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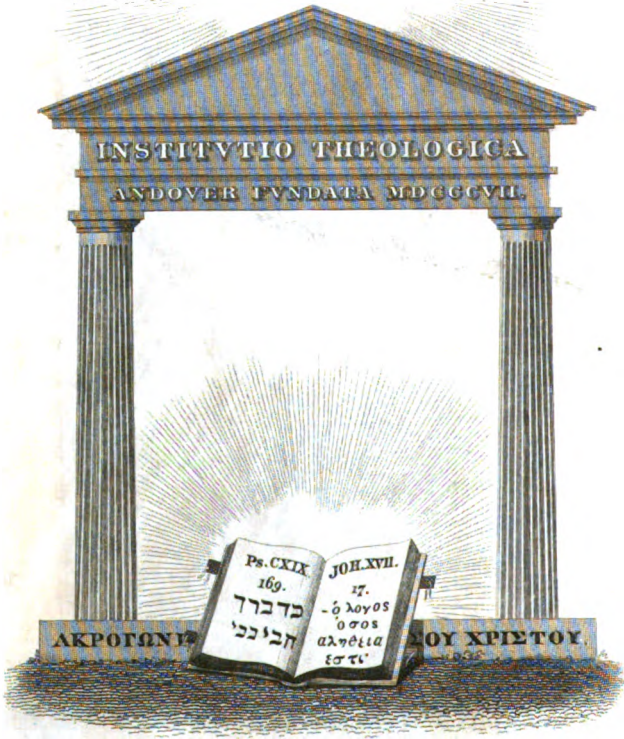
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RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The following action was taken at the General Assembly held in Cincinnati, in 1850, in regard to the "Home and Foreign Record."

Resolved, As the action of the last General Assembly has resulted in the establishment of the "Home and Foreign Record," that paper is hereby recommended, and the ministers and churches are urged to exert themselves to place it in every family, as the organ, indirectly, of the church, on many important subjects.

The Assembly held in Philadelphia, 1853,

Resolved, That it be recommended to all our pastors to endeavour to increase the circulation of the "Home and Foreign Record," the organ of the Boards of the church, in order that our churches may be better acquainted with their respective plans and operations, and be induced to contribute more liberally towards their support.

The Assembly held at Nashville, Tennessee, in 1855,

Resolved, That our ministers and elders be earnestly exhorted to secure a wider circulation to the "Home and Foreign Record," now published at so reduced a price as to make it accessible to the poorest members of our church.

The Assembly held at New York, in 1856,

Resolved, That while the Assembly finds so much cause for gratitude and encouragement in the prosperity and usefulness of this Board, and so much to commend in the energy and economy with which its affairs have

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been conducted, it cannot forbear to give utterance to the painful feelings which are caused by the fact that there are still very many churches which have not, as yet, contributed anything to the Colporteur funds of the Board, and that there are still so many families in our church who do not take either the "Home and Foreign Record" or "The Sabbath-School Visitor." The Assembly reiterates its earnest exhortations to our ministers and ruling elders to endeavour to secure a more general circulation of these papers among the members of our church.

The Assembly held at Lexington, Kentucky, in 1857,

Resolved, That while the Assembly is highly gratified at the increasing patronage extended from every part of the church to the "Home and Foreign Record" and "The Sabbath-School Visitor," yet it regrets to learn that there is still a large proportion of its families and members who do not receive these periodicals. The Assembly would therefore earnestly recommend its ministers and sessions to use all practicable means to extend the circulation of these important papers in their respective vicinities.—*Minutes*, p. 25.

Moreover, on the first Sunday evening of every month, or on other occasions, and from time to time, let the people hear from their minister a detailed account of our various Foreign Missions in succession, with a description of the religious condition of the people, and the beginning and progress of the church's work among them. That to this end our ministers take pains themselves carefully to read the "Home and Foreign Record" and "Foreign Missionary," so far as to know what is being done by our missionaries; and that they also further the circulation and encourage the reading of these publications in their congregations.—P. 21.

The Assembly held at Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1859,

Resolved, That the Assembly would especially commend the "Home and Foreign Record" to a more general patronage throughout the church; trusting that in its diligent perusal, members of the communion might catch more of the spirit of missions and of Christian benevolence so richly pervading its columns. They also recommend "The Sabbath-School Visitor" as a most excellent publication to be circulated through our Sabbath-schools and among the children of our charge.—*Minutes*, p. 545.

And the Assembly held at Cincinnati, in 1867,

Resolved, That it be enjoined upon the Presbyteries under the care of this General Assembly, to recommend in the most earnest manner the introduction of the "Home and Foreign Record" into every congregation within their bounds, and that the sessions of churches subtract from the aggregate of their annual subscriptions a sufficient amount to place the "Record" in the hands of all our families and pewholders.—*Minutes*, p. 319.

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**Encouraging to Weak Churches—
Interesting View—People had a
Mind to Work—A live Missionary.**

Illinois.

When I commenced labouring here, at the beginning of 1861, I found an available membership of less than fifty. About two years before, they had found themselves involved in a debt of about \$1150, a debt of which many of them had previously been unaware. A previous dissension had led to the secession of a large, influential, and active portion of the congregation, who had organized a Congregational Church. Weakened, as they were, they could not give up their house of worship; friends in the East succeeded in getting an appropriation of \$300 from the Board of Church Extension, on condition they would raise the remaining \$850. This they did, by making a vigorous and self-denying effort, dividing the amount among them and giving their individual notes. These notes had not all been paid when I came here.

In view of their peculiar circumstances, they asked of the Board \$200 toward my salary for

the first year. To their application the Board demurred, as they were very much straitened, but when I wrote, stating the facts, they at once sent a commission for six months, with an appropriation of \$100. At the end of that time I suggested to my people, that perhaps we could, by self-denial on both parts, get along without another appropriation, although we had every reason to expect it. We never made application again, and my circumstances being such that my expenses were not very large, I have lived without getting into debt on such a salary as they were able to give me.

It was some little time before I succeeded in inaugurating a scheme of systematic benevolence; but at length we did adopt the General Assembly's plan, instead of taking occasional collections as at first. Some were afraid that the people, in their weak, crippled condition, might be discouraged, and regard themselves as burdened by anything like regular appeals or seasons for contributing. I did not think so. Our collections were at first very small, and the increase

has been very gradual, but there has been an increase. And now I am able to foot up the amount of contributions to the several Boards and other channels of our own Church, \$350 besides, contributions to miscellaneous departments of Christian work \$67 more, making \$415. Our contributions to the American Bible Society, etc., are not included in this amount, but, if added, would, I am quite sure, swell the sum to more than \$500. Without a system, I am confident we could, or rather would, have done very little.

Nor is this all. Our house of worship, though substantial, was inconvenient and uninviting. Last year we determined to change and refit it. We began, but everything seemed to work against us. For five months we were compelled to worship in a public hall, very unattractive, and during the winter very uncomfortable. But at last our church was done; and on the 9th of February last, it was reopened. On that occasion another discouragement was to meet us. On footing up the expense, which we knew was becoming far greater than we had expected, we found that instead of \$1200 or at most \$1500, it was about \$2600. But how much better is God than our poor weak faith leads us to suppose! Before we left the house, in a manner as remarkable as unexpected, the whole indebtedness was provided for. And now we have one of the neatest, most comfortable and attractive little sanctuaries in the Northwest. Our Sabbath morning congregations are good. We have a flourishing Sabbath-school. The present membership is about seventy-five. The congregation is, I think, able to give my successor a living salary.

One thing more would I ask for them, and to that end request the prayers of my brethren—a new baptism of the Spirit; a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. But I would not forget to be grateful for what I have already seen. If it becomes my people to set up a new Ebenezer, and say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," he whose sweet privilege and high honour it has been for six years, in great feebleness, to try to do the work of an under-shepherd over this flock—in laying down this work with the hope of regaining health and vigor for longer labour, if it be God's will, would find little excuse if he fail to say, "*I will praise thy name for thy loving kindness and for thy truth, for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.*"

Growth and Success—Self-sustaining—Good Spirit.

Illinois.

