>Excluded.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Newton,	16 .....	.....	144
Newville,	27	10	246
Chetthingsville,	5	4	115
Bootah,	3 .....	.....	161
Kaukoo,	8 .....	.....	65
Dong Yan,	9 .....	.....	99
Balugoon,	1 .....	.....	17
Rangoon (2 chhs.),.....	*114 .....	.....	861
Total, nine churches,.....	69	14	1,708

The annual meeting of the Maulmain Association, composed of the above named churches, except those in Burmah Proper, and embracing Burmese churches,—in all seventeen churches and branches, with more than a thousand members,—was holden at Bootah on the 10th and 11th of January.

Schools.—The Theological Seminary, in charge of Mr. Binney, completed its eighth session Oct. 1. Number of students twenty-seven; of these, ten were from Arracan or its borders, two from Tavoy, two from Amherst province, and the rest from Rangoon and its vicinity. The studies were the same as in former sessions, and the progress of the pupils satisfactory. Members of the oldest class were not present; all but two, who were sick, being employed as teachers in the jungle. The second class would be equally in demand the ensuing (last) dry season.

The Normal School is doing well. Number of pupils thirty-six, including fourteen girls. They all read English with considerable ease, and are required to understand what they read. Nineteen are members of the church. The oldest class have been over the Old Testament, with the exception of the Minor Prophets. They can answer historical questions, and understand many of the more difficult points from Genesis to Daniel. Efficient help has been rendered Mrs. Binney by Miss Vinton throughout the year. On the return of Mr. Vinton, who will need Miss Vinton in the jungle schools, her place is to be occupied by Miss Wright.

The average attendance of pupils at the Sgau boarding school, under Mr. Harris's care, during the rainy season, was fifty, all but eight of whom

the others appeared so fully and deeply penitent, that the church allowed them to remain on their making a public confession." At Krai there had been "much division, and some instances of open transgression which required prompt discipline." At Chetthingsville "they had been blessed throughout the year with a very strict discipline, but it had been tempered with kindness and forbearance truly praiseworthy. The fruit of it was apparent in the whole church." Of Dong Yan church, Mr. Moore's report is much like that of Newville. "Some of the confessions were sad; in most cases, however, there appeared true contrition. The line of distinction between church members and the world is nowhere more plainly marked than in this country. Some of them furnish bright examples of piety, and manifest to all by whom they are surrounded that they live near to God."

* Included in the statistics of the last report.

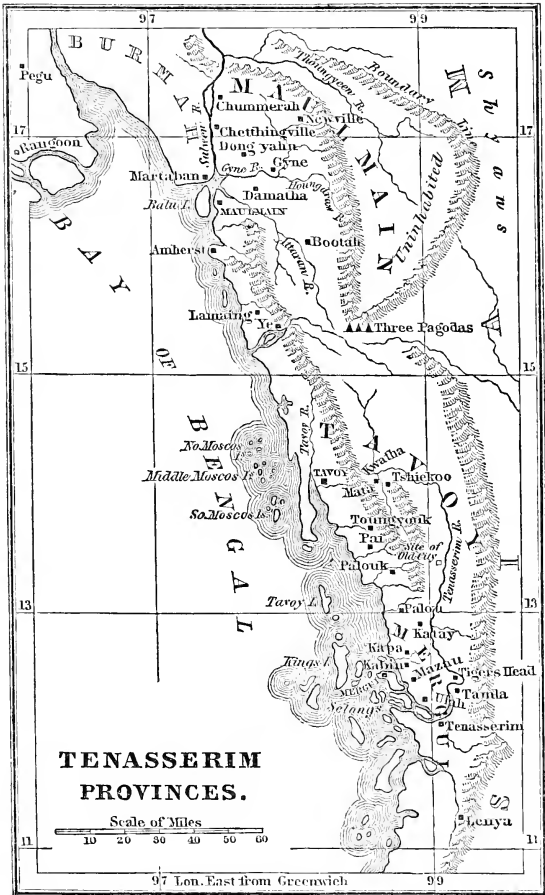
have been received to membership in the church. Eleven were added to the church last term. The Pwo Karen school, in the care of Mr. Moore, had thirty-three boarding pupils. Five day schools were taught in the jungle a third of the year, with an average attendance of fifty-five. Whole number of pupils, exclusive of Seminary students, 174. Several schools are taught in Rangoon district, the statistics not communicated.

Native Contributions.—The following table shows the contributions of native churches for the year ending April 1, 1849:

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Churches in Burmah Proper, in care of Aupaw,	120	0	0
“ “ “ “ Kyahpah,	200	0	0
Church at Newton,	28	12	2
“ Chetthingsville,	27	14	1
“ Newville,	129	5	11
“ Krai,	100	0	11
“ Bootah,	26	11	3
“ Toonatu,	5	10	6
“ Balugoon,	7	0	0
“ Amherst,	2	11	7
“ Dong Yan,	61	0	0
“ Kayen,	25	4	3
“ Krungpung,	2	8	0
Total, (equal to \$334.96,)	736	14	8

The above does not include the amount given to the poor, nor presents to their preachers, nor any thing done for their chapels. Nor does it include any thing contributed by the missionaries, even at the monthly concert.* Provision has since been made by some of the churches in aid of the mission schools, and arrangements are contemplated for committing to some of the abler churches the support of their own pastors. These arrangements, however, if made, will not supersede the necessity of careful supervision by the missionaries. “The more I see of these Christian churches and assistants,” says Mr. Binney, “the more deeply I am convinced that they need for a few years the utmost vigilance of your strongest men. Better material was never put into the workman’s hands, but they have ‘hard hearts and crooked ears,’ and if neglected or but half superintended, the result will be but too manifest before many years shall have passed.”

* “One fact,” adds Mr. Binney, “should be noticed in the above. The churches that have given are those to which your missionaries have been able to give the most careful supervision. Nor are the churches at Rangoon an exception to this remark. Since Mr. Vinton left us they have not been visited; but through my pupils, visitors from Rangoon and correspondence, no small amount of time has been devoted to them.”



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TAVOY (KAREN) MISSION.

TAVOY.—Rev. Messrs. C. BENNETT, E. B. CROSS, J. BENJAMIN, and their wives.

Rev. F. and Mrs. MASON, temporarily at Maulmain.

Ten out-stations; fourteen native preachers and assistants.

MERGUI.—Rev. D. L. BRAYTON and Mrs. BRAYTON.

Four out-stations; five native assistants.

2 stations and 14 out-stations; 5 missionaries, one a printer, and 5 female assistants; 19 native assistants.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin arrived at Tavoy in April of last year. Mrs. Brayton, on the recovery of her health, sailed for Burmah in Oct. Mr. and Mrs. Wade return to Burmah the current year; but are expected, in accordance with their expressed wishes, to labor, as before stated, in connection with the Burman Mission at Maulmain.

The labors of the Tavoy station and out-stations have devolved on Messrs. Bennett and Cross, and those at Mergui and its dependencies on Mr. Brayton. The northern and eastern churches were visited by Mr. Bennett, the southern Tavoy churches by Mr. Cross, and the residue in Mergui province by Mr. Brayton. A tour of exploration was also made by Mr. Brayton along the borders of Siam. The churches in the northern section were found in an unsettled and somewhat dilapidated state, in consequence of the wide dispersion of the people through fear of the small pox. The six churches in the neighborhood of Pyeekhya were in a more prosperous condition, maintaining among themselves a proper discipline, and manifesting a good degree of interest for the conversion of the heathen around them.

Those of the extreme south, visited by Mr. Cross, were in a less orderly condition. Several of the churches have erected new chapels or repaired the old. The Ulah church, (Pwo Karen,) during Mr. Brayton's absence in this country, "had experienced some signal favors and passed through sore trials." Five had been excluded, and two others restored. The church at Palaro river is of recent formation, and consists of Pwo Karens.

Schools.—The school for native assistants has numbered the past year nineteen pupils, whose progress in study has given increased gratification. The English and Burmese school has enrolled nearly fifty pupils, with an average attendance of forty. A Karen school, of about twenty girls and ten boys, has been taught by Mrs. Bennett. Mr. Brayton conducted a boarding school at Mergui during the rains, of forty pupils.* Schools were taught also at the out-stations by native assistants.

The whole number of schools including four boarding schools was twenty, and of pupils 377.

* The first and great object of the school, as is usual, was "to convey Bible truth to the understanding and the heart." The text books were Matthew, John, Luke and Acts, all of the Scriptures that had been printed in the Pwo dialect, on which three hours were spent daily. Religious meetings were also held every evening in the week. Such instruction was given in scientific studies as the circumstances of the school permitted; and the proficiency of the pupils, especially in arithmetic, was satisfactory.

Publications.—The principal publications of the Tavoy press, the past year, were the Book of Genesis, in Sgau Karen, 1,000 copies; the Psalms in the same dialect, and the Karen and English vocabulary. The whole amount of printing reported, was 2,096,960 pages, and of issues 849,676.

Contributions.—The amount of donations and subscriptions to the Tavoy Missionary Society the past year, was rs. 669.12.3., of which rs. 204 were from native sources. The contributions made in connection with Mergui station are not reported.

Churches.—The following table gives a statement of the churches and schools in connection with Tavoy station:

Churches.	Nat. Asst's.	Baptisms.	Whole No.	Schools.	Pupils.	Contributions. rs. an. pi.		
Tavoy,.....	2 Burman....	....	18	....	3	....	80	....
Mata,.....	3 Karen ....	....	407	....	4	....	50 [?]
Newville,.....	1 " ....	....	36	....	1	....	20 [?]
Yaville,.....	1 " ....	....	54	....	1	....	20	....
Laulu,.....	1 " ....	....	25 [?]
Pyekhya,.....	1* "	17	125	....	1	....	49	....
Patsauoo,.....	1 "	5	86	....	1	....	24	....
Palouk,.....	1 "	2	31	....	1	....	12	....
Katay,.....	1 "	1	24	....	1	....	12	....
Themboung, ..	1 " ....	....	16	....	1	....	6	....
Kabin,.....	1 " ....	....	50	....	1	....	7	....
Churches 11	14	25	872	15	280	147	14	3†

Mr. Brayton gives the following statistics of the Mergui stations, exclusive of Themboung and Kabin named in the preceding table:

Out-stations.	Chhs.	Nat. Asst's.	Baptisms.	Whole No.	Schools.	Pupils.
Mergui,.....	.....	1	....	....	1 Bd. sc.	....
Ulah,.....	1	1	8	54	1 day "	....
Kabin,.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....
Themboung, ...	.....	....	....	....	....	....
Palaw,.....	1	1	3	7	1 "	....
Mamaza,.....	.....	1	....	....	1 "	....
Tenget,.....	.....	1	....	....	1 "	....
	2	5	11	61	5	97
Totals,	13	19	36	933	20	377

Siamese Karens and Salongs.—Early in 1849, Mr. Brayton ascended the Tenasserim, crossed the mountains, and penetrated to the Lōngwo or Meinam river, in Siam, striking it at Paunchate, a Taling settlement, twenty days' journey above Bangkok. His intention was to proceed to Prat-thoo-wan, a Pwo Karen city, about eight or ten days' travel above Paunchate, and the central point of the Siamese Karens. In this he was disappointed in consequence of the sickness of some of his attendants. He sent, however, an experienced Karen preacher, who travelled among them about a month and was cordially received. Mr. Brayton reports a large Pwo Karen field there, now wholly uncultivated;

* Ordained preacher.

† Other native contributions to the Tavoy Missionary Society increased the above sum to rs. 204.

which he is exceedingly anxious to enter. The point most favorable for entrance, he thinks, may be Maulmain, Amherst or Yeh. Some of the Siamese Karens have also been seen at Bootah by Mr. Harris, who had come, some six, some ten days' journey to "spy out the land," with a view to emigrating to Tenasserim, if they were pleased with it. Mr. Harris hopes soon to make a tour among these Karens, bordering on the mountains and Siam.

Of the Salongs little information has been received in addition to former communications. Mr. Brayton renews the expression of his belief that "there is great encouragement in behalf of that people." Our first introduction to them was through Mr. Wade, who (in 1844) represented them as a "people dwelling on the islands between Mergui and Pinang, far below the Karens in knowledge and civilization, despised, abused, and robbed by Chinese, Malays, and all the surrounding tribes; their only means of livelihood, fishing and fabricating a species of mats." Their number has been estimated at 10,000. Their language has been reduced to writing by Mr. Stevens, who employed the Pwo Karen characters; and a primer, with some grammatical notices, has been prepared, which may be found of use to any who may study the language. Mr. Brayton has repeatedly visited them; some have been taught in the Mergui schools. Some have listened to the gospel of Christ; and a church has been constituted of believers, numbering twenty-nine at the last report.

The Committee have appointed Mr. Benjamin C. Thomas, of the senior class in the Newton Theological Institution, as a missionary with special reference to the Karens of Mergui and the Salongs.

ARRACAN MISSION.

AKYAB.—REV. C. C. MOORE. REV. L. INGALLS on his way to the United States. Out-station, *Cruda*.

RAMREE.—*Moung Pyoo*, native preacher, and other native assistants.

On their way to the station, Rev. Messrs. H. E. KNAPP and H. M. CAMPBELL, and their wives.

Two stations, 1 out-station; 4 missionaries and 2 female assistants; 6 native assistants.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore arrived at Akyab last year, March 5. The latter was early removed from her work by death, Nov. 5. Mr. Ingalls, after exposure to the toils of the missionary field for fourteen years, is about to return temporarily to the United States. Mr. Knapp, specially designated to labor among the Kemees, has probably before the present time reached his destination. Mr. Campbell, who left Boston in the same vessel, Oct. 18, is under appointment to the Burmese in Ramree district. *Moung Pyoo* was ordained on the first Sabbath in January, in reference to the pressing wants of that region, and set out on the 16th, for his field of labor.

Baptisms.—On the Sabbath following the arrival of Mr. Moore, four young men, previously examined by Mr. Ingalls, were baptized at his request by Mr. M. They are regarded as men of promise, and are

now in school. On the 22d of the same month an interesting convert was examined at the same station from Kondeing, a village five days' journey from Akyab. He is a learned man, sixty-one years of age, and formerly occupied an honorable place among the distinguished men of his nation. He first heard the gospel six years ago from Mr. Comstock, who visited his village three or four times and gave him a New Testament. He immediately received the word and commenced proclaiming its glad tidings. This man has persuaded twenty families of the village to embrace the new religion with him; and several of the inhabitants came with him to receive further instruction and to be baptized.