Dear Brother: Heretofore we have been accustomed to petition, about this season of the year, for help from the Board of Domestic Missions, but now I write to thank you for all your goodness towards us, and to tell you that the coming year we shall try to "walk alone." God has been blessing us greatly, we have enlarged our church building, as I wrote in report for the year ending October 1st. Our audiences have largely increased, and a bright sky seems over us. May it not soon be overcast. My salary this year will be \$900 and a donation; besides this the people will raise some \$300 for incidental expenses.

The people wanted (and so did I want them) to put the salary at a thousand, but they were afraid to venture quite so much. I felt like crying out to them, "Oh, ye of little faith!" but did not, although to have raised the other hundred would have been, as I thought, a very simple and easy matter, and a burden imposed which no one would have felt, and which could easily

been carried; only one dollar and thirty cents more on each pew.

At first I was inclined to rebel, for my salary in the past has not been sufficient to meet my expenses, and my poor library has had scarcely an addition since I left the Seminary at Princeton, in 1863; besides, just at this juncture another field of labour was offered to me, or rather brought to me by a committee, where my salary would have been larger by hundreds, and where in comfort and comparative ease I could have laboured in the good cause; but when I mentioned to some of the people the fact, and talked seriously of leaving, they seemed so disappointed, and so affectionate in their disappointment, that I gave up the thought of going, and also gave up the other hundred dollars, which they would have given if I would have stayed on no other condition. So the matter is settled and they seem both happy and hopeful. I cannot say that I feel altogether contented, but try to be so in the thought that we are working where we can do good.

Three times in the past three years, much larger churches and more flattering fields of labour have been offered me, but at the strong entreaty of the people here I have stayed, though at a great sacrifice of money, ease, and feeling; but as I review my labours and look now on a congregation grown in that time from 100 to nearly 300, and on a Sabbath-school increased from 30 to 125 scholars, I cannot say that I am not glad of the decisions I have always made against going away; nor that I regret the sacrifices made. Above effects I still feel, and probably will for years to come. Now, as in the past, we commend ourselves to God, his grace and guidance, and do the duties which fall to us day by day.

In taking our leave of you, allow me in behalf of the congregation, to thank you most warmly for all your kindness and gifts year after year. We bid you "God speed"

in your good work of faith and love. May some other church be made to rejoice in growth by the additional means which you will now have for it. But though we no longer draw from your treasury, let us hope that for many years we shall receive your prayers for God's presence to be with us, and his Spirit to dwell in us.

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- SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.**—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Greens-field ch 26. *Pby of Cincinnati*—1st ch Walnut Hills 43 80. *Pby of Miami*—South Charleston ch 10; Gettysburg ch 15; Middletown ch 16 40; 1st ch, Dayton, 82 80. *Pby of Sidney*—Union City ch 15; Bellefontaine 1st ch 50; Buck Creek ch 31 290 00
- SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.**—*Pby of Bloomington*—Crow Meadow ch 5; Champaign ch 27; Towanda ch 50, (of which 10 bequest of Peter P Hiltz, dec'd); Bloomington ch 7; El Paso ch 11; Wayneville ch 11 35; Chatsworth ch 17. *Pby of Kaskaskia*—Moro ch 16 50. *Pby of Peoria*—Canton ch 22 40; Lewistown ch 50; Mans-field ch 20 88; Delevan ch 20 258 13
- SYNOD OF INDIANA.**—*Pby of Indianapolis*—Hopes-well ch 58 65. *Pby of Vincennes*—Princeton ch 8; Upper Indiana ch 9; 2d ch, Vincennes 30 105 65
- SYNOD OF IOWA.**—*Pby of Cedar*—Fulton ch 3; Red Oak ch 10; Cedar Rapids ch 18 35. *Pby of Dubuque*—Peosta ch 3 10. *Pby of Vinton*—Shiloh ch 8 60; South Ridge ch 4 45; Vinton 1st ch 5 20; Big Grove ch 4 64 70
- SYNOD OF KANSAS.**—*Pby of Highland*—Highland ch 10, (of which 4 from the pastor.) *Pby of Leavenworth*—Westminster ch, Leavenworth, 18 28 00
- SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.**—*Pby of Ebenezer*—Burling-ton ch, from Hon J M Preston, 80 00

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Potosi*—White Water ch 15 92. *Pby of St Louis*—Kirkwood ch 32; Bethel ch, from Henry Nice, 8 63. *Pby of Upper Missouri*—Savannah ch 50; Dawn ch 6; Sullivan ch 5; Grand View ch 4; Chillicothe ch 5 126 87

SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.—*Pby of Holston*—Madisonville ch 10 00

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Burlington*—Columbus ch 16 30; Providence ch, Bustleton, 8 86; Bordentown ch 9 13; Mount Holly ch 47. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—Liberty Corner ch 45; Pluckamin ch 11; New Providence ch 25; Elizabeth 1st ch 300; Plainfield 1st ch 81 60; Baskingridge ch 60. *Pby of Luzerne*—Mahanoy ch 30 03, (of which Sab-sech 3 67); Kingston ch 74 63, (of which Sab-sech 32 42); Mauch Chunk 1st ch 200 74. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Dutch Neck ch 10; 2d ch, New Brunswick, 23 68; 1st ch, New Brunswick, 123 85; Princeton 2d ch 82; South Amboy ch 20 76; Princeton 1st ch 82. *Pby of Raritan*—Arwell United 1st ch 38; German Valley ch 28 36; Flemington ch 128 26. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Towanda ch 40; Canton ch 22 75; Orwell ch 30. *Pby of West Jersey*—Leeds' Point ch 1 03 1484 97

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—Port Chester ch 5; South Salem ch 29 10; Bedford ch 60. *Pby of Hudson*—Monroe ch 10 50; *Pby of Long Island*—Huntington South ch 30 50; Huntington 2d ch 23 01. *Pby of Nassau*—Freeport ch 12; Astoria ch, from Dr J W Scott 25. *Pby of New York*—Alexander ch 10 03; German ch 11. *Pby of New York 2d*—Mount Washington ch 130; Westminster ch, Youkers, 100. *Pby of North River*—Hughsonville ch 7; Rondout ch 160 613 14

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Crawfordsville*—Bethany ch 22 50; Lebanon ch 6. *Pby of Fort Wayne*—Decatur ch 5 20. *Pby of Lake*—La Porte ch 6. *Pby of Logansport*—Rock Creek ch 7 70; Frankfort ch 20 67 40

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Hocking*—New Plymouth ch 10; Sutton ch 4. *Pby of Richland*—Waterford ch 9 85; Perrysville ch 17; Ashland ch 61. *Pby of Zanesville*—Deerfield ch 18; Salt Creek ch 11; Duncan's Falls ch 9; Coshocton ch 17 146 85

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of Benecia*—Tornales and Bodega chs 11 50. *Pby of Oregon*—Olympia ch 8 25; Brownsville ch 16; Diamond Hills ch 14 49 75

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Leacock ch 77 32; Bellevue ch 49 33. *Pby of Huntingdon*—Spruce Creek ch 87, of which 5 63, balance, from Ladies Sew Soc; Hollidaysburg ch, (sem an coll,) 58 47; Phillipsburg ch 7 60; Bellefonte ch 41 77; Shirlersburg ch 15. *Pby of New Castle*—Forks of Brandywine ch 76 55; Penningtonville ch 20; New Castle ch 100; Oxford ch 95 44; Fagg's Manor ch 64 95. *Pby of Northumberland*—Bloomsburg ch 80; Jersey shore ch 37 09; Ashland ch 6; Mahoning ch, Danville, 138; Grove ch 75; McEwensville ch 10. *Pby of Philadelphia*—10th ch, Phila, add'l, "W 8" 10, "P W" 10, "A friend through the pastor" 25, "Mrs H" 10, "Z G" 5, = 60, less 5 for Record = 55; West Spruce st ch, Phila, from G S Benson, Esq, 100. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Central ch, Phila, 225; Second ch, half mo col, 15 24; Phoenixville ch 7; Charlestown ch 4; Spring Garden ch, Phila, from Mrs "E A L" 100, Miss "A G" 100, "D" 100, "G C" 50, "J W" 20, "C R G" 10, "J R" 5, "W A D" 5, "J McD" 5, "Miss McA" 2, "N M" 2, "J H" 2, "E K L" 1, "Cash" 2, Collection 125 51 = 528; Kensington ch 203 30; Trinity ch 31 85; Alexander ch, Phila, 27 57. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Bristol ch 11; Port Kennedy ch 17 41; 1st ch, Norristown, 128; 1st ch, Germantown, 344 58; Newton ch 42; Allen Township ch 40 2820 48

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—Salem ch 28 90; Beulah ch 14 80; Murraysville ch 19 75; Blairsville ch 75 28; Poke Run ch 91; New Alexandria ch 45. *Pby of Clarion*—Pisgah ch 13 70; Greenville ch 26 98; Leatherwood ch 13; Licking ch, add'l, 21. *Pby of Ohio*—Central ch, Pittsburgh, 173 06; Pisgah ch 26.

Pby of Redstone—Round Hill ch 17 76; 1st ch, McKeesport, 35; Brownsville ch 26 50; Little Redstone ch 16 50; Long Run ch 19. *Pby of Saltsburg*—Indian Creek ch Sab-sech 20; Cherry Tree ch 20; Harmony ch 13 20; Ebenezer ch 26 59; Bethesda ch 10 753 10

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—Galesville ch 10; La Crescent ch 10. *Pby of St Paul*—Prescott 1st ch 7; St Cloud 1st ch 3 75; Dundas ch 8 50. *Pby of S Minnesota*—Caledonia ch 6; Sheldon ch 4 49 25

SYNOD OF SANDSKY.—*Pby of Maumee*—Delta ch 8; 1st ch, Toledo, 40 16. *Pby of Western Reserve*—Westminster ch, Cleveland, 40 88 16

SYNOD OF S. IOWA.—*Pby of Des Moines*—Pella ch 8 80; Liberty ch 2 90; St Charles ch 5 00. *Pby of Fairfield*—Libertyville ch 3; Bethel ch 4 50; Ottumwa ch 10. *Pby of Iowa*—West Point ch 10 44 80

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Bethesda ch 10; Hanover ch 5; Bethel ch 27 19. *Pby of Stubenville*—Ridge ch 32 76; Island Creek ch, in part, 39; Bacon Ridge ch 15; East Springfield ch 12; Wallsville ch 57 50. *Pby of Washington*—Forks of Wheeling ch 104; West Liberty ch 41 10; Upper Ten Mile ch 21 10; Mill Creek ch 20; New Cumberland ch 16; Frankford ch 9 76; 1st ch, Wheeling, 70 12. *Pby of West Virginia*—C D R 1; Kingwood ch 10, (of which 2 25 from Pleasant Grove and 2 45 from Mrs Jane W Branch); French Creek ch 30, (of which Sab-sech 10); Buckhannon ch 6 527 53

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Winnebago*—Sherman ch, Mayville, 5; Newport ch 5 10 00

Total Receipts from churches \$9,341 26

MISCELLANEOUS.—Cash for 50 shares Erie R R stock, donated by H K Corning, Esq, N Y, 4199 58; Young ladies of Lawrenceville Female Seminary, N J, 10; "From a Sinner," Tenn, 6; Kentucky 5; Union Prayer Meeting of Belpre, O, 11; "A Friend to the Cause," Watertown, Mass, 10; "Interest" 739 10; Mrs E E Townsend, Painted Post, N Y, 5; N Choate, Esq, Derry, N H, 30; Chas H Strong, Esq, Albany, N Y, 40; Hon S Galloway, Columbus, O, 15; "C M R," Danville, Pa, 10; Six months interest on the permanent missionary fund from the trustees of General Assembly 472 83; Myron Phelps, Esq, and wife, Lewistown, Ills, 100; Miss Nannie Orbison, Bellefonte, Pa, 5; Mrs Margaret Gunn, Berlin, Iowa, 1; Contents of missionary box of the children of Mr and Mrs G W Farrington, St Paul, Minn, 31; Mrs "R W G," Lebanon, Pa, 5; A Chapman, M. D., Alquina, Ind, 5; "S A P" 5; Mr T Brown 1; Mrs Mary White, Yorktown, N Y, 30; Rev R M McCachren, Newville, Pa, 10; Jas Russell, North Jackson, Ohio, 5; Mrs Ann Popie 5 5756 61

LEGACIES.—Estate of J R Hughes, dec'd, late of Cape May Co, N J, 100; Legacy of Andrew Briant, dec'd, Ind, 1083 25, less tax, exchange, and counsel fee 83 25 = 1000; Estate of B J Blythe, dec'd, late of Indianapolis, Ind, 1200 2,350 00

Total Receipts in November, \$17,447 77

S. D. POWELL, Treasurer,
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CLOTHING.

1 box from ladies of 1st ch, Morristown, N J, valued at 450 00
1 box from ladies of 2d ch, Princeton, N J, value not given.
1 box from ladies of 2d ch, Rahway, N J, valued at 165 00
1 trunk from unknown source, value not given.
1 box from ladies of Oxford ch, Pa, valued at 100 00
1 box from ladies sewing circle of 1st ch, Pittsburgh, Pa, value not given.
2 boxes from ladies of Spring Garden ch, Philadelphia, valued at 560 00
\$1,265 00

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

The Season for Prayer.

The commencement of a new year is a period that naturally makes a solemn impression upon every heart. Even the most thoughtless feel it; and the very festivities with which they meet it are really a confession of apprehension, and as it were an effort to propitiate Time in his undistinguishing sweep of all ages and classes, like grass, into the dust. The Christian solemnly reviews the months, whose records are now all sealed up until he shall rest, and stand in his lot at the end of his days. He anxiously gives himself to prayer that God would another year increase his faithfulness, and accomplish more for the rescue from eternal sorrow of the fitting mortals before him.

It is fit that, as the people of Eastern nations adorn their doorways with tasteful inscriptions on New-year's eve, invoking blessings from all the gods upon the family and its occupations at the very beginning of the year, so, with the kindly salutations and wishes of the occasion, we should pray that, better than any earthly gifts, there may descend pardon, holiness, and joy, from a gracious Saviour, upon all we love, upon all within the compass of our influence, nay, with true Christian breadth of sympathy, upon all our sin-smitten kind.

Many of the truly heaven-born, wide-descending revivals of religion, in the Old and New World, in past centuries and in the present, have immediately followed the opening of the year. The illustrations of this are too numerous to embrace in a brief article. It has very remarkably characterized the revivals of the past eight years. It has prompted hearts in ardent sympathy with the mission of Jesus, to save our sinful, wretched, perishing race, to come together then, and plead with Him to hasten His purposes of mercy.

No thought of modern times, if only we guard against formality in executing it, was more plainly prompted from the Spirit of all grace, than that which our Mission Synod of Lodia, in India, suggested immediately by the great re-

vivals of 1858—that with each new year, for one entire week, those that love God, in every nation, and kindred, and tribe, and tongue, should with one accord cry mightily unto Him to exert His divine power, crush the dominion of hell, and establish the universal, holy, and blissful reign of His dear Son.

The paper of the Lodia mission, after relating their joy on account of tidings of the revival of 1858 in America and Europe, continues as follows:—

“Being convinced from the signs of the times that God has still large blessings in store for his people, and for our ruined race, and that he now seems to be ready and waiting to bestow them as soon as asked, therefore,

Resolved, That we appoint the second week in January, 1860, beginning with Monday the 8th, as a time of special prayer that God would now pour out his Spirit upon all flesh, so that all the ends of the earth might see his salvation; that on the first day, that is on Monday the 8th, be a holy convocation for solemn fasting, humiliation, and prayer, and that on the last day, that is, Sabbath the 14th, be a holy convocation for thanksgiving and praise; that the intervening time be spent in private and social exercises of prayer and praise, as the circumstances of each community may dictate; that all God's people, of every name and nation, of every continent and island, be cordially and earnestly invited to unite with us in a similar observance of that time; and that from the receipt of this invitation, and onward, all be requested, in their secret family and public devotions, habitually to entreat the Lord to pour out upon all his people so much of the spirit of grace and supplication as to prepare them for such an observance of the time designated, as may meet with His approval and secure His blessing.”

May *this* opening year be so remembered, in accordance with the recommendation of the last General Assembly, within every congregation of our Church, even those which may not be blessed with the care of a pastor. And may it prove a beginning of a turning of our captivity that shall fill our mouth with laughter, and make us like them that dream.

"The Little Cloud out of the Sea."

The narrative of the Synod of Pittsburgh, upon the state of religion within their bounds during the past year, proves that the Lord God of Elijah is still ready to answer effectual fervent prayer. May this little cloud be the beginning of a great rain.