Another promising convert is Tha O, a young man from Ramree, a preacher by profession. There is a class of men in Arracan, to which he belongs, who gain a livelihood by preaching at funerals. When a native dies the neighbors assemble for several nights in succession at the house of the deceased, and one of these "preachers" entertains the company till a late hour by reciting in a plaintive strain passages from the sacred books. This young man had acquired great celebrity by this employment. He was baptized in October last in the "new chapel" at Akyab, and a large and solemn assembly witnessed the rite.

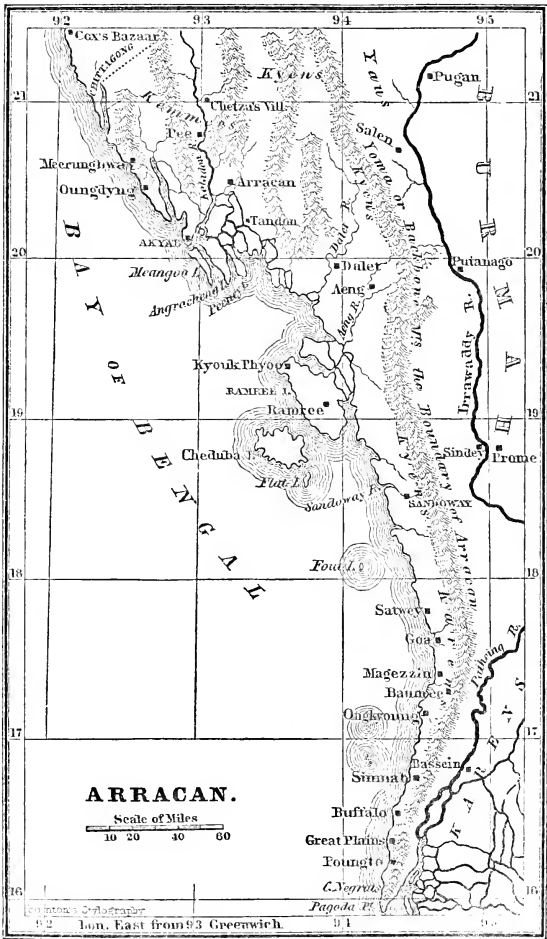
The most cheering prospects are opening before the mission in Arracan. Mr. Ingalls remarks: "I have never seen so many indications of good in Burmah since I entered the empire as now. We are daily at the work of demolishing the false system that now enslaves these multitudes. Some of the most talented Burmans, though not publicly Christians, join us and deal heavy blows. There is a wide-spread impression that Boodhism is a system of lies and deception, and that the religion of Christ will soon prevail. Many have forsaken idolatry who have not yet embraced Christianity. Since the last report twenty-two have been baptized, and five have died."

The Akyab chapel above alluded to, 45 by 30 feet, built of the best material and roofed with tin, has been completed the past year. It contains a baptistery of brick. The cost was about rs. 1,200.

At Ramree many are inquiring the way of salvation. A year since, the native teacher reported that more than sixty people came to his house habitually for prayer. A Keyzon was sent thither at a later period, and wrote in September that he was preaching to assemblies numbering from 300 to 400 daily.

Kemee Department.—Tidings from the Kemees continues to be favorable. A class of Kemee pupils has been instructed at Akyab; and they have now a teacher and a school among themselves. The whole influence of the Kemee chief is on the side of Christianity. The Burman head-man associated with him is equally desirous that his district be occupied by missionary laborers, and promises to build a zayat. Head-men from several other districts are equally urgent.

Contributions.—Of the sum expended in constructing the Akyab chapel, the church contributed about rs. 115, 4 an.; East Indians, 70; Mussulmans, 50; Chinamen, 10; Burmese, 353, 8; English residents, 330. The liberality of the native Christians in this work was very striking. Even aged widows, who had no means of support, were anxious to give a little.



SANDOWAY (KAREN) MISSION.

SANDOWAY.—REV. E. L. ABBOTT, Rev. Messrs. J. S. BEECHER and H. L. VAN METER, and their wives.

1 station, 36 out stations; 3 missionaries, 2 female assistant missionaries. 44 native preachers and assistants.

The Karen department heretofore belonging to the Arracan Mission has been constituted the SANDOWAY MISSION. Mr. and Mrs. Van Meter since their arrival at Sandoway, have been principally occupied in the study of Pwo Karen. Their coming and designation were welcomed by the Pwos with great rejoicings. About 300 are in connection with the Sandoway churches, and 200 were waiting for baptism, and had been anxiously looking for a missionary to *them* for years. A small school of six or seven was organized at the station during the rains; other schools were taught by Pwo assistants at out-stations, and two or more assistants were employed in preaching.

In the Sgau Karen department, the representations made in the last report have been abundantly confirmed by later communications. The number of churches at the close of 1848, was thirty-six; of native preachers, forty-four; of scholars in day schools, 421. The number of baptisms during 1848, was 373; of deaths, seventy-two; of exclusions, twenty-four. Whole number of members *reported*, 4,341; estimated number, 4,500. The whole number baptized in connection with the Sandoway Mission, from the beginning, is more than 5,500, of whom 700 or 800 have died. There are reported also 5,124 *unbaptized* Christians, "who have maintained as religious a life in all respects as the members of the churches, only not baptized." Twelve chapels, of superior construction have been completed, each accommodating several hundred worshippers; and nearly twenty of an inferior order. Forty native assistants have been with Mr. Abbott at Ong Kyoung, making good progress in their studies. "But few cases of discipline," says Mr. Abbott, "less, I should think, than among the same number of churches in America. Additions are being made year by year; day schools are established in nearly every village; and the people are increasing in knowledge, and walking in the fear of the Lord."

Contributions.—The converts manifest a rare spirit of liberality. They have been particularly encouraged to contribute to the institutions of education and religion among themselves. In 1848 they sustained for a period of four months or more, nineteen schools, with an average of twenty-two scholars. In nearly every Christian village they have erected houses for worship, which are durable and commodious in proportion to the number and ability of the converts. During Mr. Abbott's absence the Christians of two villages, by their own contributions and almost entirely by their own labor, erected two chapels, either of which could not have been built by the mission for less than \$400. Besides this, they supported three preachers at an expense of about sixty rupees each, and two schools, one of seventy-five and the other of fifty scholars. One of these churches then numbered about sixty families, and the other

forty. Some of the churches now support their pastors entirely. In 1848 forty native assistants were supported in connection with the Sandoway station at an expense to the Union of only 600 rupees. This system of self-support is working well. And did the Burman Government and their own mode of life permit the Karens to congregate together in villages of moderate size, they would soon, it is believed, not only support their own pastors, but aid in sending the gospel to the heathen around them.

This feature in the progress of the missions is hailed with unmingled satisfaction. This mission is the first under our charge so fully to develop the principle of self-support. To provide for the support of their own religious institutions, is one of the most decided indications that a people have become truly a Christian people; and the Committee have strong hope that the time is not far distant when churches in all the missions will be able to follow the encouraging example of the converts at Sandoway.

Burmah Proper.—Since the period embraced in our last report, Mr. Abbott has attempted to reënter Burmah Proper by ascending the Bassein river. He has been invited by the governor of the district living east of the Bassein. But his course was arrested. The governor of Bassein province refused permission, proposing however to lay the case before the king at Ava.

A few weeks afterwards, Mr. Abbott made a second attempt, by another route, crossing the hills from the head of Baumeo river. In this also his scheme was frustrated. The governor of the district which he first entered, was too timid to allow him to remain; and though treated with courtesy in other respects, the head men of the village and the Karen pastor were made responsible for his immediate return. With a heavy heart he retraced his steps to the sea, holding himself in readiness, however, to renew the attempt at the first more favorable moment.

MISSION TO SIAM.

BANGKOK (*Siamese department.*)—REV. MESSRS. J. T. JONES and S. J. SMITH, Mr. J. H. and Mrs. CHANDLER, MRS. JONES and MISS H. H. MORSE.

(*Chinese department.*) Four native assistants.

Out-stations.—*Leng-kia-chu, Bang-chang.*

1 station and 2 out-stations; 3 missionaries and 3 female assistants; 4 Chinese assistants.

Mr. Smith arrived at Bangkok June 22.

The daily morning worship with those in the employ of the mission has been continued, a part meeting with Mr. Jones and a part with Mr. Chandler. The Sabbath services have been conducted by Mr. Jones as heretofore. The attention to religious instruction and preaching has been good. The truth has evidently made a good impression on some minds. The demand for tracts and books continues to increase, and a knowledge of the way of salvation through Christ is rapidly diffusing itself among the people. In January and February last Mr. Chandler

proceeded up the Meinam river on a tour of distribution. The excursion occupied thirty-three days, and is the most extensive missionary tour ever made in Siam. In September Mr. C. undertook a second tour in another direction. More than two thirds of the places visited in these excursions were new to the missionaries, none having passed over the ground before. The people in some few places were afraid to take books, but generally they received them with gladness.

There was never a time, perhaps, when the people of Siam were so accessible to missionary efforts as now. Missionaries are free to travel throughout the country, and books are taken, and it is believed read, by all classes, from the lowest of the people to the king on his throne. Not long since an aged Siamese died at the mission compound, who, though he had not seen a Christian missionary, had read the "foreigner's books," and for years had worshipped only the true God. He had come five days' journey to seek the teacher. He displayed much knowledge of Christian doctrine, and before he was fatally attacked by cholera was receiving further instruction, preparatory to his admission to the church by baptism.

Since the departure of Mr. Goddard in March, 1848, the care of the *Chinese* department has devolved upon the missionaries to the Siamese. Within that period Mr. Jones has baptized eight persons at Bangkok, five Chinese, two half Chinese and one Burman, besides one aged man, Pe-kua, at Bang-chang. Four have been baptized within the year. Four have died.* Among these was Chek Su, the faithful tract distributor at Leng-kia-chu.† The present number of native members is twenty-nine. Another person gives good evidence of a change of heart, and one or two more profess to believe the Christian doctrine. The church was commenced in 1833 by the baptism of three persons. Fifty-six in all have been baptized.

The two out-stations, Leng-kia-chu and Bang-chang, have been visited three times the past year by the missionaries, and Hongkit spent two weeks at Leng-kia-chu and six at Bang-chang. The labor at these stations was ordinarily performed by Chek Su, Chek Suan, and Chek Pit, tract distributors, who conducted daily worship and Sabbath services. This department of the mission demands immediate reinforcement. So painful had the impression become in the minds of Mr. and Mrs. Jones, that some spiritual guidance was needed by the native Christians, that the latter had been giving her earnest attention to the study of the Chinese language, that she might be qualified to counsel and instruct them. The Committee have recently appointed Rev. William Ashmore, of Ohio, to take charge of this branch of the mission, who will sail, if Providence permit, the present season. This accession, at the present crisis, will be peculiarly opportune.

Printing department.—A revised edition of the New Testament has

* The Chinese church, with the assistance of others, have purchased a small lot of land for a burial-place. The Siamese *burn* their dead, a custom peculiarly repulsive to the Chinese, who show great veneration to the remains of their deceased friends.

† Since the presentation of the Report intelligence has been received of the death of Hongkit. He was an excellent assistant, and was chiefly employed at Bangkok.

been commenced, and printed as far as Romans. The edition is of 3,000 copies to the end of John, and 2,000 to the end of Romans; 1,500 will be printed from Corinthians to Revelation. One thousand of each of the Gospels have been bound separately, and 1,000 of the Gospels and Acts. The following table shows the amount of Siamese printing.

<i>Books and Tracts.</i>	<i>Copies.</i>	<i>Pages, 12mo.</i>
Old Test. Biography, Vol. 2,	3,000	342,000
Golden Balance,.....	3,000	96,000
Book of Parables,.....	3,000	112,000
Gospel by Matthew,.....	1,000	115,500
“ “ Mark,.....	1,000	69,000
“ “ Luke,.....	1,000	118,500
“ “ John,.....	1,000	94,500
Gospels and Acts,.....	1,000	502,000
New Testament, 29 forms,.....	1,000	522,000
Siamese Almanac, (1850,).....	7,000	242,667
Total in Siamese,	22,000	2,214,167

A few publications have been issued in Chinese. The second part of the Chinese and English vocabulary, prepared by Mr. Goddard, has been completed, and the work bound up for use. Two Chinese tracts have been reprinted, one of 2,000, the other of 500 copies. Two boxes of Chinese books have been received from China.

The number of Siamese tracts and books distributed during the year has been 17,672; and of Chinese about 3,500.

Some additional improvements have been made in the Siamese type, and new type has been cast nearly equal to a common font. The present type is accurate and handsome, but too small for general readers; and a new font of a larger size is in course of preparation.

Contributions.—The church have exhibited a degree of liberality strongly evincing their sincerity. The members are generally poor. The income of Hongkit, about eighty-four dollars a year, was double that of any other native Christian; yet they contributed in 1848, for the spread of the gospel, nearly forty-two ticals, about two ticals, or one dollar and twenty cents, for each member, exclusive of donations for sick and indigent members, burials, &c. The same year 202 ticals were paid for building an asylum, &c., for aged and infirm members, of which the church gave sixteen. The remainder was contributed by British merchants, missionaries, and others. In 1849, Hongkit, the principal assistant, was supported without expense to the mission treasury, at 144 ticals per annum; also two schools, male and female, containing twenty or thirty pupils who were taught, and furnished with books and paper, and more or less with food and clothing, for more than half the year.

MISSION TO CHINA.

HONGKONG.—REV. MESSRS. W. DEAN and J. JOHNSON.

Chek-chu, Long Island, Tu-kia-wan, out-stations; A Sun, A Tui, Ko A Bak, native assistants.

NINGPO.—REV. MESSRS. J. GODDARD and E. C. LORD, D. J. MACGOWAN, M. D., and their wives.

Tsz'ki, out-station; Chin Ching Taw, native assistant.

2 stations and 4 out-stations; 5 missionaries and 3 female assistants; 7 native assistants.

HONGKONG.—Preaching in Chinese has been maintained at Hongkong, *Chek-chu* and Long Island. The services at the mission chapel at Hongkong have been attended by from thirty to fifty Chinese, besides the school boys from *Tu-kia-wan*. After the morning worship these boys repeat their catechism and Scripture lessons to Mr. Johnson, and at 2 P. M., with a company of adult Chinese, meet at the school house in a Bible class. Morning and evening worship is conducted with the Chinese teachers and domestics.

The out-station at *Chek-chu* has been occupied by A Sun. He has conducted daily worship and preached at his house on the Sabbath. The attendance has varied from six to thirty. The inhabitants of the village and the people of the boats in the harbor have been visited at their dwellings and supplied with tracts by the assistant. A few have manifested some interest in respect to the truth, but none are known to have given evidence of a transformation of character and life.

The station at Long Island has been occupied by A Tui, with occasional visits from the other assistants. A school of twenty boys was maintained there most of the last year, and the station enjoyed its usual prosperity.