After describing the condition of the Church and country previous to the preceding meeting of Synod, and the purposes formed there, the narrative continues as follows:

"We returned to our homes to labour earnestly for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. At the recommendation of the Synod, Presbyterial Conventions were held for conference and prayer. When the ministers and elders convened, they discussed such questions as these: What is a revival? What means ought to be employed in seeking a revival, and what encouragements have we to use them? What hindrances stand in the way? How can they be removed or overcome? As suitable means to be used, the Conventions recommended fervent and frequent prayer; the plain, pointed, and tender preaching of the gospel; personal conversation with the impenitent; and protracted services, at which neighbouring ministers would, in turn, assist one another. After a faithful use of the means just mentioned, it was found that many of our churches were enjoying a precious season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

"The work of grace, which was carried on last winter, within the bounds of this Synod, and in various parts of the land, was remarkable for its freedom from noise and excitement. The presence of God in the midst of the churches, was indicated, not by the wind, the earthquake, or the fire, but by a still small voice. It was observed, also, as one of the peculiar features of this revival, that many of its subjects were young men who had been engaged in the military or naval service of our country during the time of the rebellion. This was all the more gratifying, because it was feared, when immense armies were disbanded, that men accustomed to the vices of the camp and the carnage of the battle would become the pests and corrupters of society. And then did the Church realize that she was amply rewarded for the prompt, energetic, and persevering efforts which she had made, through the Christian Commission, to give relief to the sick and suffering, and to save souls that were ready to perish.

"The Presbytery of Redstone was greatly blessed. The Narrative, which is dated April, 1866, states some very interesting facts: 'Most of our churches observed the week of prayer, which in some cases was prolonged until it became a month of prayer. We feel free to record the fact, that never in the history of the Presbytery, during any three months, was there so much of prayer, and so much preaching of the word, as during the three months just past. And never in the same period were there so many additions to our churches. During the year three hundred and seventy-one have been received on examination. After the general spiritual dearth of past years, it is a most delightful privilege to record the great things which God has done for us, whereof we are glad. Some churches have had the gently distilling dews of Heaven. On others the Holy Ghost has descended in quiet, peaceful, yet special and powerful measure, gloriously reviving his work, awakening, convincing, converting, and gathering for us unprecedentedly large numbers into the Church. Of the churches revived we would mention Round Hill, Rehoboth, Dunlap's Creek, McKeesport, Brownsville, Spruce Hill, Uniontown, Mt. Pleasant, New Providence, and Connellsville. The means employed have been prayer—earnest, believing prayer, and the plain, pungent preaching of the word.'

"Clarion makes a cheering report: 'During the past winter, protracted meetings, of at least a week's duration in each place, were appointed and held in all our churches. In this labour our ministers went together two and two, and God was pleased to bless our efforts, if not in all cases with a large ingathering from the world, yet with the reviving of pure and undefiled religion in the hearts of his people. Two of our churches, Pisgah and Clarion, were more abundantly blessed than the others. But whilst our other churches have not been visited by those marked displays of the power of the Spirit, they have, nevertheless, been refreshed and strengthened; and the spirit of brotherly love and harmony prevails and operates more extensively and powerfully in all our churches than it has done during the years of our National strife. In the aggregate, our additions for the year past are larger than they have been since 1861.

"The Presbytery of Saltsburgh experienced tokens of Divine favour. Many of the churches were revived. 'Our

meetings of Presbytery during the year, have been such as we think could not have been, if the Lord had not been especially with us. Our Conferences have given fresh encouragement and new strength to every one, as if the Lord had taken us by the hand and said, Be strong and go forward. The Elders' Conventions, held last January, evidently proved, in their practical results, to have been well devised, and have worked for good.

"In the Presbyteries of Blairsville and Ohio, during the year, the gospel was faithfully preached, many were brought to a saving knowledge of Christ, the people of God were edified and comforted, and the benevolent enterprises of the Church were sustained and advanced, but there was no extraordinary manifestation of the Divine presence, except in a few churches. The prosperous condition of Washington and Jefferson College, located within the bounds of the Presbytery of Ohio, is mentioned as a matter of public interest, and the institution is commended to the people for their prayers, their patronage, and their liberal support. In this connection, we would state the gratifying fact, as showing the interest felt by the churches in the welfare of the Western Theological Seminary, that there has been reported an increase of about \$40,000 to the permanent funds of the institution during the year.

"The statistical reports for the last three years, of the Presbyteries belonging to the Synod of Pittsburgh, show a very encouraging increase in the number of persons added to the Church on examination. The figures are as follows:

<i>Presbyteries.</i>	1864.	1865.	1866.
Blairsville,	93	105	129
Clarion,	63	85	147
Ohio,	246	254	252
Redstone,	70	93	371
Saltsburgh,	131	149	226."

Easy! Doctor!

A beautiful blue-eyed boy, perhaps three years of age, lay under the operating knife of the surgeon. Spread out upon a table, the assistants held him firmly down. The sharp knife cut through the fair soft skin, down through the tender flesh, deep among the throbbing blood-vessels, and white nerves, until the diseased artery was reached and separated. A ligature was put around it, the wound was closed up. The work was done, the child's life was

safe. But the noble, manly child comprehended it all. He scarcely required to be held, but kept still, and the only sounds he uttered, with a courageous yet plaintive voice that brought tears to some eyes, were the occasional words, "Easy, doctor! easy, doctor!"

Did the skilful, warm-hearted surgeon spare the knife? No! The sweet, plaintive voice, "easy, doctor!" made him cut the quicker and surer till the work was finished. Just so it is with regard to the duty of a faithful pastor. There are some sins with which the church is wounded, ulcerated, and exhausted; its life is in danger. Such are those of its members withholding their children, and keeping back a part of what they owe, as their property, from the Lord. Some make a great outcry and resistance. But shall your soul spare them for their crying? "Easy, doctor!" Do it tenderly! Do it thoroughly! Do it quick!

A Voice to Young Men from the Heathen World.

An esteemed missionary at one of the most important of our stations in China writes the following acceptable letter, a portion of which meets a feeling which is unwisely cherished by some young men, to their own injury and to that of the Church.

When I remember my own deep, earnest longings for an education, and the long years of alternate toil and study, or work by day and study by night, I do pray you may be abundantly successful in bringing to those who are really needy the aid of those who are abundantly able and willing! There may be some cases of aid being granted to those not in very pressing need and perhaps even to the unworthy. But I can assure the Church that all over the earth, scattered here and there—not a few among the heathen—may be found those who serve her in the ministry of reconciliation, and bless her for the fostering care extended during the course of their education. The work might be greatly increased if church officers and private members were more faithful in seeking out and recommending the worthy and needy, and in seeking to remove unnecessary scruples about receiving this assistance. This is a delicate and most important part of the duty. Many have a false pride which duty to their Master calls them to break down. It is a ques-

tion whether it is right for them to keep themselves from the whitening fields to which their Lord calls, for one, two, or five years, just to gratify a spirit of *independence*. It is a fixed fact, settled by the experience of many of our ablest men in the church and state, that any young man, of fair abilities, may, in our highly favoured land, educate himself. Now may we not take this for granted without making the experiment in each individual case. And if we yield to our friends who are willing to do something for our education, should we not do so that the Church may have our services sooner if it is only for the sake of the cause. I can and do most sincerely sympathize with those whose feelings prevent them from receiving this aid so freely offered to her sons by the Church, yet I have never heard an argument in favour of the indulgence of such feelings that I *now* consider valid. If we have given ourselves to the Church and her service we should be willing she should educate us or do anything else with us that would best promote her interests.

Money from a Foreign Church.

The same brother mentioned above sends us a contribution from the native Chinese Presbyterian Church, with these remarks:

What gives it importance in my estimation is that the Church is taking up a collection for the several Boards in the order recommended by the General Assembly.

This I consider a most important step. I believe every church of the Presbyterian name should take up these collections, and every member should contribute as before God, if it is but a single cent. Better that than nothing. Shame, barrenness, and sorrow must come upon those churches that have not even a cent for each of her membership recorded as her contribution to each of the Boards. God himself scouts them as those that have a name to live and are *dead!* The heathen who come into the Church shame them! Yea, some still living in heathenism make their regular contributions to those Boards of our Church, which have yet to receive their first cent from hundreds of our churches in the midst of the most favoured Christian land in the world.