A school has been kept during the year at *Tu-kia-wan*, on the main land opposite Hongkong. The number of pupils increased from twelve to twenty. They are now under the charge of Ko A Bak, who conducts worship with them and some of their parents every evening, and goes over with them to the public worship in the chapel at Hongkong on the Sabbath. No change is reported in the Hongkong church.

Printing.—The Union have no press for Chinese printing except at Bangkok, it being less expensive in China to employ native workmen.

<i>Books.</i>	<i>Pages.</i>	<i>Copies.</i>	<i>Pages.</i>
Matthew, with Notes, revised,	170	3,000	510,000 octavo.
Christian Manual and Chronology,	40	3,000	120,000 “
Genesis, Chap. 1-5 (Tract form),	30		

Of Matthew 1,000 copies additional were printed at the expense of other missionaries. Explanatory notes to the revised edition of Genesis have been prepared, and sent to the printer, to chapter 24th, making 100 pages, 8vo. A revised edition of the Acts is also printed, “without note or comment,” and the Gospel by John, Mr. Goddard’s transla-

tion, has been reprinted. In addition to these, there have been printed during the year about 20,000 copies of different tracts, previously prepared by members of the mission.

Contributions.—The church was established in 1842. Converts were taught from the beginning their duty to contribute of their substance to aid in the conversion of others. The contributions at the Monthly Concert have been as follows:—In 1843, \$32.09; '44, \$84; '45, \$25.24; '46, no report; '47, \$20.12; '48, \$39.81; '49, nine months, \$30.13,—besides \$40 towards building a chapel at Tung Chiu. The entire property of the native members of the church does not exceed \$1,000, and the annual earnings of each man are on an average less than \$80.

NINGPO.—In August last Mr. Goddard was afflicted with severe sickness of a pulmonary character. His health has since improved. Mrs. Goddard continues to suffer much from the disease which drove her from Siam. Mr. Lord was in feeble health the last summer; Mrs. Lord has also been dangerously ill, and Dr. Macgowan has passed through a severe attack of fever.

Religious services.—Regular Sabbath services in Chinese have been held in the chapel, which is situated on one of the chief streets of the city. The services have been conducted by Mr. Lord and Dr. Macgowan in turn, aided by the native assistant. The audience has varied from thirty to sixty. Some have seemed to listen with attention, and stopped to converse at the close of the services. They have evidently gained some hold of the fundamental truths of the gospel. Others probably have come in only to satisfy a vacant curiosity. It is an interesting fact, indicating the progress of Christian ideas,—that when the gong is struck for service on the Sabbath, a congregation very soon assembles; whereas the striking of the gong at the same hour any other day scarcely brings together persons enough for a social conversation. The people have evidently learned to make a distinction between the Sabbath and other days. A daily service has also been conducted since June last at the chapel by the three missionaries in turn, with the aid of the native helper. The attendance on these services is irregular and less than on the Sabbath.

Bible classes have been kept up during the year by Dr. Macgowan and Mr. Lord, except when prevented by sickness. The former meets on the Sabbath, and is attended by eight or ten adults, who commit to memory select portions of Scripture, which are explained by the teacher. Mr. Lord's class meets on Thursday, and consists of from four to six individuals.

Medical treatment.—There is a dispensary at the chapel, chiefly under the care of a native physician. Dr. Macgowan has another at his own house, where he receives patients every day at noon. Chinese to the number of 12,956 during the year, availed themselves of the medical skill of Dr. Macgowan, to whom, as opportunity presented, tracts were given and the gospel explained. The native assistant resides at the chapel to converse with all who call and to give them tracts.

Day school.—A day school under the supervision of Mr. Lord has been taught at the chapel by a native teacher during the year; average

attendance, twenty. The children are instructed in both native and Christian books, and the school is opened and closed with prayer.

Out-station.—Some missionary work has been performed at Chinhai, a walled city at the mouth of the river, and at Chusan, by persons who have visited those places for the benefit of their health. Tsz'ki, a walled city about fifteen miles up the river, has been regarded as an out-station. It contains a population of probably between fifty and one hundred thousand. "A good idea of the toleration enjoyed by Christian missionaries in China," says Dr. Macgowan, "is afforded by the fact, that we are allowed to proclaim the gospel in the temple of the tutelary god of the city. In this large building, which here, as in every Chinese city, is the principal place, we are expected to address the people whenever we visit them. They, in fact, lead the way thither, and give all the outward attention and respect which could be expected from a promiscuous audience." The church at Ningpo has assumed the expense of sustaining this out-station,—the contributions of the monthly concert (\$84) being sufficient to pay the salary of the native assistant.

Books and Tracts.—Two tracts have been prepared and printed during the year;—one explaining the place, time, and nature of the public religious services of the mission, and giving an outline of the gospel. It was prepared by the native assistant, and contains twenty pages, 16mo. The number of copies printed is 2,000. The other tract is the first chapter of Genesis, with an introduction and brief notes by Mr. Goddard, fourteen pages, 16mo., of which 5,000 copies have been printed. The printer has also in his hands another tract by Mr. Goddard, consisting of the first five chapters of Genesis, with notes and the same introduction, which will cover forty pages. The brethren have received from Hongkong and distributed 1,322 copies of portions of the Scriptures containing 42,020 pages, and 47,364 pages of tracts.

Results.—In May last an aged Chinaman was baptized. He had attended worship for more than a year, and for several months given evidence of a saving change. He was formerly a patient of Dr. Macgowan. About the close of September he was taken sick, and died. He manifested great composure in the prospect of dissolution, having a desire to depart and be with Christ. We trust he has been gathered in as a first fruit from Ningpo. Three or four others give encouragement, and the knowledge of the truth is manifestly prevailing among the people. The church numbers eight persons, and the usual congregation on the Sabbath amounts to forty, among whom are one or two females.

MISSION TO ASSAM.

SIBSAGOR.—REV. N. BROWN, Mr. O. T. CUTTER, and their wives. Mrs. Cutter now in this country.

NOWGONG.—REV. I. J. STODDARD and wife, Rev. M. BRONSON and wife now in this country, one other female assistant.

GOWAHATTI.—REV. A. N. DANFORTH and wife. Mrs. Barker now on her way to the United States.

3 stations ; 5 missionaries, 1 a printer, and 6 female assistant missionaries ; 4 native assistants.

It was stated in the last report that Mr. Barker, who for years had been struggling against disease, had been obliged to take a voyage along the coast of Bengal Bay, in the hope of avoiding the necessity of a more protracted absence from his field of labor. The hope of permanent benefit, however, proved futile, and he left Gowahatti Oct. 29, with his family, to return to the United States by way of England. After embarking, his health improved, but on the 20th of January unfavorable symptoms began to appear. He died January 31, and his body was committed to the deep till the sea shall give up its dead.

Mrs. Brown arrived at Sibsagor the 28th of June. Mr. and Mrs. Bronson and Mrs. Cutter are expecting to return to Assam in the month of July. The Committee have also appointed Mr. William Ward, of the senior class in Madison University, to join the station at Gowahatti, and Mr. S. M. Whiting, of the senior class in Newton Theological Institution, to be associated with Mr. Brown at Sibsagor. They will sail likewise in July ensuing.

SIBSAGOR.—On the 9th of December Mr. Brown baptized two converts. The third edition of the New Testament was in course of printing at that date, and a new edition of the Hymn Book, which will be enlarged about one third. With the additional helpers about to be sent forth, Mr. Brown will be able to devote himself to the translation of the Old Testament.

NOWGONG.—This station was commenced in October, 1841. Mr. Stoddard has been alone in the charge of it during the year. The number in the Orphan Institution is forty, of whom ten are girls. Two buildings have been completed for their due separation and accommodation. Five of the pupils have been baptized, and two have died. The school includes children of all the Hindoo castes, from the brahmin down to the lowest grades, together with Cachari and Mussulman children. The Committee have been anxious to secure a competent layman to take charge of the school ; but as yet their efforts have not been crowned with success.

The Nowgong church has passed through some trials, but on the whole is in a prosperous state. One member was excluded in June last, having renounced the religion of Jesus Christ. On the same day a very promising boy of the school was baptized. Others are inquiring and praying, and for many months a serious feeling has been manifest among the boys and girls.

GOWAHATTI.—Mr. Danforth has had the sole care of the station since the departure of Mr. Barker. For the girls' boarding school a good brick building has been erected, thirty by sixty feet, the cost of which was about 700 rupees. About 600 rupees have already been realized from the gentlemen and ladies of Assam. The school is in a flourishing condition. There is also a boys' school, which is doing well. It numbers forty pupils. The scholars come to the bungalow daily, morning and evening, where worship is conducted by Mr. Danforth.

There is a great demand among the people for schools. Some time since, thirty very promising lads, from twelve to fifteen years of age, came thirty miles to the station. They were the representatives of eighty who had formed themselves into a school, and came to beg for books and a teacher. They were dismissed with a few copies of Luke's Gospel, and a promise to visit them,—the only encouragement which could be given. The entire district is accessible to the preaching of the word.

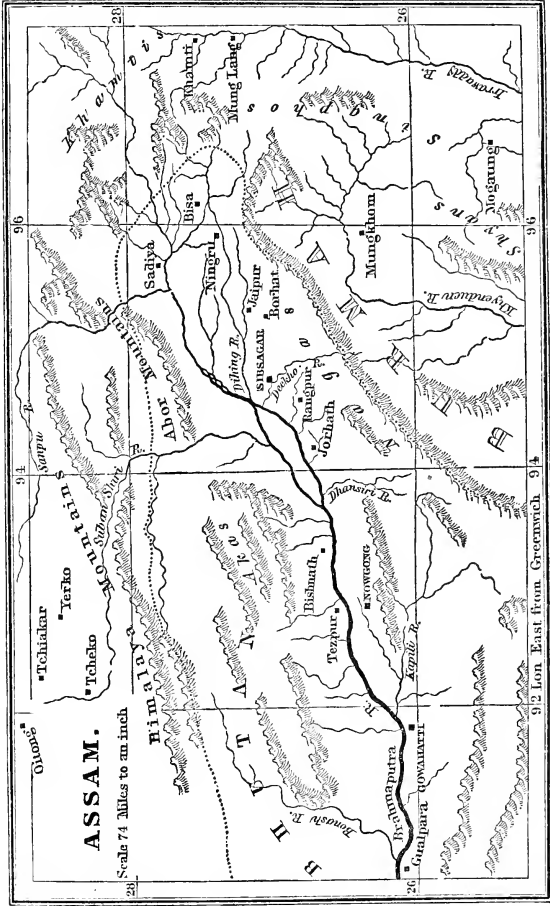
NEW FIELDS OF LABOR.—A large and interesting field is opening for spiritual cultivation from Nowgong station, among the Mikirs, Nagas, Kukis and Garrows, mountain tribes on the south-eastern borders of Nowgong district. Several British military posts have been established among them, and two schools; and several thousands of them acknowledge British authority and ask for British protection. They speak a dialect of their own, and do not understand the Assamese. A young and promising girl from these hills is now in the Orphan Institution.

The Mikirs number 11,000 in the Nowgong district, and perhaps 7,000 or 8,000 out of it. They would be more likely, it has been said, than any other tribe to reward missionary efforts. There are two tribes of Nagas, the Angami Nagas and the Rengma Nagas,—the former numbering nearly 70,000, the latter perhaps not exceeding 3,000. Many of the former dwell in densely populated villages along the salubrious hill-sides; and though fond of the turbulent liberty they enjoy, are inoffensive to strangers, and inclined to court the friendship of civilized foreigners for the advantage of traffic. The Rengmas are intermixed with the Mikirs, and the same mission arrangements might accommodate both tribes.

The Kukis, on the Cachar hills, are mild in their manners, but in a state of great rudeness. They do not number more than 4,000, but are yearly increasing by emigration from the Tripural hills.

The Lalungs constitute a numerous population at the foot of the hills, numbering nearly 25,000 persons, and are understood to be well disposed to receive missionary instruction.

The Cacharis, in the neighborhood of Gowahatti, are said to resemble the Karens in physical condition and mental character. They have a language of their own, but it is used only amongst themselves. They all speak Assamese. They are not Hindoos, and are of course free from the fetters of caste. They are the most athletic, industrious and robust people in Assam; a quiet, agricultural tribe, scarcely possessing an instrument of war or the knowledge of a war song or a war dance. They are even more accessible than the Assamese, and any number of



youth could be obtained from among them for instruction. They have a principal *locale* at Chatgari, a frontier district about thirty or forty miles from Gowahatti, where they number about 30,000 souls. Hindoo priests are at present doing all in their power to bring them within the pale of Hinduism, and have already made a large number of converts. The boys in the boarding school are mostly from this tribe. Who can tell but God will bless missionary efforts among these tribes as he has among the Karens?

The cry for assistance from this mission has been long and loud. The shattered health of the missionaries has removed several of them successively from the field of labor, and the harvest has whitened over the hills and plains of Assam with none to put in the sickle and reap. The brethren have not alone called for help. The miseries of heathenism have not set forth the sole argument. Native youth have indited the most affecting communications to the Christians of America, praying for gospel truth. "The Assamese people," says one of them, "are not dying for worldly riches, but they are dying for the bread of life, which came down from heaven not alone for the Americans but also for the poor heathen." "More than two thirds of the country," says another, "is lying desolate for want of preachers; therefore it is a very great grief to our souls; for the Lord Jesus did not pour out his precious blood on the cross for *us only*, but for all the world, i. e. for every one that believeth on him. But how can they believe unless they hear the gospel? And how can they preach unless they be sent from American churches?"

MISSION TO THE TELOGOOS.

NELLORE.—REV. MESSRS. S. S. DAY, and L. JEWETT, and their wives.

Mrs. Day at present resides in this country.

1 station: 2 missionaries, and 2 female assistants; besides Rev. S. and Mrs. VAN HUSEN, in the United States.

The earliest missionaries to the Telogoos, Messrs. Day and Abbott, were designated to that field in September, 1835. The designation of Mr. Abbott on further consideration was changed to the Karens, and Mr. Day proceeded to his work alone. After various inquiries and journeys and several changes of residence, he finally established the mission at Nellore, in Feb., 1840. A few weeks afterwards, he was joined by Mr. and Mrs. Van Husen. The first Telogoo convert was baptized in September, 1840. In 1843 three more were added to the church. Schools were also established in the city and in the surrounding country. But the failing health of Mr. Van Husen compelled him to relinquish his labors, and he arrived home in Oct. 1845. In December of the same year, Mr. Day also was obliged to retire, and reached the United States in June, 1846. The mission, left in charge of two Eurasian Christians, consisted of five schools, numbering on an average twenty-five scholars each, and a church of six or seven natives.

Mr. Day and Mr. and Mrs. Jewett, sailed for Madras, Oct. 10, 1848,

and reached Nellore, April 16, 1849. The mission had been without American helpers a little more than three years. The first view of things was disheartening. Influences hostile to the prosperity of the mission had been in operation for so long a period, that a cloud hung over its prospects. The cloud, however, soon began to be lifted up. The Telooogo country is now a field of encouraging promise.

Church.—The native church was found to be scattered, but not lost. The converts, left without instruction, had swerved from the gospel. Discipline was required; but there remained enough to form the nucleus of a fresh ingathering of disciples.

Schools.—Over 250 children are now receiving daily Christian instruction, as a part of their stated lessons. A Sabbath school is held at Nellore, at which 200 pupils from the day schools are present. Schools could be established in any number, the books furnished by the mission composing a part or the whole of the studies of the pupils. Requests come from different villages for their establishment. Recently three chief men and forty-four other individuals united in asking that a school might be established among them. The request was complied with, and more than forty are now in attendance.

The schools are, one English school, one school for girls, and eight day schools for boys. In the English school a large number of the pupils have become familiar with the book of Genesis, the parables and some of the Messianic Psalms. The native schools, though instructed by native teachers, are under the constant supervision of the missionaries. And the Christian books used, and the religious instruction given in them day by day, render them an important engine in promoting the advancement of Christianity.

Preaching.—Previous to June last the missionaries had been at three heathen festivals, one of which called together, as was supposed, 30,000 or 40,000 persons. They preached to individuals and to groups, amounting in all to several thousands, and distributed many Christian books. Not a copy of a bound volume was torn, nor a disrespectful word uttered concerning the missionaries or their religion. On the Sabbath, Mr. Day preaches in the chapel, and Mr. Jewett goes out into the highways calling upon the people to forsake their idols and turn to the true God. The latter preached his first regular Telooogo sermon in the chapel Dec. 3. A few encouraging cases of inquirers exist, but none are known to have become truly converted.

Brahminism is evidently on the decline. The priests are unable to support it. The early writings of their own sect furnish a refutation of some of its principal errors. A remarkable interest is also manifested by the Mohammedans. Some of their children are in Christian schools. On the last day of the great Mohammedan feast, Nov. 26, Messrs. Day and Jewett, went among the people, preached and talked from 11 A. M. to 6 P. M., and gave away 180 portions of Scripture and 250 tracts, of which perhaps one third were in Hindustani, the language of the Mohammedans throughout India. Many afterwards came to the mission house for books, and seemed intent on becoming acquainted with the Christian Scriptures. Mr. Jewett remarks: "This may be a new era in

the history of this mission ; henceforth the followers of the false prophet may receive the truth from us."

MISSION TO THE BASSAS.

BEXLEY.—*J. Vonbrunn*, native preacher. Two other native assistants.

Little Bassa.—*L. Kong Crocker*, native assistant.

Harristown.—1 native assistant.

Mrs. M. B. CROCKER and Mrs. L. G. CLARKE, resident in this country.

1 station ; 2 out-stations ; 2 female assistant missionaries ; 1 native preacher and 4 native assistants.

Mr. Vonbrunn preaches on the Sabbath, and prayer meetings are held twice every week. The schools at Bexley and Little Bassa are regularly maintained ; the former numbering twenty-three pupils under the care of Mr. Vonbrunn and two assistants, the latter numbering sixteen in charge of Mr. L. K. Crocker. There are one or two other native teachers in neighboring villages, originally in the employ of Mr. Clarke. A correspondent of another religious communion reports favorably of the proficiency of the pupils, and also of the native converts, "who are adorning their profession and promise future usefulness." The native assistants have conducted the affairs of the mission with faithfulness.

The Committee have recently given particular attention to the state of this mission. It is now nearly two years since it was left entirely in charge of native assistants. To be conducted with efficiency other laborers are needed. The Committee have spared no pains to procure two suitably qualified American missionaries. Hitherto they have been unsuccessful, but they are now in correspondence with one or two individuals from whom a favorable response is hoped.

The thought of relinquishing what has been already accomplished here, is not to be entertained. More lives may perhaps be sacrificed in the enterprise. But he who falls early in the service of the divine Master will be the earlier crowned. The wrongs which Africa, above all other countries, has suffered at the hands of this nation demand of us an early and substantial restitution. The best restitution we can give is to use our most earnest endeavors to deliver the continent from the enthrallment of sin, and to set her emancipated sons as jewels in the Saviour's diadem.

MISSION TO FRANCE.

Northern Department.

DOUAI (*Nord*).—Rev. E. WILLARD, Mrs. WILLARD. Rev. R. Flamant, native preacher ; F. Lemaire, E. Demoulin, H. Boileau, students and assistants.

MOUCHIN, near Orchies, Denain, Helesmes, &c. (*Nord*).—Rev. J. Thieffry, native preacher.

VERBERIE and MEUX, (*Oise*).—Rev. J. B. Crétin, native preacher.

SERVAIS and LA FERRE, (*Aisne*).—Rev. J. Foulon, native preacher.

CHAUNY, GENLIS, &c.—Rev. V. Lepoids, native preacher ; S. Besin, P. Ledouble, —Lowet, E. Doumin, colporteurs.

CHERY, ATHIES, &c.—Rev. J. B. Pruvots, native preacher; L. Léfèvre, colporteur.
South Eastern Department.

LYONS.—Rev. T. T. DEVAN and Mrs. DEVAN.

ST. ETIENNE.—Rev. C. Geyer, native preacher; A. Berthond, colporteur.

FEURS.—S. Milliaud, colporteur.

10 stations; 8 or more out-stations;* 2 missionaries and 2 female assistants; 17 native preachers and assistants.

It was stated in the last Annual Report that Dr. Devan, then at Paris, was about to visit some of the southern departments of France, agreeably to a plan concerted before his departure from this country, to form acquaintance with Baptist families dispersed at different points, and to establish with them, should Providence favor, a permanent connection. A colporteur, who had been sent before on a tour of exploration, had already made some favorable returns. The results of exploration have proved that in the portion of France alluded to, there is a great destitution of the gospel. The field is on this account one of interest and promise; and with the means and laborers at the command of the mission, it presents stronger claims and a more encouraging prospect than is afforded by Paris and its vicinity. Hence, in view of the interests of the mission and the greatest efficiency of the laborers, the effort at Paris has been for the present suspended, and the field at the South, where an American missionary is needed to take charge of the native laborers, has taken its place.† In accordance with this arrangement, the French Mission has been divided into two departments,—the department of the North, under the charge of Mr. Willard, at Douai; and the department of the South East, under the charge of Dr. Devan, at Lyons.

The labors of Dr. Devan at Paris continued thirteen months. The field is represented as one of great difficulty, but it was cultivated with untiring energy and activity. The place of meeting on the Sabbath was small and badly located, and the attendance not large. During the stay of Dr. D., he baptized five individuals in the city, three men and two women. A man was also baptized who came from the out-station at Suresne. Two others show evidence of having become truly religious, within the period, but for personal reasons were left unbaptized. The seed sown may yet bear glorious fruit, and the laborer return to fill his bosom with the sheaves.

NORTHERN DEPARTMENT.—In this part of the mission the native laborers are concentrating their operations in the departments of Aisne and Oise, and their efforts are attended with increasing success. The

* Number of preaching places more than sixty.

† Rev. J. W. Parker, of the Executive Committee, who visited the French and German missions the last year, wrote as follows:—"There was no promise of advancement at Paris without a great increase of expenditure, and the appointment of an able native preacher. We knew of no one who could be put into that field, who was not already more usefully employed than he could be in Paris. The recent increase of interest in the South, in the department of Montbrison, seemed to open a door for Dr. Devan. And after earnest prayer for direction, and consultation with the missionary brethren, it was thought best to suspend operations at Paris. All concurred in this opinion, and accordingly Dr. Devan gave up the chapel and ceased preaching the last of August."

first Association of French Baptists was formed at Verberie on the 6th of June. Nearly all the laborers were present. The session continued several days, and the various interests of the mission were discussed with spirit and earnestness. The brethren evinced a deep interest in the progress of the work among their countrymen. The churches are agreed in their articles of faith, which are very simple and evangelical. In the month of August I. Foulon was ordained at Genlis. Immediately after his ordination he administered the ordinance of baptism to eight candidates. In October last a ministerial conference was organized under the happiest auspices, from which much benefit is anticipated both to the ministers and the churches. At Douai, department *du Nord*, the church holds its meetings at the house of Mr. Willard. Four young brethren are studying with him for the gospel ministry. They also assist in preaching on the Sabbath, besides going out to the villages in the vicinity where their labors are highly appreciated among the peasantry.

In the department of Aisne, Mr. Lepoids has met with some opposition. The clergy published two pamphlets, one of them expressly against him; but these things have turned out rather unto the furtherance of the faith. Nine persons were baptized by him in December, and other candidates were waiting. Eighteen have been baptized in his field within the last year.

In Mr. Foulon's district the prospect is very encouraging, especially at La Fère. At Servais in January last there were twenty-one candidates for baptism. In May, fourteen were baptized in the presence of more than one thousand spectators. Mr. Lefèvre has occupied a large field as an evangelist, and his encouragement has been great. Mr. Pravots has visited the region several times, and has aided in organizing a church at Chéry and another at Athies. He has also baptized several persons, but from the last two brethren no regular report has been received.

In the department of Oise, (Meux and Verberie,) Mr. Crétin has been left with a single youth to aid him, Mr. Lemaire having gone to Douai to study. Some parts of this field are very promising and a reinforcement is much needed. There is a remarkable religious interest at Bene, Guiscard, the fruit of the labors of colporteurs. The opposition of the clergy, who are again in the ascendant, has been aroused; but the people hunger for the bread of life, and no persecution will prevent their seeking it. Sinceny also, near Chauny, is a place of great promise; Denain likewise, where Mr. Thieffry baptized five in June last. Mr. Willard writes: "The Spirit of God is abroad in this land, turning the hearts of these perishing multitudes to the Saviour of sinners. Our brethren are so entirely occupied that they seldom send me any details. They come home from their courses at midnight, and in the morning they sometimes scribble a line to say that all goes well,—and start again on a new course. The encouragement is very great here now; I wish we had a few more men of the right stamp. But I am persuaded the Lord will find them for us when he judges it best."

The number of French brethren employed in this department is fourteen; six ordained ministers and eight evangelists, including students and a professor of French, who is also a student. The following is a view of the operations of the last year:

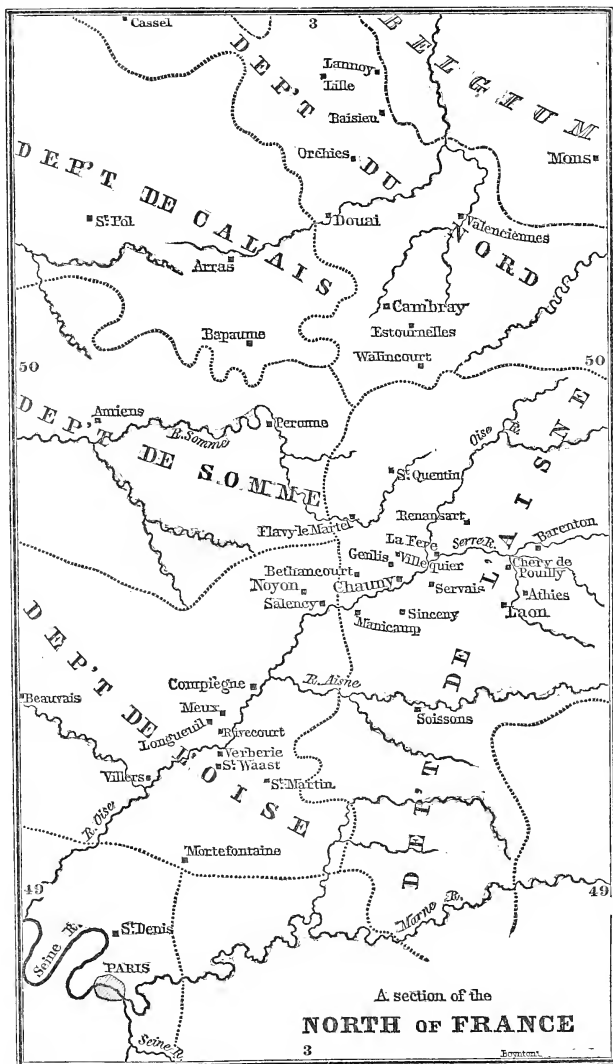
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“Seventy-two candidates for the ordinance,” says Mr. Willard, “is no great thing compared with what others have been permitted to gather in. Br. Oncken cultivates a favored portion of the missionary patrimony; many others also are much before us, and I am glad. May God grant to every one of our dear brethren an hundred fold more abundantly than hitherto. He will in due time bless this land also. Be not discouraged. The salvation of fifty souls is no small thing in itself, and then, you are doing and must for a long time yet do a preparatory work in France. There is no way, apparently, to force things here more than elsewhere. Brethren, this is a strangely difficult work; but it is now begun and it is not the will of our Heavenly Father that it should ever be arrested. Pray more earnestly, give a little more liberally, do what you can for this enterprise. Yet a few years, and I trust that none of you will blush to speak of your mission in France.”

Mr. Parker also writes as follows: “The scenes which I witnessed gave me a deep impression of the importance of the French Mission. The men who are laboring there have a strong hold upon the minds of a great multitude of people. The peasantry have confidence in them; and just so soon as they gain knowledge enough to see that there is a way of salvation out of the papal church, and know what the way is, multitudes will embrace the Saviour. The field is white and waiting for the reaper's hand. The Lord is there, preparing the hearts of the people to hear and believe the truth.

“The stream of evangelical influence that has flowed on, almost unnoticed and so quiet, is deep and broad. The last two years are showing the fruits of previous labor. There is much more done in the departments of Aisne and Oise, by the agency which we employ and sustain, than is accomplished in any other department of France by any other society whose reports have awakened so much surprise and interest in this country.”

The cholera has made fearful ravages in France during the year, but not an individual connected with the mission, and but few members of the churches, were taken away by it.