Oh that such churches may awake and arise before the Lord removes his candlestick from among them!

The Living God.

For the encouragement of the Church to prayer and to labour, at this period of the year, with the confident expectation of blessings correspondent to their faith and zeal, from a God who has "never said" to the true seed of the man of Penueel, "seek ye my face in vain," we have prepared a supplement to be distributed with the present number of the *Record* to every minister, and to every candidate for the ministry known to the Board, in the Church. It is a sketch of what the Lord has done in the last year in one Presbytery (New Castle). There are other Presbyteries, the record of whose mercies perhaps would prove as interesting and as useful. But one such illustration meets the end in view. Oh that this might in *all* our Presbyteries be such a winter and such a spring as the Church in America has never witnessed. "According to your faith be it unto you." "He gave to every man his work."

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN NOVEMBER, 1866.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Dear Creek ch 6; Towanda ch, bequest of Peter P Hiltz, 10	\$15 00
<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Lansing ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Le Claire ch 6; Princeton ch 2	8 00
<i>Pby of Ebenezer</i> —First ch, Ashland, 17 20; Burlington ch, from Hon J M Preston, 15	32 20
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Westfield ch	82 55
<i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —Fort Wayne ch	4 00
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Bath ch 14 08; Central ch 13 96	28 04
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Coshocton ch 2; 1st ch Mt Hope 10	12 11
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Mauch Chunk ch	45 11
<i>Pby of Londonderry</i> —Londonderry ch	12 50
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Jamesburg ch	20 00
<i>Pby of New York</i> —Chelsea ch 76; Rutgers ch 201	276 00
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Blairstown ch 36; Stewartsville ch 20 75	63 75
<i>Pby of Oregon</i> —Clatsop ch	6 00
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Oxford ch	19 00
<i>Pby of Ogdensburg</i> —Morristown ch	4 00
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —First ch Peoria 44 26; Lewistown ch. (of which from Myron Phelps, Esq. and wife 100.) 150	194 85
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Third ch, Newark	49 15
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —West Spruce st ch 40; Tenth ch, Phila, 180 16, in part,	220 16
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Chestnut Hill ch 155; Allen Township ch 20	175 00
<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —Darnestown ch	11 34
<i>Pby of St Louis</i> —Bethlehem ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Schuyler</i> —Macomb ch	25 00
<i>Pby of Troy</i> —Waterford ch	54 50
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Lower Ten Mile ch	8 00

\$1,312 55

LEGACIES.

Estate of Benj J Blythe, Indianapolis, Ind. per Jas M Ray, Esq, ex	\$1,250 00
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Jas Russell, North Jackson, O, 5; John Anderson, Esq, Scrub Grass, Pa, 2 50; US 45	62 50
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WILLIAM MAIN, *Treasurer.*

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Recent Intelligence.

LETTERS have been received to December 15th from—

Bogota, October 15th.
 Rio de Janeiro, October 29th.
 Sao Paulo, October 15th.
 Lahor, October 22d.
 Lodiana, October 27th.
 Dehra, October 19th.
 Allahabad, October 12th.
 Bangkok, September 11th.
 Canton, October 12th.
 Ningpo, September 13th.
 Shanghai, August 21st.
 Tungchow, September 8d.
 Yokohama, October 1st.
 Omaha, November 26th.
 Chippewa, November 18th.

DEATH OF MRS. CONDIT.—It is with great regret that we learn the death of this excellent and devoted missionary, the wife of the Rev. Ira M. Condit, of the mission at Canton. She returned to this country some months ago, seeking the recovery of her health, but it was not the will of God that her life should be long continued. She died at Lima, Ohio, on the 5th of December. "Her last end was perfect peace;" so her bereaved husband writes to us. Sincere sympathy will be felt for him and his two motherless children.

DEATH OF MRS. LOOMIS.—With sincere regret we learn also the death of another faithful missionary, the wife of Rev. A. W. Loomis, formerly of the mission at Ningpo, but for some years past of the mission to the Chinese in California. Mrs. Loomis had been in feeble health for several years, and last spring she made a visit to the western part of New York, hoping for benefit from this change to her native place; but it has pleased our Lord to call her to himself. She departed this life at Cazenovia, N. Y., December 12th. She was an exemplary and devoted Christian woman. Mr. Loomis writes to us, "Her end was as her life had been, calm, believing, trusting." "In Christ is all my trust"—to him I have committed the

keeping of my soul, and he will keep it,"—thus she has been feeling and talking." Her sorrowing husband will receive the warm sympathy of Christian friends.

DEATH OF REV. KYING LING-YIU.—It is with much regret that we have heard of the departure from this life on the 4th of August last, of this Chinese minister of the gospel. See a notice of him in another column.

THE MISSION AMONG THE LAOS, which has been for some time under consideration, is to be commenced without delay. Rev. D. McGilvary and his family would soon remove from Petchaburi to Chieng-mai, in the Laos country north of Siam, to be followed by the Rev. J. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, from Bangkok. They will receive a cordial welcome from the King of Chieng-mai, a tributary of the King of Siam, whom they had seen on their visit to his country two years ago, and by whom they were received in a friendly manner on his recent visit to Bangkok. He offered them some assistance in getting settled at his capital. It will be recollected that the Laos are supposed to number over a million of souls, and that with the exception of Messrs. Wilson and McGilvary on their former short visit, they have never had any minister of the gospel amongst them. We hope that our readers will offer many prayers for our missionary friends in their new, self-denying, but hopeful work.

CONVERTS RECEIVED.—At Allahabad, Mr. Walsh writes that six adults were admitted to the communion of the church on the 3d of October, four of them from the family of the catechists, one formerly in the orphan school, and the other a heathen youth. At Canton, Mr. Preston mentions the baptism of a hopeful convert, and speaks of other persons as applicants for admission to the church, and Dr. Happer reports the reception of three new members. At

Tungchow, Mr. Mateer writes that a young man connected with the school has been baptized; it is hoped that he will become a useful missionary labourer among his countrymen. In Brazil, the brethren are still meeting with encouragement, Mr. Simonton having baptized four persons in Rio de Janeiro on the 2d of September; and Mr. Blackford, five at Sao Paulo on the 23d of that month. Ten or twelve persons from —, in the interior, it was expected would be received at the next communion, and a larger number desired admission, but were not sufficiently instructed.

MOVEMENTS OF MISSIONARIES.—Miss Maggie J. Brown embarked on the *Henry Chauncey*, at New York, December 11th, on her journey to Tungchow, as a missionary teacher. She will have a home in the family of her brother-in-law, the Rev. C. W. Mateer. The Rev. S. R. House, M. D., and his wife report their arrival at the Sandwich Islands, on their way to Siam. J. C. Hepburn, M. D., and his wife expected to spend some months at Shanghai, where Dr. Hepburn would superintend the printing of his Japanese Dictionary. The Rev. C. W. Forman and his family, and the Rev. J. J. Walsh and his family, expected to leave India soon on their return to this country, the former on a visit for his health, which has become seriously impaired by the heavy labours of many years. Mr. Walsh's return is caused also in part by the state of his health, but in part by his sense of duty to his family. The Rev. J. H. Pitkin had reached Santa Martha early in November, on his way to Bogota. The Rev. F. J. C. Schneider and his family, at the request of his brethren, have removed from Rio Claro to Rio de Janeiro, the work of the mission at this city requiring the labours of another missionary.

Thoughts on Missions—January 1st, 1867.

1. Many commentators on the Scriptures have supposed that the year 1866 would

be the beginning of the Millennium. The year is now nearly ended—December 14th—and while great changes have taken place, we do not yet see the reign of righteousness over the nations. Happily for us, our duty in preaching the gospel to every creature does not depend on the conflicting views of unfulfilled prophecy, which different writers advocate. It rests on the divine commandment. It springs from the nature of grace in the heart. It is prompted by love to God and man, ever-enduring. It knows no end while the work is unfinished, except the end of life. Its only other limits are the want of ability and the want of opportunity. Let us enter, therefore, on a new year of missionary service with unshaken confidence in the divine warrant of our work.