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NORTH OF FRANCE

SOUTH EASTERN DEPARTMENT.—In pursuance of the plan to establish a centre of missionary operations in the south of France, Dr. Devan undertook a tour of exploration, from which he returned in June last to Paris. The cities and larger places which he visited, were St. Etienne, Feurs, Montbrison, Lyons, Vienne, Valence, Montélimart, Ardèche, Avignon, Marseilles, Montpellier and Nismes. The region is mostly one of great spiritual destitution. Few persons of experimental piety are found in it, and previous to the visit of the colporteur sent out previously by Dr. Devan, none were known maintaining like views with us. But by Him who comprehends the necessities of his own cause, a co-laborer was raised up in the first of these cities, an earnest, we hope, as well as an element, of future good. At St. Etienne in this district, is a congregation of some 1,000 or 1,200 Germans, to whom Mr. Geyer was accustomed to preach once every Lord's day. Mr. Geyer is a German by birth, but speaks French fluently. He is ardent, pious and eloquent, an acceptable preacher, and much beloved by the people. He was ordained nearly two years since at Lyons, and was a laborer of the Evangelical Society of Geneva. Through the colporteur above alluded to, Dr. Devan had been brought into correspondence with this minister during the winter; and the termination of the correspondence was a request on his part for baptism. He had already signified his entire assent to the doctrines of the American Baptist churches. On the arrival of Dr. D. at St. Etienne, at his request Mr. Geyer invited all who harmonized with him in their sentiments on baptism, to meet him. There were five others, all men. They had unanimously adopted the above confession of faith and desired baptism. Accordingly, on the morning of April 17, 1849, Dr. Devan buried in baptism Mr. Charles Geyer, and then led to him in succession the five others, whom he baptized. On the evening of the following day they were organized into a church, and elected Mr. Geyer their pastor.

Mr. Geyer was immediately employed by Dr. D. as a native laborer. His field is St. Etienne; to visit Feurs, once a week, and, if possible, Montbrison. He will be aided by Alexandre Berthond, one of the baptized, a colporteur-evangelist, a man capable of conducting a religious meeting with acceptance. At Feurs, Salomon Milliaud, another of the baptized, equally or more capable than the former, will reside and colport in the vicinity as he may be able. He is a converted Jew, thirty-three years of age. In May last four others were baptized at St. Etienne, and two at Feurs.

In the other cities named in the itinerary, Dr. D. reports only the spiritual destitution of the people.

In October last one of the colporteurs reported a promising state of things in his field of labor. Several individuals and some families seem to be opening their eyes to the truth, and anxiously desire the Scriptures and religious instruction.

In a letter dated March 2, Dr. D. expresses feelings of encouragement in regard to his field of labor. In a quarter of the city of St. Etienne inhabited by the poorer class of workmen, a meeting has

been commenced by the mission at the request of the people themselves. This meeting has been attended by sixty or seventy persons, two thirds of them men. Desirous of better accommodation they proposed a subscription among themselves, on the principle of a weekly contribution, which was soon made up to sixty-eight francs a year; their rent is only sixty francs. The people at St. Etienne are in like manner disposed to aid themselves, and will probably nearly pay the rent of their hall for worship. The principle of self-support is earnestly urged upon all. The church now consists of seventeen members. The congregation is increasing. One of the laborers says: "I see amidst all the darkness that surrounds us, that the Lord has a great people at St. Etienne. Let us press into the ranks, pray the Lord for his blessing, and labor in his name."

Dr. Devan having been appointed to take charge of the missionary operations so happily commenced in south eastern France, will remove to Lyons, and from this point pursue his labors as the providence of God may direct.

MISSION TO GERMANY.

- HAMBURG.—REV. MESSRS. J. G. ONCKEN, *J. Köbner*, C. SCHAUFFLER, Jr.
 BREMEN.—REV. *J. L. Hinrichs*.
 OLDENBURG, (Duchy of Oldenburg).— — — *Weichart*, — — — *Oncken*.
 JEVER, HALSBECK, &c.—REV. *A. F. Remmers*.
 SEEFELDT, (Duchy of Oldenburg).— — — *Schiebeck*.
 HANOVER.— — — *Menger*.
 EIMBECK, (Hanover).—REV. *C. Steinhoff*.
 OTTFREESSEN, (Hanover).—REV. *J. H. Sander*.
 MARBURG, CASSEL, &c. (Hessc.)— — — *Grunmell*.
 BERLIN, (Prussia).—REV. G. W. LEHMANN, — — — *Metzkau*, — — — *Weise*, &c.
 BITTERFELDT, (Prussia).—REV. *F. C. Werner*.
 MEMEL, (Prussia).
 ELBING, (Prussia).— — — *Wiebe*.
 TEMPLIN, (Prussia).— — — *Kennitz*.
 ZÄKERICK, Prussia).— — — *Köppen*.
 Breslau, (Prussia).— — — *Straube*.
 Liegnitz, (Prussia).— — — *Klinker*.
 Stettin, (Prussia).— — — Rev. *T. A. Gültzau*.
 ALLENSTEIN, (Prussia).— — — *Vramitz*.
 VOIGTSDORF, (Prussia).—REV. *J. Straube*.
 ANCLAM and LASSAN.
 RUMMELSBURG, (Prussia).— — — *Tilgner*.
 STOLZENBURG, (Prussia).— — — *Weist*.
 TORNOW, (Prussia).— — — *Abendroth*.
 BAIREUTH, (Bavaria).— — — *Knauer*.
 HEISSFELD.— — — *Burbeck*.
 STUTTGARD, (Wurtemberg).— — — *Köner*.
 VIENNA, (Austria).
 AALBORG, (Denmark).— — — *Föltved*.
 AMSTERDAM, (Holland).— — — *Leifde*.
 GASSELTEN.—REV. *J. E. Feisser*, — — — *Nieworn*.

34 stations; * 3 missionaries and 28 other native preachers and assistants; besides several colporteurs, &c.

The net addition to the number of native preachers and colporteurs is thirteen.

The tidings received from this mission since our last annual report, have been of the most cheering character. The political revolution in Prussia had a most important influence on the cause of religion. Its first effect was to secure the perfect equality of all religious sects. Not knowing how long this freedom would last, our brethren made the best use of the golden opportunity. Mr. Oncken wrote in May, 1849: "We have raised the standard of the cross in every direction, and in the midst of the enemies of the Lord and his anointed. In the capital of Austria, in Hungary, among the Catholics of the Silesian mountains, and in numberless places of Germany, the glad tidings of salvation have reached the ears of hundreds of thousands who never before had the truth presented to their minds in its simplicity and beauty. Fifty brethren have been engaged in this holy crusade against sin and Satan. 800,000 tracts and 20,000 copies of the Holy Scriptures have been put in circulation within the last sixteen months. Wherever we have gone the Lord has gone with us, and the word has been confirmed with signs and wonders following." And again, under date of Dec. 14: "About forty missionaries and colporteurs, nearly half a million of tracts and other publications, and 22,000 copies of the Holy Scriptures, have during the year now drawing to a close disclosed the untold tale of Christ's love to sinners, among the millions in Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Hungary, Austria, Holland and Switzerland."

The church at Hamburg numbered at the close of the year 456 members; 112 converts were added to it during the year, and others at its close were waiting for baptism. Many from this church go out as occasional colporteurs. From twenty to thirty often spend the Sabbath in neighboring cities and villages, where they gather Sabbath schools, conduct religious services, and engage in personal conversation with individuals. Ten preaching places are thus supplied. By these labors many have become Christians, who have united with the Hamburg church. Mr. Schauffler has been appointed one of its three pastors, to relieve Mr. Oncken, whose multiplied labors† are wearing upon his health and endangering his life.

* Connected with these are sixty or more places for stated preaching.

† The nature and multiplicity of Mr. Oncken's labors are partly indicated in his letter of February last. "Three months of my time during the last summer were fully occupied in visiting our stations in Bremen, in the Grand Duchy of Oldenburg, in East Friesland, Mecklenburg, Holstein, Schleswig, Prussia, Hanover, Hesse, at Frankfort on the Maine, &c. My principal objects in these tours were to set all things in order in the churches, where this was required,—to form new churches, to see that suitable pastors and deacons were chosen by the churches, to form Sabbath schools, and to stir the churches up to greater and more united efforts for the spread of the gospel. These objects have to a good extent been realized, and the most happy results have been already witnessed in the spread of the truth and in the conversion of many sinners to God. I had also many opportunities of preaching the gospel to large assemblies, especially in large towns, where I hired generally a large saloon, of which public notice was given in the newspapers. At Marburg, a number of the students of the Hessian University in that place attended our services. And at Bremen, Varel, (my native place,) and Cassel, a large number of state-church believers, and others who never heard the gospel before, were present."

In the Duchy of Oldenburg, twenty-seven converts have been baptized at Halsbeck and a church constituted, who have commenced building a chapel,—the first in this part of the country. More than seventy have been baptized in this region during the year. Thirteen were baptized by Mr. Oncken in Hesse, at Cassel, Spangenburg, and Witzenhausen. “The Lord,” Mr. Oncken writes, Feb. 13, “has done great things in Hesse. Ten years ago I baptized by night the first five converts at Marburg, and now there are about two hundred believers joined in Christian fellowship in different parts of the country.”

The church at Berlin received sixteen new members during the quarter ending with July last. Some have been excluded. Net increase during the year, thirteen. The out-stations are in a more flourishing condition. In Seefeld, Spandau, Dalgow, Cremmen and Gesundbrunnen, regular services are re-established, and brethren sent every Sabbath from Berlin to conduct them. Other brethren are sent to places still more remote. In Mariendorf five have been recently baptized, and at Templin six. Others have applied for baptism. The net increase of all the churches in Prussia to Dec. 31, was 179; and the number of members of the fifteen churches, with fifty-four places for stated preaching, 1,016. The church at Stolzenberg, in East Prussia, has been specially blessed. It was formed the last year, and at the close of it numbered seventy members. Several other new places have been occupied within the year.

Some of the churches have suffered painful bereavements, especially those at Stettin and Berlin. Mr. Langé died at Hamburg, deeply lamented, the 19th November. He was the first person baptized by Mr. Oncken, and the earliest convert at Hamburg.

TABLE OF CHURCHES AND BAPTISMS IN PRUSSIA.

<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Founded.</i>	<i>Baptisms.</i>	<i>Members.</i>	<i>Pupils in S. Sch.</i>	<i>Teachers.</i>
Berlin,	1837	50	257	86	11
Bitterfeld,	1840	17	45	43	5
Memel,	1843	14	69	80	8
Elbing,	1844	.....	30*	.....	.....
Templin,	1845	21	54	.....	.....
Zackerick,	1845	.....	21	.....	.....
Breslau,	1846	.....	10*	.....	.....
Liegnitz,†	1848	11	11	.....	.....
Stettin,	1846	29	155	114	12
Allenstein,	1847	1	5	.....	.....
Voigtsdorf,	1848	.....	19*	.....	.....
Anclam and Lassan,	1848	17	28	.....	.....
Rummelsburg,	1841	.....	203*	.....	.....
Stolzenburg,	1849	72	70	30	3
Tornow,	1849	26	39	.....	.....
Totals,.....	Chhs. 14.....	258	1,016	353	39

The whole number of baptisms in the German Mission reported the past year, was 453. Present number (estimated) 2,800.

Contributions.—A beginning has been made in leading the churches

* Report of last year.

† Still a branch of Breslau church.

to benevolent contributions, and from a few of them* some favorable reports have been received in this respect. Most of the churches, however, are engaged at present in building chapels for themselves; and they are obliged to pay taxes to the State-church, besides sustaining their own worship and other expenses. They contribute for the support of their poor members. They also perform much gratuitous labor for the cause of religion, and give freely toward the support of colporteurs or other spiritual laborers in destitute places around them. Mr. Weist, of Stolzenburg, in East Prussia, was sent thither at the charge of the church in Berlin. The associated churches in the north-west have decided to support two missionaries, one of whom is already at his work.

Associations.—We have before had occasion to speak of the Rev. Mr. Parker's visit to Europe last year. The principal stations visited in Germany, were Hamburg, Berlin and Stettin. At this latter place the Prussian Baptist Association† held its first session. The meeting was one of deepest interest. Most of the missionaries in this part of the field were present. Many subjects relating to church order and Christian obligation were discussed. The discussions were conducted in a truly Christian spirit. The brethren sat with their Bibles open before them, to which they constantly referred. They seemed desirous of making the Scriptures their sole guide in all their decisions. They often inquired concerning the practice of the American churches, and sought the opinion of their American brother. The conclusions at which they arrived were all in accordance with correct Christian principles. The influence of the meeting was most happy, producing harmony of views among all the brethren.

The fruits of religion appear among our brethren of Germany in ways characteristic and marked, yet honorable to their profession and edifying. Their brotherly love is truly refreshing. A Moravian, on being received to their fellowship, said, he had never seen or experienced so much fraternal affection as in a few weeks after his connection with them. A physician at Hamburg, of infidel opinions, remarked to Mr. Oncken: "I know nothing about your gospel; but I have to go about among a great many poor people, and there are none in Hamburg like those connected with the Baptist church. They appear so neat and cheerful, they are so respectful and intelligent, their families are so well regulated, and children so much more obedient than others, that I know when I enter a house whose inmates belong to the Baptist congregation." A few days after this commendation, he published an article in a paper which he edited, advocating the fullest toleration for this sect of Christians, on account of their beneficial influence on the social condition of the people.

* Berlin, Bitterfeld, Memel, Elbing, Zackerick and Stettin.

† See our last annual Report.

MISSION TO GREECE.

CORFU.—REV. A. N. ARNOLD and MRS. ARNOLD; MRS. H. E. DICKSON.

PIREUS.—REV. R. F. BUEL and MRS. BUEL.

2 stations: 2 missionaries, and 3 female assistants.

CORFU.—Two promising young men were baptized at Corfu by Mr. Arnold July 4. One of them had been a candidate for baptism three years. He is now studying with Mr. Arnold, preparatory to evangelical labor among his countrymen. The church consists of five members, besides those composing the mission family. Of these, two reside in Corfu and three in Zante. Two are Ionians, one is English, one Anglo Ionian, and one a past assistant missionary of the Union. The public service in English is continued without material change. At the Greek preaching on the Sabbath the attendance is small.

The missionary concert has been regularly observed; ordinary attendance fifteen, about the same as at the weekly lecture. Most of the attendants are soldiers. The monthly collections have averaged about \$3.50. Other contributions are made for the missionary cause. The amount for sixteen months, ending Jan. 1, 1850, was \$155.11.

PIREUS.—Mr. Buel continues to preach on the Sabbath, as usual. The audience numbers about fourteen. Among them are teachers, editors of newspapers, lawyers, university students, and others of the most respectable class. One Sabbath the demarch and a Greek priest, chaplain in the navy, were present. The former, a few days afterwards, expressed his unqualified approval of what he had heard. Mr. B. has preached a series of sermons on our Lord's temptation, which were listened to with marked attention. Some of the hearers have suggested to him to print them for distribution, and have offered to become subscribers.

Mrs. Buel has continued her week-day and Sabbath classes, and visited the afflicted and sick, as occasion permitted. Her reading of the word of God, and the spiritual instruction which she gives at these interviews, have an important influence, and may be the means of leading some to be wise unto salvation.

The state of things at Zante and at Patras is represented as favorable. A Sabbath Bible class is kept up at the latter, by a late assistant of the mission, and the Scriptures are distributed. An application for baptism has been made from both places.

At the last annual meeting of the Board of Managers an inquiry was suggested as to the expediency of withdrawing the Greek Mission, if its then "discouraging aspects should continue." Against such an abandonment of the field there are various considerations. Civil and religious liberty is there making progress. There is now no open opposition to evangelical preaching in Greece. The missionaries have won the confidence of the people, the language is familiar to them, a foothold has been gained, and more than all, God has set his seal of approval to the enterprise by cases of hopeful conversion. The Committee have deemed that so much, already achieved, ought not to be relin-

quished. And relying on HIM who watches over the seed time, and who brings forward the harvest in its season, they have adjusted arrangements with a view to the continuance of the mission, and, by a small increase of appropriation, to its increased efficiency. A native assistant, as suggested by Mr. Arnold, is now supported by the Union, a candidate for the work of the ministry. "I am debtor," said the apostle, "both to the Jew and to the Greek."

The following remarks on this subject, by Mr. Arnold, are worthy of serious consideration.

"We must sorrowfully confess that missionary labor in this field has not heretofore brought forth fruit answerable to the expectations, much less to the desires, of those who have coöperated in the work. This is a lamentation, and shall be for a lamentation. It is a trial of our faith;—but we protest against its being regarded as a command to withdraw, or a permission to despair. Were we to grant that the apparent want of promise of this field, viewed in connection with the brighter prospects that elsewhere open before us, and the limited means which it has pleased God to put into the hands of the Union, might be a sufficient reason for not undertaking, at this moment, a new mission to the Ionian Islands, there would yet remain ample ground on which we might earnestly contend for the *continuance* of the mission already established. The question of *beginning* has been decided. Providential circumstances led to the occupation of this field. Is there a clear voice of Divine Providence bidding us abandon the work we have begun? Our missionaries there do not hear it. Has God withdrawn the hopes and the hearts of his people from this part of the great field? Such a withdrawal may have taken place in many minds, and yet not be of God. But it has not taken place in *all*. And we will persist in believing that it has not taken place in most, that it has not taken place so extensively as to make the recall of our missionaries an inevitable measure, till the unanswerable evidence of facts compels us to the opposite conclusion. We will not believe that the resolution to withdraw from *any* field of begun missionary labor, on account of confessed want of success, will be irrevocably adopted, until such thoughts as these have been solemnly pondered: whether such a withdrawal can be made without danger of reflecting dishonor on Christ and his truth; whether the principles on which it is made, if applied from the beginning, would not have led to the successive abandonment of many fields which God has afterwards signally fertilized with the copious dew of his blessing; whether the *precedent* of such an abandonment would not tend to produce such disastrous results as these,—on the part of missionary laborers abroad, either, on the one hand, a feeling of *uncertainty*, unfavorable to extensive plans of usefulness, untiring perseverance in prosecuting them, and unreserved devotion to their work; or, on the other, a feverish anxiety for speedy results, unfavorable not only to their own comfort and health, but much more to deliberateness of judgment, discretion of procedure, and the purity and permanency of these results;—and, on the part of missionary contributors at home, either, on the one hand, the disaffection of a few and the discouragement of many; or, on the other, fickleness and impatience; the fruit of that sin of unbelief which so easily besets us all;—whether, in fine, such a precedent would not be too likely to end in the diminution of funds at home and of fruits abroad, of faith in God on our part and favor towards us on his;—till these things, we say, have been duly considered, we trust such a measure will not be taken; and *when* these things have been duly considered, we are persuaded that neither the Greek Mission, nor any other, will be disbanded without some sounder and safer reason than the want of success.

Before the last anniversary of the Union, at which the existence of this mission trembled for a while in so doubtful a scale, our missionaries were rejoicing in the baptism of one interesting convert. Before the report of that meeting reached them two more had been baptized. All the three are young men. One is an experienced and devoted teacher. Another has likewise had experience as a teacher, but his desire now is to teach and to preach Jesus Christ to his countrymen,—a work for which the providence and grace of God seem to have prepared him. Had the decision to recall our missionaries from this field passed at the Philadelphia meetings, it would have been to them a message to leave these beloved brethren, as sheep having no shepherd; and could they have been *sure* that it was a message from God? It may be that they would have ventured to doubt, and to inquire whether deliverance

might not possibly arise from some other quarter. But thanks be to God, they were not called to that trial. And this renewed deliverance cannot but strengthen their hope of the permanence of the mission. For if, when it seemed to be altogether unfruitful, the counsel to cut it down was rejected, and the resolution was adopted to 'let it alone this year also,' much more may it be hoped that when it has borne a *little* fruit it may be spared, and purged that it may bear more and more, until at last it shall be confessed, to the glory of God, that it has borne *much* fruit."

MISSION TO THE OJIBWAS.

SAULT DE STE. MARIE.—Rev. A. and Mrs. BINGHAM.

TIKUAMINA.—Rev. J. D. CAMERON; *Shegud*, native assistant.

Michipicoton.

2 stations and 1 out-station; 2 missionaries, 1 female assistant, 1 native assistant.

Rev. A. J. Bingham, who was reported last year as an assistant in the mission, has closed his connection with it, the amount of labor required not justifying the employment of such an additional helper.

The day school has continued in a prosperous state. The attendance during the last quarter was fifty-three. The boarding department has also been retained, the plan of its removal to Tikuamina having necessarily been relinquished. The Sabbath school and Bible class have both been kept up, but with a diminished attendance. A portion of the pupils have withdrawn to similar institutions, established in the neighborhood by persons not connected with the mission.

Mr. Bingham has preached to the Indians as usual, through an interpreter, and made some trips to other settlements. Mr. Cameron has labored at Tikuamina and White Fish Point. The church numbers thirty, besides those at Fort William and Michipicoton, from whom nothing has been heard the last year. Two members have died; one of them a woman of eighty years of age, the first Ojibwa convert. Her faith in the Redeemer was unshaken, and her pathway brightened as she drew near to her journey's end. The condition of the members generally, as to spirituality, is more favorable than at the last report.

The Tikuamina brethren forwarded a donation to Mr. Bingham last winter, valued at \$4.51, and the missionary then in charge at the same place, a gold watch chain, valued at \$20.

OTTAWAS IN MICHIGAN.

RICHLAND.—Rev. L. and Mrs. SLATER.

The Ottawa tribe on the peninsula of Michigan numbers about 4,000 souls. They are scattered in various settlements; and at several posts are missionaries of different Christian denominations. About two thirds of the number are heathen, and one third nominal Christians. The number residing at Richland, under charge of Mr. Slater, is 104. They have 350 acres of land and a meeting-house. Mr. S. has sustained a school among them the last winter, and the children, in connection with white youths, have made good progress. Two of the

scholars are acting as interpreters and teachers in neighboring missionary stations. They have also a school in the summer, instructed by a female teacher. There is a church of eighteen members, and some candidates for baptism. The attendance on public worship is good. On the repeated solicitation of the white population Mr. Slater preaches to them in English every Sabbath afternoon, and to the Indians, in the native tongue, without an interpreter, morning and evening. There is also a Sabbath School. One native female has died during the year, in the faith of the gospel, and cheered by the hope of a glorious immortality.

The Indians spend their time chiefly in hunting and fishing. During the summer most of them raise each from five to ten or twenty bushels of corn. They are rapidly wasting away, and have no encouragement, in their present position, for self-cultivation. There is said to be not a single prosperous mission, of any denomination, among them, on the peninsula. The whites exert upon them an injurious influence, but oppose their removal to the Indian Territory, chiefly on account of the small trade with them in peltry and fish, and especially the annuity which is paid them, amounting to \$10 each for every man, woman, and child. The opinion of Mr. Slater is, that it would be for the advantage of the Indians to be removed to the Indian territory. The last autumn he called a general council and represented to them the advantages of the measure. The elective chief, and most of those present, consented to go. They lack energy, however, and are still in an unsettled state.

TUSCARORAS IN NEW YORK.

TONAWANDA.—Rev. A. and Mrs. WARREN.

The appropriation of the United States government for the Tuscaroras was received on condition that educational operations, to a certain specified amount, should be sustained among them. This appropriation has been expended for some time through the agency of the New York State Convention. In the present unsettled state of the Indians, their minds being full of excitement in regard to the question of removal, the amount of school instruction required could not be given. Mr. Warren, by advice, gave to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs a full statement of the labors of the mission, and of the causes of a suspension of the full amount of accustomed teaching. The decision of the Commissioner was, that under these circumstances the government funds could not be drawn. Hence the government appropriation of the year was refunded in February last.

The station having come under the care of the Board of the New York State Convention, its interests will hereafter be consulted by that body.

SHAWANOE MISSION.

SHAWANOE.—Rev. F. and Mrs. BARKER; 1 native assistant.

DELAWARE.—Rev. J. G. and Mrs. PRATT; Miss E. S. MORSE. *Charles Johnnycake*, native assistant.

OTTAWA.—Rev. J. and Mrs. MEEKER; Mr. J. T. and Mrs. JONES. *Shawbundy*, native preacher.

3 stations; 3 missionaries and 5 female assistants; 3 native assistants.

The stations have been visited during the year by cholera; but none of the members of the mission families have been swept away.

SHAWANOE.—The boarding school at Shawanoë remains nearly the same as last year. The scholars have made commendable advancement, and in the moral training the mission has received a good degree of help from their parents. In this respect there is a striking contrast between the present and the past. Religious services have been regularly sustained, and translations of portions of the Scriptures have been circulated. There is a gradual giving way of paganism. Some have come over to the Christian faith, and the views of others are materially modified. The native brethren manifest a becoming zeal, and correspondingly labor to give the gospel to their countrymen. The members of the church have contributed, for various missionary objects, \$21 37. Five have been added to the church. Six have been excluded, and two have died. The present number is thirty-four.

DELAWARE.—During the past year the Sabbath congregation, though not large, has been respectable. The school occupies a promising field of usefulness. Miss Morse continues her labors unremittingly in this department, and the children are advancing in their studies and deportment. The mission is constantly urged to enlarge its school operations. Not only the members of the church, but heathen Indians also, wish to place their children under Christian teachers. Three have been baptized. Two of the church have died. The present number is twenty-six.

The Delaware people are much scattered; some are so remote from the place of meeting as to be unable to attend if they had the disposition. On this account it is common to hold special meetings twice a year, continuing two or three days, to which all are invited. A subscription is made to furnish the requisite provisions for all who come near the place of meeting, in the hope that they may be spiritually benefitted. The last year the native brethren furnished for this purpose and other items \$60.

At a meeting of this kind held last autumn, the attendance numbered between three and four hundred persons, including the principal chief and several of the leading men of the nation, who came the first day and remained until the last. Many were affected to tears; the impression left was good, promising still more for the future.

OTTAWA.—The labors of this station have been pursued with diligence as in former years. There is no school, but regular preaching is maintained on the Sabbath, and religious meetings are held weekly at

different places. There is also English preaching, occasionally, at the Sac and Fox agency, fifteen miles distant. The church numbers fifty-nine. Two have been baptized and two have died. The church has contributed \$100 for the support of a native assistant, and \$75 for other home objects of benevolence. The press and types having been brought from Delaware, Mr. Meeker expects soon to complete the second edition of the Ottawa First Book, Ottawa Hymn Book, &c.

The Indians at Ottawa are becoming every year more civilized, and are endeavoring to imitate the whites in every respect. There is a spirit of worldliness in the church, but the members are strictly moral, and conscientiously refrain from violating the Sabbath. They attend religious meetings and keep up family prayer. Nearly every man and woman in the nation lay aside their employment on the Sabbath, and are temperate, industrious and moral.

MISSION TO THE CHEROKEES.

CHEROKEE.—Rev. Messrs. E. JONES and W. P. UPHAM; Mr. H. UPHAM, printer; and their wives.

DELAWARE TOWN.—*John Wickliffe, Oganaya*, native preachers.

DSIYOHEE.—*Dsulaskee*, native preacher.

TAQUOHEE.—*Tanenole*, native preacher.

FLINT.—*Lewis Downing* and *D. M. Foreman*, native preachers.

5 stations, 7 out-stations; 3 missionaries, 1 a teacher, 1 a printer, 3 female assistants; 6 native preachers.

This mission has enjoyed great spiritual prosperity. Religious services of several days' continuance have been held at several of the stations and out-stations, all of which have been attended by the divine blessing. Two native preachers have been ordained, David M. Foreman and Dsulaskee. The presbytery forming the ordaining council, in the case of the latter, was composed of Mr. Jones and the five native preachers then belonging to the nation. From Feb. 21 to Sept. 2, 1849, the number of persons baptized was eighty-six; thirty males and fifty-six females; four were blacks and two Creeks, the rest Cherokees.

In September religious services were held for four successive days at Delaware Town; on Saturday and Sabbath it was estimated that 1,200 or 1,300 persons were present. More than 100 asked for an interest in the prayers of Christians. Six Cherokee men and six women were baptized. The next week a similar series of religious meetings occurred at Verdigris; here eleven persons were baptized, ten Cherokees and one black, and about twenty-seven desired prayers: some of the latter had been among the boldest in wickedness. In October the religious assemblage was at Dsiyohee, that station and Taquohee joining in the service. The meeting-house has had twenty-four feet added to its length, making it about seventy-two by twenty-four feet. The word was preached with much feeling and power; the meeting-house was crowded, and hundreds gathered around the outside. Here Dsulaskee received ordination. Nine were baptized, three Cherokee men, five women, and one black woman. In this service the newly-ordained brother performed

a part. The same evening about eighty came to ask for prayers. Thus we report this year 118 persons baptized.

An intense and continued interest has been manifested in various parts of the country, extending over 100 miles from north to south, and from 50 to 100 from east to west. The number of members in the Cherokee churches is estimated at 1,200, exact returns not having been sent. Year after year God has poured upon them his reviving influences.

Printing.—During the year the mission have issued a tract on Temperance, 12 pages, 12mo., 2,000 copies, and the Epistles to the Hebrews and Romans in Cherokee, 72 pp., 24mo., 5,000 copies. First Corinthians is in type and nearly ready for the press; also a tract of eight pages in Cherokee.

School.—The school at Bushyheadville numbers sixty-five, of whom twelve are boarding scholars. The pupils make good proficiency. Two of the past pupils have received certificates as teachers of public schools taught in the nation.