2. There are signs of great progress in the work of missions. Whatever removes barriers and opens doors of entrance to the gospel favours its progress. Some of these signs have appeared in the year 1866, particularly the overthrow of the temporal power of the Pope, which may be regarded now as almost a fact accomplished. With this will soon follow the loss of prestige among the nations, and, what is far more important, the loss of heart and hope among Romanists—for, on their theory of religion, whatever weakens the head, human and earthly as it is, must weaken also all its members. Other remarkable things of the last and a few preceding years are the decaying power of the Roman Catholic nations, like Austria; the rise of Prussia; the greater enlightenment of Russia; the shaking of Mohammedan powers; the still opening doors in India, Burmah, Siam, China, Japan, Africa, South America; the greater access to the long closed mind of the Jewish people. Certainly, there are drawbacks and discouragements, particularly as to our American Indian tribes, and as to the want of spiritual fruit in some of the missionary fields. But on the whole there is marked Providential encouragement, and such as calls for a great in-

crease of labourers in the harvest of the world.

3. We see many proofs that the Holy Spirit is giving his blessing to this work, by the conversion of souls. This work of conversion is his work distinctively. He is performing it, not yet as we could wish in Pentecostal power, but who shall say that his Almighty power will not soon be displayed? It is by his influences, giving efficiency to the preaching of the word, that we expect to see the fulfilment of the prophecies concerning the conversion of both Jews and Gentiles, until they shall all know the Lord from the least of them unto the greatest of them. And referring to our own missions, we should feel deeply grateful to the Holy Spirit for so many instances of his converting grace during the year now ending. In the year 1867 may we witness still greater and more widely-spread proofs of his presence and power!

4. Have we, as the ministers and members of the Church of Christ, *done all that we could have done* in order to preach the gospel to every creature? By prayer, by gifts, by personal labours, by sympathy with missionaries if not ourselves missionaries, in holy motives, in love for Christ, in compassion for lost and perishing souls, in faith—believing? Ah, who can review the past without self-condemnation, without feeling the need of application to atoning blood, without desiring more grace, without purposing to do more for our blessed Lord in the year to come, or that part of it which we may live to see?

Years pass away; Christians, ministers, and missionaries die; the work of preaching the gospel to every creature remains, calling for the earnest service of every follower of Christ; and Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, to-day, and for ever. We may neglect our duty, and for this we must answer. We may do all that we can, by God's grace, and for this we shall receive our Lord's approval. But his work shall be done. His word shall be fulfilled, our feeble la-

bours are not in vain, those who follow us will take up the work with more zeal, Providence will favour them, the Holy Spirit will be manifested, and our blessed Saviour shall be glorified in the coming of his kingdom on the earth as it is in heaven. With these views and hopes, we look to the year 1867.

“The Home and Foreign Record.”

About 3000 copies of the *Record* are sent gratuitously to ministers, licentiate preachers, and theological students. The number of copies issued monthly was 10,000, when reported last, in March, 1866. This number was 1000 less than at the time of the preceding report, in March, 1865. We learn these facts from the last Report of the Board of Publication.

We do not know the number of families connected with our 2600 churches, but we suppose that there are not less than 200,000. Whatever the number, we respectfully suggest to our ministers and elders that 7000 copies of a periodical that gives information concerning the Evangelistic work of our Church at home and abroad is—well, to say the least, a very small supply!

The *Record* is “interesting,” deeply so, to those interested in its subjects, and it will become so to others when they read it with care. It is easy to find fault with such a work, but let it receive a candid, kind, and discriminating consideration, and it will be found to be a work invaluable.

“There are so many publications!” Yes, but no other takes the place or answers the purpose of the *Record*. Nowhere else can its information be obtained.

“What can be done?” This can be done: in almost every congregation one, two, three, or more persons can be found, at the request of the minister, or the session, to call on a certain number of families, or the families in a given district, to ask their attention to this matter, and to obtain the small sum re-

quired to pay for a year's subscription. This may be done in a few days after these lines reach the eyes of our brethren in the ministry. Aided by their warm, earnest "Notice," from the pulpit, this practical effort would probably raise the number of copies from 7000 to — a great many more. May not some such effort as this be forthwith made?

The late Rev. Kyng Ling-yiu.

This Chinese minister of the gospel departed this life at Ningpo on the 5th of last August. After the death of his wife, and soon afterwards the death also of his mother, he was taken severely ill himself. Hearing of his sickness, his friend, Dr. McCartee, went to Yu-yiao to see him, and finding him very low with the fever he brought him in a boat to his own house in Ningpo, but he survived only a few days. His death is greatly mourned over by the church at Yu-yiao, of which he was pastor, and also by all the missionary brethren, one of whom, the Rev. S. Dodd, has written a sketch of his life, which will be found in the *Foreign Missionary*, and others have referred to him in their letters in very warm terms. His early removal, and hardly less so the early death of his lovely and devoted wife, are among the mysteries of Providence; but the Church may well rejoice in such fruits of her missionary labour. They were both heathen children, and but for the Ningpo mission schools they would probably both have lived and died as heathens, but by divine grace they became the children of God. Their devoted life of piety, exemplified with so much beauty and such marked success, as the minister and the minister's wife of the church at Yu-yiao, has been finished here below, but who shall describe its history in the world above?

Referring to the obituary notice above mentioned for further accounts of this Chinese Christian brother, we only add here a brief extract from one of Dr. McCartee's letters. After saying, "He

has been a most earnest labourer and his labours greatly blessed. Two with such qualifications, and such entire and single-hearted devotion to the work, as Mr. and Mrs. Kyng are rarely met with;" and giving some particulars of his visit to him, he then says:

When I first saw Mr. Kyng, [early on Sabbath morning], he shed tears and said, "I could not bear to die without seeing you, for I have much to say to you, but what will these sheep do without a shepherd? Thank God you will be here to preach to them to-day." All his thoughts seemed to be for his people. More than once I overheard him pleading in prayer for "almost a hundred people, old and young,—sheep without a shepherd—unworthy servant—merciful Saviour," and such like expressions.

The Prayer of Faith.

The summer of 1865 will not soon be forgotten in the province of Shantung, China. That region suffered at that time a fearful drought. The millet, beans, and brown corn were all nearly ruined, and great numbers of people were thrown into great distress in consequence.

During the prevalence of this drought, the poor heathen were constantly going in processions to the temples to pray for rain. They prayed very earnestly, but still the heavens refused to give rain.

At that time three members of the Baptist Church in Tungchow were living at no great distance thence in the country. Two of them, men of moderate means, lived on their little farms near a market town, twenty miles from the city; the third, a poor woman, lived at a small village five miles from the city. It happened, on one occasion, that these three Christians had come together for some purpose. As was very natural they talked of the drought. While they were thus talking, one of them said, "We are doing very wrong. These poor people, our neighbours, are constantly praying to false gods for rain. Of course it is all in vain. But we worship the God who can give rain, and who has promised to hear prayer. We ought before this to have met and spent a day in prayer to the living and true God for rain."

The others assented to this Christian's

remarks, and it was agreed that the three should meet at the village of the Christian woman to pray for rain.

The day was fixed upon, and at the time specified the two Christian men came from their homes to the house of the Christian woman to fulfil the appointment.

From the house they went out into the principal street of the village, and having collected a crowd about them announced that they were about to pray to the Christian's God for rain, and invited any who would to join them in so doing. At first the majority of the villagers were disposed to do so, but they very soon changed their notion, and on the contrary hooted at the Christians for worshipping the God of the foreigners.

Some eight or ten persons, however, went to see the service. I am sure I do not know where the idea originated, but the Christians chose a service that to us seems very singular. They went up to the top of a mountain at about four in the afternoon, and spent the whole night in fasting and prayer. I think it was at sunset, and at dark there they read the Scriptures and prayed together; at midnight and at daybreak the same; and spent all the intervening time in private prayer. They continued their exercises until about noon the next day, having abstained from food about twenty-four hours.

They then went and took some dinner with Mrs. Hong, the Christian woman, after which one of the Christian men returned home. As Mr. Leang, the second of the Christians, lived too far distant to reach home seasonably, he spent the night in the village.

He started for his home the next morning, and was thoroughly drenched with rain before he could reach it.

The people of the village all believe that the Christians' God gave the rain in answer to the prayer of these, his followers, and insisted at first upon burning incense to this God, or perhaps securing a theatrical exhibition as an expression of thanks, as they frequently do to their own idols.

The native Christians explained to them that the God of heaven and earth has no occasion for such gifts, while he does desire the obedience and service of grateful and willing hearts; so dissuading them from their method of honouring God.

This conduct on the part of these three Chinese Christians was entirely spontaneous throughout. It was not suggested directly or indirectly by any

foreign missionary. No other public prayers for rain were offered by either native Christians or their foreign teachers here or at Chefoo. So far from the foreign teachers suggesting it, they knew nothing of what had transpired till some time afterwards.

C. R. M.

Tungchow, China, August 28th, 1866.

Baptism at Tungchow.

The Rev. C. W. Mateer, writing August 27th, 1866, says:

Yesterday I had the privilege of baptizing the first convert from our school. He is the oldest boy in the school, and is, in fact, a man in years, though his education is not yet near finished. He has been for two or three months feeling that it was his duty to profess Christ, but as he is naturally modest and retiring, he did not make his wish known. His mother, to whom he was uncommonly attached, died recently, and this brought him to a full decision. His examination before the session was most satisfactory, showing that he has improved well his opportunities of learning the truth. I have great hopes of his future usefulness. He has a good mind, and is a most diligent student; and if he is spared and is taught by the Spirit of God, he may be a great treasure to us in preaching to the heathen. As this is the first direct fruit of our school, you may be sure it rejoiced our hearts and filled them with thankfulness. I trust it may serve to strengthen our faith and stimulate our prayers and our labours for the conversion of the other scholars also.

Mr. Mateer, in the same letter refers with grief to the sinful compliance with the idolatrous customs of the country of the teacher of the school,—a professed Christian who is connected with the mission of another denomination. The poor man, on receiving his literary degree, receiving thereupon the congratulations of his friends, and making a feast for them, was prevailed on to go and worship at the graves of his ancestors. This worship of ancestors seems to have a strong hold of the Chinese heart. It springs from the perversion of a good principle. Divine grace, however, will enable converts to revere their earthly parents while worshipping only their Father in heaven.

Baptisms at Canton.

The Rev. C. F. Preston writes as follows, under date of September 10th, 1866.

Yesterday I baptized a Chinese, who was formerly a cook in my family. He had been an inquirer for a long time. His mother died in the hospital about three years ago, and his sister has been in my family ever since. A long time ago he gave into my hands his ancestral tablets. I hope he is a true disciple of Jesus.

I am happy to say there are a number of inquirers and applicants for admission into the church. I believe they will increase, and perhaps rapidly. We see small things as yet, but they are the beginnings of great things.

The Rev. A. P. Happer, D.D., writing on the 25th of September, mentions the baptism of three more hopeful converts at Canton, of which particulars will be found in the *Foreign Missionary* of this month. He adds, "I hope to be permitted to gather more fruit. There are some six or seven persons at the door of the kingdom, for whom my dear departed wife had especially prayed. God be thanked for them."

Witchcraft Murders on Coriseo.

The events described in the following narrative by the Rev. C. De Heer, under date of September 18th, 1866, show that our missionary friends are still living in the "dark places of the earth."

Notwithstanding the gospel light has shone upon this little island for more than sixteen years, the prince of darkness still struggles for the supremacy over its deluded people. The following is an incident of his power.

Last week a young man formerly in the employ of this station died after an illness of a few days, in the prime of life and full of vigor. Thus suddenly called away, his heathen relatives concluded he must certainly have been bewitched by some enemy. Accordingly, on the night following his death, a council was held by the witch doctor, and while the hours were rendered hideous by the cries of mourning women, the men proceeded to judgment. As usual the first fixed upon was a poor slave from a neighbouring town, who vehemently denied the charge, and, in order to escape the fury of the people, named

another slave; both, however, were pronounced guilty. With revengeful wrath they immediately fell upon the former, stabbed him to the heart, severed the head from the body, cut him in pieces, and burned him just outside of the town. The latter was taken to the other side of the island and murdered. The manner of his death we have not yet learned.

Thus three souls were within a few hours ushered unprepared into the presence of their Judge, for though both the accused had attended our services, been prayed with and for, and conversed with by myself and others at this station, and even confessed the desire to become Christians, their lives were such as to leave no confident hope that their salvation was secured. It is a fact of importance to mention that the wife of one of those murdered has for some time been an earnest inquirer and a member of the catechumen class, as also the wife of the man who owned him. The sentence of death was thus speedily executed, because the people feared interference. In accordance with his authority, [from the Spaniards,] the Priest as soon as he received intelligence of their design, went to the town, but the cruel work had been accomplished. Indignant at finding himself thus baffled, and the people acting in direct opposition to the laws laid down by his government, he assured me, during a call made at our house on his way home, that the offenders should be brought to justice.

Such things sadden us beyond the power of words to express, our hearts bleed while we think of and write such occurrences almost under the shadow of our sanctuary. But we will not yield to discouragement, there are hopeful signs with us, though they may, for a time, seem lost in the black darkness of such events as the foregoing. The Lord reigns. We will anew lift up praying hearts and hands to God, receiving this as a loud call for more unceasing efforts in behalf of those for whom there is yet hope.

Many Christian people are the descendants of those who, in the British Islands and elsewhere, offered human sacrifices as a part of their horrible worship. It is owing to the gospel that Druidical rites no longer exist. The same gospel, we cannot doubt, will yet bless the people of Western Africa. Let not our readers forget to pray that its power may be manifested in full measure on Coriseo.

Petchaburi, Siam.

Most readers like to take up a good graphic article, describing persons or places of interest. Such a paper we find in the *Bangkok Recorder*, June 21st, 1866, and here reprint a part of it for the satisfaction of many. It was written, we suppose, by the Rev. Dr. Bradley, a missionary at Bangkok, connected with the American Missionary Association.

... The Petchaburi Mission is situated on the left or west bank of the beautiful river of that name, about fifteen miles from its mouth, if measured by the many bends of the river, and not more than eight miles by a straight course. The mission was commenced in June, 1861, by Rev. D. McGilvary, and Rev. S. G. McFarland and their families, being a detachment from the Presbyterian mission in Bangkok. Its location is peculiarly pleasant, situated a little below the town, enjoying a good degree of retirement from its din, turmoil, and corruption, and being next neighbour above to one of the smallest, and consequently stillest of temples, which is almost entirely concealed by lovely clumps of bamboos, and the grandest specimens of the *poh tree*, the palmyra palm, the tamarind, the mango, etc. In their rear is a forest of many kinds of trees, all *evergreen*, as most of the trees of Siam are. Under its shade reside a few families of priceless souls for whom Christ died, and to whom he has sent his servants. Adjoining the premises on the upper side is the residence of an officer of government, overshadowed by bamboos and the magnificent mango. In the front is a river of clear water, so pure and life-giving that the kings of Siam must have all their drinking water taken from it. This river is nearly full three months of the year, overflows its banks three times for many days together, and is for the rest of the time generally shallow at that place, so as to be easily forded by footmen. It is just there remarkable for running always the downward way, and sometimes with great power. On the bank opposite the mission premises is another evergreen forest, with here and there a native dwelling. Looking up the river on the west side some one hundred and fifty rods, you will see five or six brick dwellings separated a little from each other, built in European style, neatly finished with white stucco work, and each furnished with a front fence and landing of the same material. They are the country residences of the Siamese

princes and lords. A little above this you will see a beautiful bridge crossing the river, which will for the moment lead you to fancy that you are at home in a Christian land.

The mission premises comprise about an acre of land. Their two dwelling houses of two stories are rather small, yet quite comfortable, and becoming the simplicity and neatness which should always characterize the dwellings of the ambassadors of the cross of Christ. One of them is of brick with an earthen tiled roof; the other of brick and wood thatched with attap palm leaves. They are enclosed by a fence common to them both. The front part of it is strikingly unique, having brick pillars instead of wooden posts, eight feet apart, and the spaces occupied by a cheap and tasty wooden paling. The pillars are neatly finished with white stucco, and contrast finely with the natural wood colour of the paling. As the river was found to be cutting off their front at a fearful rate, the brethren, by the advice and aid of their good friend, the lieutenant-governor, made, last year, a firm brick dike, and constructed a small breakwater a few yards above it, by which means their front has been saved and greatly improved, and made into a very pleasant promenade ground, with a good flight of steps down to the water. . . .