Contributions.—The amount contributed for the spread of the gospel may seem small when considered with reference to the popular accounts of Cherokee civilization. But these regard only a small minority of wealthy persons, who by no means represent the character and circumstances of that class from whom the most of the church members are drawn.

The amount of money collected by the native Missionary Society the past year was \$49.60; out of which \$30 were applied to pay a balance due from the Society on account of a payment of \$100 in 1846 to constitute John Ross, Esq., principal chief of the nation, a life member of the Missionary Union, leaving a balance of \$14.60 on hand. Ten or twelve dollars have also been raised on account of the present year. At a late meeting the preachers and others entered very cordially into the spirit of the missionary enterprise, and determined to urge the subject on the attention of the people.

In addition to the direct contribution of money, much is done in erecting houses of worship, and in making provision for the expenses of the large occasional meetings. The amount of these expenditures, though not capable of being stated in detail, is considerable, and involves much exertion and self-sacrifice, from which the brethren show no disposition to shrink.

The Committee have endeavored to ascertain all the facts pertaining to the subject of slavery in this mission. They have learned that no missionary of the Union, nor any native assistant, is a holder of slaves. The sentiments and influences of the missionaries and native assistants "are decidedly and steadfastly opposed to slavery; and the direct tendency of their influence is to extend their own sentiments and views." Their "sincere desire and earnest prayer is, that it may be speedily brought to an end."

The whole number of native church members owning slaves is four. Three of them received their slaves by inheritance; in the case of the fourth, who has three slaves, one was raised in the family, one was

brought into the family ten years since, during the lifetime of her deceased husband, and the third is a small child. These slaves, say the missionaries, are treated as members of the families, with equal kindness, and enjoy the same religious privileges and instruction as the other members.

The Committee are of the opinion that things are in a fair train to lead to the utter extinction of this evil in the Cherokee churches. The instructions of the missionaries, and other influences at work in them, are tending in the right direction. The Committee desire to give the mission their full and hearty coöperation in respect to the result aimed at, viz., a complete separation of the churches from every form of slavery; and they cherish the belief that the time is not distant when every remaining bond will be loosed, and the gospel will have free course and be yet more abundantly glorified. For this let every Christian pray.

RECAPITULATION.

The number of missions in the charge of the Union, is 17; of stations and out-stations 155, besides more than 150 places for stated preaching; of missionaries 56, — of whom are preachers 52; of female assistant missionaries 55, with 195 native preachers and other assistants; whole number of laborers 306. The number of churches is 141, with more than 12,500 members; and of schools 106, with 2,772 pupils. The number of additions to the churches on profession of faith is 1,237; and the number of pages printed is 17,814,411.

By his blessing on the labors of the year, God has furnished fresh incentives to our faith and zeal. Darkness has been giving way to the dominion of light, and idolatry and ignorance to knowledge and holiness. Additions by baptism have been made in nearly all the missions. The fruit of their labors is seen in more than 12,500 Christian converts, who now adorn their profession on earth; and in a great number who shine, as the sun in the firmament, in the kingdom of heaven.

In view of such results, let us join in the devout ascription: "Not unto us, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory."

TABLE OF MISSIONS AND STATIONS OF THE MISSIONARY UNION, 1849-50.

Missions.	Stations.	Out-stations.	Missionaries.	Female assistants.	Total missionaries and assistants.	Native preachers.	Other native assist.	Total native preachers and assistants.	Churches.	Baptized.	Present number.	Boarding schools.	Pupils.	Day schools.	Pupils.	Theol. schools.	Pupils.	Normal schools.	Pupils.	Total schools.	Total pupils.	Pages printed.	
OC	Maulmain Borman,	2	8	8	16	.....	13	13	3	19	212	1	100*	6	241	1	.....	1	.....	8	345	1,096,900
	" Karen,	1	4	6	10	5	29	34	9	69	1,708	1	83	5	55	1	.....	1	.....	9	201	2,096,900
	Tavoy,	2	5	5	10	1	18	19	13	36	933	4	129	16	248	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	377	.....
	Aracan,	2	4	2	6	1	5	6	2	22	557	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Sandaway,	1	3	2	5	44	.....	44	36	373	4,500?	1	70	20?	425	.....	.....	.....	.....	21?	495?	.....
	Shan,	1	3	3	6	1	3	4	1	4	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	25	2,214,167†
	China,	1	3	3	6	.....	7	7	2	1	27?	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	60	880,354?
	Assam,	3	5	6	11	1	3	4	3	7	57?	2	80?	20?	120?	.....	.....	.....	.....	22?	700?	.....
	Tellogoo,	1	3	3	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	250	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	250	.....
	Whole number in Asia, ...	9	40	38	78	53	78	131	69	531	7,521	10	462	82	1,924	2	31	1	36	95	2,453	.....
	Bassa Mission, (Africa), ...	1	4	5	1	3	20	1	20?	2	40	3	60?
	Mission to France,	10	2	2	4	7	10	17	18?	76	228	1	4	1	4	1,342,000
	" Germany,	3‡	3	3	6	.....	23	28	40?	500?	2,800?	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	" Greece,	2	2	3	5	1	2	10?	1	60?	1	60?
	Whole number in Europe, ...	46	7	5	12	7	38	45	59?	578	3,038	.....	.....	1	60	1	4	.....	.....	2	64	.....
	Mission to Ojibwas,	2	2	1	3	1	1	2	45?	1	7	1	50	2	57
	" Ottawaes in Michigan,	1	1	1	2	1	18	1	30	1	30
	" Shawanoes, &c., ...	3	3	5	8	2	1	3	8	10	119	2	43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	43	.....
	" Cherokees, ...	5	3	3	6	6	.....	6	6	118	1,200	.....	12	1	53	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	65	174,000
	Whole number in America, ...	4	9	10	19	8	2	10	12	128	1,382	3	62?	3	133	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	135	.....
	Totals, ...	17	56	55	111	69	122	194	141	1,537	11,368	14	544	88	2,157	3	35	1	36	106	2,772	7,814,411	
		73	82	82	151	82	122	194	141	1,537	11,368	14	544	88	2,157	3	35	1	36	106	2,772	7,814,411	

* Including forty day pupils. † Also 2,500 tracts in Chinese. ‡ Number of preaching-places, more than sixty. § Natives of Germany. || Full returns would show a larger number.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

EXPENDITURES OF THE UNION DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1850.

Maulmain Mission.

Remittances, drafts, and purchases,	\$10,337 64	
Outfit and expenses of Miss H. E. T. Wright,	210 14	
Passage of Miss Wright and two Karens from Boston to Calcutta,	717 17	
Passage of Mr. Haswell and family from St. Helena to the U. S.,	200 00	
	\$11,464 95	

Tavoy Mission, including Mergui.

Remittances, drafts, and purchases,	6,285 97	
Passage of Mrs. Brayton and daughter from Boston to Cal- cutta,	380 60	
Passage of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin from Calcutta to Tavoy,	135 53	
	6,802 10	

Arracan Mission.

Remittances, drafts, and purchases,	5,726 99	
Outfit and expenses of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell,	600 06	
Do. do. Mr. and Mrs. Knapp,	583 99	
Passage of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Knapp from Boston to Calcutta,	1,016 12	
	7,927 16	

Assam Mission.

Remittances, drafts, and purchases,	9,689 19	
Passage of two Assamese boys from Calcutta to the U. S.,	250 00	
	9,939 19	

Siam Mission.

Remittances, drafts, and purchases,	2,886 83	
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China Mission.

Remittances, drafts, and purchases,	10,038 65	
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Teloogoo Mission.

Remittances, drafts, and purchases,	1,348 75	
Expenses of Mr. Van Husen's family,	372 50	
	1,721 25	

Bassa Mission.

Drafts and payments,	1,584 63	
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Mission to Greece.

Remittances, drafts, and purchases,.....		3,016 98
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Mission to France.

Remittances and payments,.....	6,590 15	
Rev. J. W. Parker's expenses, in part,.....	100 00	
	<hr/>	6,690 15

German Mission.

Remittances and payments,.....	3,234 29	
Rev. J. W. Parker's expenses, in part,.....	100 00	
	<hr/>	3,334 29

Cherokee Mission.

Drafts and purchases,.....		2,399 82
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Shawanoë Mission.

Drafts and purchases,.....	3,572 54	
Less this amount received from the United States,.....	1,950 00	
	<hr/>	1,622 54

Mission to the Ojibwas.

Drafts,.....	1,750 49	
Less this amount received from the United States,.....	1,700 00	
	<hr/>	50 49

Mission to the Ottawas in Michigan.

Drafts, \$350, defrayed by U. S. appropriations,.....		
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Agencies.

Salary of Rev. J. Stevens, 1 year, 4 1-2 months,.....	1,000 00	
Travelling expenses, &c. of do.,.....	137 17	
Salary of Rev. S. M. Osgood, 1 year,.....	680 00	
Travelling expenses, &c. of do.,.....	98 59	
Salary of Rev. O. Dodge, 1 year,.....	800 00	
Travelling expenses, &c. of do.,.....	79 20	
Salary of Rev. J. F. Wilcox, 1 year,.....	783 33	
Travelling expenses, &c. of do.,.....	170 06	
Salary of Rev. J. Wilson, 1 year,.....	600 00	
Travelling expenses, &c. of do.,.....	195 25	
Salary of Rev. A. Bennett, 10 months,.....	500 00	
Travelling expenses of do. West, with Mr. Bronson,.....	78 00	
Salary of Rev. G. S. Webb, 9 months,.....	566 67	
Travelling expenses, &c. of do.,.....	78 20	
Salary of Rev. Wm. Penney, 3 months, 10 days,.....	166 00	
Travelling expenses, &c. of do.,.....	23 80	
Salary of Rev. J. W. Eaton, 3 months,.....	150 00	
Travelling expenses, &c. of do.,.....	45 00	
Salary of Rev. O. Tracy, 1 1-2 months,.....	75 00	
Travelling expenses, &c. of do.,.....	31 79	
Temporary Agencies,.....	587 70	
Deputations to attend anniversaries, &c.,.....	176 63	
Rev. E. Bright, jr.'s travelling expenses,.....	117 08	
	<hr/>	7,139 47

Publications.

Gratuitous circulation of the Macedonian in the North-western States,.....	60 00	
Thirty-fifth Annual Report, 1,500 copies; Abstract of do., 750 copies,.....	157 24	
Occasional Publications, No. 2,.....	49 99	
Extra expense of Magazine for July, 1849,.....	229 83	
245 volumes of the Magazine for file and distribution,.....	122 50	
Pamphlets and Circulars at Cincinnati, during Mr. Stevens' agency,.....	125 00	
Circulars from the Rooms,.....	22 85	
		767 41

Secretaries' Department.

Salary of Rev. S. Peck, for the year ending March 31, 1850, \$1,400,—less \$700 received from fund for this purpose,.....	700 00	
Salary of Rev. E. Bright, Jr., \$1,400,—less \$700 as above,.....	700 00	
Clerk hire,.....	385 00	
		1,785 00

Treasurer's Department.

Salary of the Treasurer for the year ending March 31, 1850, \$1,400,—less \$700 received from fund for this purpose,.....	700 00	
Clerk hire,.....	500 00	
		1,200 00

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Rent of rooms,.....	600 00	
Furniture, fixtures, fuel, and light,.....	178 16	
Blank books and stationery,.....	127 38	
Periodicals, &c.,.....	32 75	
Books for Library,.....	96 63	
Engraving, printing, and paper for certificates of L. M.,....	669 91	
Fire-proof safe for books and papers,.....	125 00	
Postage of letters, papers, and pamphlets,.....	358 90	
Freight, cartage, insurance, wrapping paper, twine, &c.,...	180 82	
Interest on money borrowed,.....	573 87	
Counterfeit money, discount on drafts and bank notes,....	205 40	
Copying records and documents,.....	100 00	
Legal documents and counsel,.....	13 60	
Messenger and porter, and care of rooms,.....	163 60	
Hannah Harpham's annuity,.....	50 00	
Travelling expenses of For. Secretary,.....	45 00	
Expense attending annual meeting of the Union, and committee meetings in behalf of the Board,.....	248 80	
Incidental expenses,.....	6 50	
		3,776 32

Amount of expenditures of the Union,.....	\$84,147 23
Balance for which the Union was in debt, April 1, 1849,...	24,891 06

\$109,038 29

RECEIPTS OF THE UNION DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1850.

Donations as acknowledged in the Missionary Magazine, ..	\$83,097 58	
Legacies, " " " " ..	3,755 42	
Received on account of the Grand Rapids claim, Mich., ..	500 00	
do. from the Missionary Magazine,	184 20	
	<hr/>	87,537 20
Balance for which the Union is in debt, April 1, 1850, ..		21,501 09
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		\$109,038 29
Permanent Fund		
This fund amounts, as last year, to		\$20,000 00
Fund for Officers.		
Balance on hand April 1, 1849,	\$80 00	
Received during the year for income of permanent fund, ..	1,320 00	
Net income of the Farwell estate,	880 80	
	<hr/>	2,280 80
Paid balance of salaries of Secretaries and Treasurer, . . .		2,100 00
Balance on hand April 1, 1850,		\$180 80
Karen Mission Fund.		
This fund amounts, as last year, to		\$5,000 00

RICHARD E. EDDY, *Treasurer A. B. M. Union.*

Missionary Rooms, Boston, April 1, 1850.

The Auditing Committee having examined the foregoing account with the vouchers, hereby certify that they find the same correct; and that a balance of *twenty-one thousand five hundred one dollars, nine cents*, was due from the American Baptist Missionary Union, on the first of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

They have also examined the evidences of stocks, &c., belonging to the Union, and find that they agree with the statements on the Treasurer's books.

CHARLES D. GOULD, }
JOSHUA LORING, } *Auditing Committee.*

Missionary Rooms, Boston, May 3, 1850.

APPENDIX.

CONSTITUTION OF THE MISSIONARY UNION.

Of the Union.

1. This association shall be styled **THE AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSIONARY UNION.**

2. The single object of this Union shall be to diffuse the knowledge of the religion of Jesus Christ, by means of missions, throughout the world.

3. This Union shall be composed of Life Members. All the members of the Baptist General Convention who may be present at the adoption of this Constitution, shall be members for life of the Union. Other persons may be constituted Life Members by the payment, at one time, of not less than one hundred dollars.

4. The Union shall meet annually on the third Thursday of May, or at such other time, and at such place, as it may appoint. At every such annual meeting the Union shall elect by ballot a President, two Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, and one third of a Board of Managers.

At a meeting to be held immediately after the adoption of this Constitution, the Union shall elect an entire Board of Managers, consisting of seventy-five persons, at least one third of whom shall not be ministers of the gospel. Said Board shall be elected in three equal classes, the first to go out of office at the first annual meeting; and thus, in regular succession, one third of the Board shall go out of office at each annual meeting, and their places shall be supplied by a new election. In every case, the members whose term of service shall thus expire, shall be re-eligible.

5. The President, or in his absence one of the Vice Presidents, shall preside in all meetings of the Union.

6. All the officers of the Union and its Board of Managers shall continue to discharge the duties assigned to them respectively, until superseded by a new election.

7. Special meetings of the Union shall be called by the President, or, in case of his death or absence from the country, by either of the Vice Presidents, upon application from the Board of Managers.

Of the Board of Managers.

8. All members of the Union may attend the meetings of the Board of Managers, and deliberate on all questions, but members of the Board only shall vote.

9. Immediately after the annual meeting of the Union, the Board of Managers shall meet and elect by ballot a Chairman; a Recording Secretary; an Executive Committee of nine, not more than five of whom shall be ministers of the gospel; as many Corresponding Secretaries as they may judge to be necessary; a Treasurer; and an Auditing Committee of two, who shall not be ministers of the gospel. At this meeting the Board shall determine the salaries of the Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurer, and give such instructions to the Executive Committee as may be necessary to regulate their plans of action for the ensuing year. The Board shall also have power, whenever they think it necessary, to appoint an Assistant Treasurer, and to specify his duties and fix his compensation.

10. The Board shall meet annually at such place as may have been appointed for the annual meeting of the Union, at least two days previous to such meeting, to hear the reports of the Executive Committee, the Treasurer, and the Auditing Committee, and to review with care the proceedings of the past year, the result of which shall be submitted to the Union.

11. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Executive Committee, whenever, in their judgment, occasion may require. A printed notice of the time,

place, and object or objects of such meetings, shall be sent, at least six weeks in anticipation, to every member of the Board.

12. All officers appointed by the Board shall continue to discharge the duties assigned to them respectively, until superseded by a new election. At all meetings of the Board fifteen shall be a quorum for business.

Of the Executive Committee.

13. The Executive Committee shall hold its meetings at such times and places as they may appoint. A majority of the whole number shall be a quorum for business. The Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurer shall not be members of the Committee, but they shall attend its meetings, and communicate any information in their possession pertaining to their respective departments, and aid the Committee in its deliberations. The Committee shall have power to appoint its own Chairman and Recording Secretary, and to fill any vacancy that may occur in their own number.

14. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to carry into effect all the orders of the Board of Managers; to designate, by advice of the Board, the places where missions shall be attempted, and to establish and superintend the same; to appoint, instruct, and direct all the missionaries of the Board, and to fix their compensation; to direct the Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurer in the discharge of their duties; to make all appropriations to be paid out of the Treasury; to appoint agents for the collection of funds, and to prescribe their duties and arrange their compensation; and in general to perform all duties necessary to promote the object of the Union, provided the same be not contrary to this Constitution or the instructions of the Board of Managers.

15. The Executive Committee shall present to the Board of Managers, at its annual meeting, a report containing a full account of their doings during the preceding year; of the condition and prospects of every missionary station; of their plans for the enlargement or contraction of their sphere of operations; and in general giving all such information as will enable the Board to decide correctly respecting the various subjects on which it is their duty, as the agents of the Union, to form or express an opinion.

16. The Executive Committee shall have power, by a vote of two-thirds of the whole number, to remove, for sufficient cause, any Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Auditing Committee, or Missionary, and to appoint others in their places, being always responsible for such exercise of their power to the Board of Managers.

17. In case of the death or resignation of a Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, or member of the Auditing Committee, the Executive Committee shall have power to supply the vacancy until the next meeting of the Board of Managers.

Of the Corresponding Secretaries.

18. The Corresponding Secretaries shall conduct the correspondence of the Board and of the Executive Committee, excepting such as shall relate to the Treasurer's department, and perform such other duties as the Board or the Executive Committee may from time to time require. They shall preserve copies of all their official correspondence, which shall at all times be accessible to any member of the Board or of the Executive Committee.

Of the Treasurer.

19. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer, to take charge of all moneys and other property contributed to the Treasury of the Union, and to give receipts therefor; to keep safely all the moneys and funds of the Union, and all their evidences of property; to keep fair and accurate accounts of all moneys received and expended; to invest and deposit moneys, and make payments and remittances according to the directions of the Executive Committee; to exhibit his books, accounts, vouchers, and evidences of property, whenever required, to the Board or to the Executive and Auditing Committees; to make out an annual statement of receipts and payments, and of the condition of the permanent funds and other property, for the information of the Board of Managers; and to perform such other acts as may be necessary to the faithful discharge of the duties of his office.

Of the Auditing Committee.

20. The Auditing Committee shall not be members of the Executive Committee, but shall at any time, when requested, attend its meetings to give information respecting the state of the Treasury. It shall be their duty once a month to examine the books of the Treasurer, particularly and thoroughly, with all the vouchers and evidences of property thereto belonging. A certificate of the result of this examination shall be entered upon the books of the Treasurer, and a copy furnished to the Executive Committee to be entered upon their records. They shall also examine the annual statement of the Treasurer, and give a written certificate of the result to be entered upon the records of the Board of Managers.

Miscellaneous.

21. The President, Vice Presidents, and Recording Secretary of the Union, the members of the Board of Managers, the Executive Committee, the Corresponding Secretaries, the Treasurer, the Auditing Committee, and all missionaries, employed by the Executive Committee, shall be members in good standing of regular Baptist churches.

22. All moneys contributed to the Treasury of the Union shall be expended at the discretion of the Executive Committee, except such as may be appropriated by the Board of Managers for the salaries of the Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurer; but moneys or other property given for specified objects shall be appropriated according to the will of the donors, provided such an application shall not be contrary to the provisions of this Constitution or to the instructions of the Board of Managers, in which case they shall be returned to the donors or their lawful agents.

23. The Union, the Board of Managers, and the Executive Committee, shall each have power to adopt such By-Laws or Rules of Order as may be necessary for the government of their own proceedings, provided always that no such regulations shall contravene any part or principle of this Constitution.

24. Alterations may be made in this Constitution only upon recommendation by the Board of Managers, and at an annual meeting of the Union, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

PREACHERS AT TRIENNIAL AND ANNUAL MEETINGS.

Names.	Texts.	Meetings.	Places.	Times.
Richard Furman, D. D., S. C.	Matt. 28: 20.	Convention, ..	Philadelphia,	May, 1814
Thomas Baldwin, D. D., Mass.		" ..	"	" 1817
O. E. Brown, D. C.		" ..	"	April, 1820
William Staughton, D. D., D. C.	Acts 28: 15.	" ..	Washington, D. C. .	" 1823
Jesse Mercer, Ga.	Matt. 28: 19.	" ..	New York,	" 1826
William Yates, India,		Board,	Boston,	" 1827
William T. Brantly, Pa.	Phil. 2: 16.	" ..	New York,	" 1828
Daniel Sharp, D. D., Mass.		Convention, ..	Philadelphia,	" 1829
C. G. Sommers, N. Y.	An address.	Board,	Hartford, Ct.	" 1830
R. Babcock, Jr., * Mass.	Ps. 67: 1, 2.	" ..	Providence, R. I. .	" 1831
F. Wayland, D. D., * R. I.	Rom. 7: 13.	Convention, ..	New York,	" 1832
Baron Stow, Mass.	1 John 2: 6.	Board,	Salem, Mass.	" 1833
William R. Williams, N. Y.	2 Cor. 10: 15, 16. .	" ..	New York,	" 1834
S. H. Cone, N. Y.	Acts 9: 6.	Convention, ..	Richmond, Va.	" 1835
Elon Galusha, N. Y.	Luke 10: 2.	Board,	Hartford, Ct.	" 1836
Charles G. Sommers, N. Y.	Ps. 72: 19.	" ..	Philadelphia,	" 1837
Baron Stow, Mass.	Acts 12: 24.	Convention, ..	New York,	" 1838
James B. Taylor, Va.	Luke 24: 46, 47. .	Board,	Philadelphia,	" 1839
B. T. Welch, D. D., N. Y.	John 3: 8.	" ..	New York,	" 1840
Richard Fuller, D. D., S. C.	John 12: 32.	Convention, ..	Baltimore,	" 1841
R. E. Pattison, D. D., R. I.	Ps. 87: 7.	Board,	New York,	" 1842
Pharceltus Church, N. Y.	Col. 1: 29.	" ..	Albany, N. Y.	" 1843
S. W. Lynd, D. D., Ohio.	1 Cor. 1: 21.	Convention, ..	Philadelphia,	" 1844
G. B. Ide, Pa.	Is. 40: 9.	Board,	Providence, R. I. .	" 1845
G. W. Eaton, D. D., N. Y.	1 Tim. 1: 11.	Convention, ..	Brooklyn, N. Y. .	May, 1846
Baron Stow, D. D., * Mass.	Matt. 27: 45, 51-53.	Union,	Cincinnati, Ohio .	" 1847
J. N. Granger, R. I.	Gal. 2: 9.	" ..	Troy, N. Y.	" 1848
M. J. Rhee, Del.	Phil. 2: 5.	" ..	Philadelphia,	" 1849
E. L. Magoon, N. Y.	Matt. 20: 26-28. .	" ..	Buffalo, N. Y.	" 1850

* The appointed preacher having failed.

OFFICERS OF THE MISSIONARY UNION.

HON. GEORGE N. BRIGGS, of Mass., *President.*

BARTHOLOMEW T. WELCH, D. D., of New York, } *Vice Presidents.*
ELISHA TUCKER, D. D., of Illinois, }

REV. WILLIAM H. SHAILER, of Mass., *Recording Secretary.*

Board of Managers.

HON. IRA HARRIS, L. L. D., *Chairman.*

REV. MORGAN J. RHEES, *Recording Secretary.*

Ministers.

Caleb B. Davis, Paris, Me.
Edmund Worth, Fishersville, N. H.
Daniel Sharp, Boston, Ms.
John Jennings, Worcester, Ms.
John P. Tustin, Warren, R. I.
Elisha Cushman, Deep River, Ct.
Edward Lathrop, New York,
Elisha E. L. Taylor, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Isaac Wescott, Stillwater, N. Y.
Jonathan G. Collom, Greenwich, N. J.
Cornelius A. Thomas, Brandon, Vt.
J. Lansing Burrows, Philadelphia, Pa.
Moratio G. Jones, Leverington, Pa.

Ministers.

Luther F. Beecher, Albany, N. Y.
Elijah Hutchinson, Windsor, Vt.
Nathaniel Colver, Boston, Ms.
Rollin H. Neale, "
Samuel B. Swain, Worcester, Ms.
James N. Granger, Providence, R. I.
Dwight Ives, Suffield, Ct.
Spencer H. Cone, New York,
Clesson P. Sheldon, Buffalo, N. Y.
Jay S. Backus, New York,
Daniel G. Corey, Utica, N. Y.
D. B. Stout, Middletown, N. J.
George B. Ide, Philadelphia, Pa.

Ministers.

J. Sewall Eaton, Portland, Me.
Ebenezer E. Cummings, Concord, N. H.
Pharcellus Church, Boston, Ms.
Heman Lincoln, Philadelphia, Pa.
Francis Wayland, Providence, R. I.
Alfred Bennett, Homer, N. Y.
Bradley Miner, Pittsfield, Ms.
William R. Williams, New York,
Asahel C. Kendrick, Hamilton, N. Y.
James L. Hodge, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Levi Tucker, Boston, Ms.
Morgan J. Rhees, Wilmington, Del.
Abraham D. Gillette, Philadelphia, Pa.

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JAMES W. CONVERSE,
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EDWARD BRIGHT, JR., *Corresponding Secretary for the Home Department.*
RICHARD E. EDDY, *Treasurer.*

Auditing Committee.

CHARLES D. GOULD, JOSHUA LORING.

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Lewis Raymond, Chicago, Ill.
Charles Evans, Saline, Mich.

Laymen.

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Byron Greenough, Portland, Me.
Asa Wilbur, Boston, Ms.
Daniel Sanderson, Brookline, Ms.
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David Scribner, Topsham, Me.
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William Gammell, Providence, R. I.

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BY THE PAYMENT OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

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 Abbott Charles F., Philadelphia, Pa.
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 Adams George, New York city.
 Adams Nathaniel, Roxbury, Ms.
 Adams Rev. John O., Caldwell, N. J.
 Adams Rev. Seymour W., Cleveland, O.
 Adams Rev. J. N., Gilbertsville, N. Y.
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 Adsett Rev. Samuel S., Sennett, N. Y.
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 Alger Mrs. Susan, Rockport, O.
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 Allen Mrs. Sarah E., Norwich, Ct.
 Allen Joseph, Rutland, Vt.
 Allen Rev. John, Groton, Ms.
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 Allen Rev. Amos, Sedgewick, Me.
 Allen Rev. Barna, Whiting, Vt.
 Allen Lauraætt, Worcester, Ms.
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 Andem Rev. James, North Bridgewater, Ms.
 Anderson George W., Lewisburg, Pa.
 Anderson M. B., New York city.
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 Anderson Lucy S., "
 Andress Rev. L., Ashabula, O.
 Andrews William, Providence, R. I.
 Andrews Rev. Emerson, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Andrews Rev. D., East Euclid, O.
 Angier Rev. Aaron, Cato, N. Y.
 Angell George M., M. D., Providence, R. I.
 Anthony Lorenzo D., Providence, R. I.
 Appleton John W., Portland, Me.
 Appleton Daniel, Buxton, Me.
 Appleton George, Haverhill, Ms.
 Armington S. L., Ludlow, Vt.
 Armstrong Rev. A., Inlaystown, N. J.
 Arnold Rev. A. N., Cortu, Ionian Islands.
 Arnold William E., Rochester, N. Y.
 Arnold Mrs. Frances R., Providence, R. I.
 Arnold Atanson, Manchester, N. Y.
 Arnold Noah J., Providence, R. I.
 Arrison Matthew, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Arrison Mrs. Matthew, "
 Arthur Rev. Wm., Hoosick, N. Y.
 Asher Rev. Jeremiah, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Ashley John J., Catskill, N. Y.
 Atkins Joseph, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Ashmore Rev. William, Bangkok, Siam.
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 Atwood Rev. John, Concord, N. H.
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 Avery Rev. Samuel W., Lubec, Me.
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 Ayres Oliver, Foston, Ms.
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 Babcock Charles, New Hartford, N. Y.
 Babcock George, Brookline, Ms.
 Babcock Miss Lucy, Brookline, Ms.
 Bacheller Jonathan, Lynn, Ms.
 Backus Rev. Jay S., New York city
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 Bacon Joel S., D. D., Washington, D. C.
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