Thus our readers will see that the Petchaburi missionaries have a charming place to live in, and to study and preach the gospel to the heathen about them. And we would hereby bear them witness that they have made a good beginning, and that they seem intent in giving themselves wholly to the work of the "ministry of the Word." They have formed a little church with a native membership of three adults, one of whom is being educated for the ministry, and is already employed a good deal of his time as a colporteur. Though it be indeed to them a day of small things in one sense, it is a great day in the light of eternity. Who shall estimate the greatness of the salvation that has already been wrought in those three souls if they have indeed trusted in Christ? All the material wealth of this world would be but as the small dust of the balance when weighed with it.

There is now, among a large part of their charge, a lively interest manifested in hearing the gospel, and we may confidently look for a great work of grace among them.

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- MISCELLANEOUS.**—E S Woodhull to ed child at Shanghai 35 gold; Col G Loomis 5; Chas H Strong to con Master Richard A Strong *Life Member* 40; Mrs Ann Piper 5; Jemmie's Tithe 1; Mrs Marg't Gunn 1; Rev J F Boyd, for Tungchow sch 40; A Lady 1; Wm E Sef-ton, six years old, 23 cts; Annie, Thank Offering, for chapel at Rio 20, for Bogota ch, 20, for Yu Yaio ch 10; Mrs Mary Abbott 5, Scholars 5; W H 2 50; A Friend 200; Rev S M Hamill, D.D., Lawrenceville, N J, 100; Mrs Clara Williamson 5; Myron Phelps, Esq, and wife, Lewistown, Ills, 100; Mrs E E Townsend, Painted Post, N Y, 5; Mrs L H Huston 5 605 73
- Total receipts in November, 1866, \$7,538 78
- WM. RANKIN, Jr., Treasurer.
- LETTERS relating to the Missions, or other operations of the Board, may be addressed to WALTER LOWRIE, Esq., Rev. JOHN C. LOWRIE, or Rev. DAVID IRVING, Secretaries, Mission House, Centre street, New York.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

PUBLISHING HOUSE, 821 CHESTNUT STREET,
PHILADELPHIA.

Letters relating to agencies, donations of books and tracts, the appointment of Colporteurs, manuscripts and books offered for publication, the editorial department of the *Sabbath-School Visitor*, and the general interests of the Board, to be addressed to the Rev. WILLIAM E. SCHENCK, D.D., Corresponding Secretary and Editor, No. 821 Chestnut street.

All communications, reports, remittances of money, donations, and orders for books, to be addressed to Mr. WINTEROP SARGENT, Superintendent of Colportage, Business Correspondent, and Treasurer.

Subscriptions to the *Home and Foreign Record*, and the *Sabbath-School Visitor*, and payments for the same, to be addressed to Mr. PETER WALKER.

Religious Juvenile Reading.

The *Sunday-school Times*, in a recent number, has the following very sensible and important remarks in regard to the abundance of reading now published for the young :

"The religious juveniles now produced in a single week equal the entire list that was accessible to our fathers. The societies and publishing houses engaged in this work have enlisted the active services of a large number of clergymen in writing juvenile story books. Besides this, we have quite a number of educated and gifted authors of the other sex, who are devoting their talents entirely to this species of composition ; in fact, it has become a profession, almost as much as that of teaching.

"Such a state of things has necessitated a new duty, or at least has given new force and stringency to a duty already existing. With a list of at least five thousand distinct publications, each claiming a place on the shelves of a Sabbath-school library, and with not less than one addition to the list for every day in the year, what shall Sunday-school men do? It is obvious that a discrimination must

be made, and made with a firm and vigorous hand. The subject has assumed such proportions that we cannot afford any longer to float at the will of the tide. We must get out our compass, make an observation, and see whither we are drifting. In such an enormous mass of juvenile religious books, there is of necessity a great inequality of merit. Some of these books are decidedly pernicious and unhealthy in their tendency. A great many are mere trash. Of those that are good, some necessarily are better than others in the degree of their excellence.

"The books may be classed as bad, poor, good, better, best. The duty of discrimination, and of a wise and just discrimination, is one which must be met. We can no longer shirk it with a good conscience."

This is an impressive view of an existing necessity. And it has been because the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church clearly foresaw the evils and dangers of this flood of religious reading for the young, issued by irresponsible parties, entertaining widely different doctrinal views from those set forth in our Confession of Faith, that it has confided the whole matter of the preparation of books for our Sabbath-schools to a Board completely under its own control. Year after year the Assembly has carefully noted the Board's publications for use in Sabbath-schools, and commended them. And year after year it has encouraged the Board to go forward and make further additions to its Sabbath-school Library of the same kind. The Board of Publication, composed of intelligent ministers and Ruling Elders of the Pres-

byterian Church, has been constituted the hand, and the eye, and the mind of the Church to select and publish such religious works as are good, and useful, and instructive for the youth of the Church, and only such. The imprint of the Board upon the title-page of a Sabbath-school book should satisfy every Presbyterian that that is a good and a useful book to put upon the shelf of the Sabbath-school Library. And we are glad to see that some of our Presbyteries and Synods have recently urged the churches within their bounds to supply their Sabbath-school Libraries with all the juvenile books of the Board, before going any where else for a supply. When this is done by all our churches, the children of our families will be saved from the temptation to read much that is in opposition to the teachings of their pastors.

Presbyterian Sabbath-schools often depute the Superintendent, the Librarian, or a Committee of teachers, to make selections for their libraries, and they resort not seldom to private publishers and booksellers. It is an unsafe plan. For, in the first place, the persons deputized may not themselves be very intelligent in the doctrines of our church, or very discerning as to the subtle forms of error. Then, in the second place, it is impossible for such persons, however intelligent and judicious they may be, while standing in a book-store, and rapidly thumbing over a series of books, to form a reliable opinion as to their merits or demerits. And, in the third place, even when objectionable books are avoided, the books found on the shelves of pri-

private booksellers are intended for circulation among people of all religious creeds, and necessarily exclude those juvenile books which have any reading upon the distinctive topics of Presbyterian doctrine or church history. There are private booksellers who buy many thousands of dollars worth of the Board's books for the supply of Sabbath-schools, who never order a volume having anything distinctively Presbyterian in it. Thus, so far as the schools purchasing through them are concerned, one of the most important ends aimed at by the Assembly in the establishment of its Board of Publication, is entirely frustrated.

Whether a Sabbath-school orders books directly from the Board, or through some private bookseller, we recommend that it procure the Board's Sabbath-school catalogue, and aim to get a complete set of its library books before resorting to any other source of supply whatever. By doing this, it may feel assured that it is getting good books—good Presbyterian books—upon its shelves, and that its scholars will read only what will be profitable for them.

The Synod of Indiana, and the Board's Publications.

At its sessions in October last, the Synod of Indiana adopted the following, with great unanimity and cordiality. Similar resolutions have this fall been passed by various Presbyteries and Synods:

"Synod commends to our churches the books, tracts, and papers of our Board of Publication, *to be preferred to all others, for soundness, excellence, and economy*; and mentions the name of Brother J. D. Pering as a colporteur, labouring

within the bounds of Synod, prepared to set immediately to work in his calling, as requested by brethren in different localities."

When every part of our church shall adopt and act upon the above recommendation, a new and powerful impulse will be given to the whole work of our Board of Publication. So long as great numbers of Presbyterians pass by the publications of their own Board—even its Sabbath-school books and *Sabbath-school Visitor*—to obtain their supplies elsewhere, it is impossible for that Board to be as useful as it might be made, or for our churches and people to have such religious reading as will warmly attach them to our Church and its sound Scriptural doctrines. Many thanks to the Synod of Indiana.

The Sabbath-school Visitor.

At the beginning of a new year, we call the attention of pastors, Sabbath-school superintendents and teachers, to our *Sabbath-school Visitor*. Now is the time to subscribe, at the beginning of the year.

The subscription of the *Visitor* has largely increased during the past year. But it is yet very far short of what it ought to be. Many Sabbath-schools in our churches do not yet take it. Can they not be prevailed upon to do so? No *cheaper* paper of its size, illustration, and general excellence can be had.

Our Books and Tracts in New York.

The volume publications of the Board have for some years past been kept for sale by R. Carter and Brothers, corner of Broadway and Spring street, New York. We are glad to announce that the same firm have lately made an arrange-

ment with the Board, under which they will hereafter keep on hand a complete assortment of the *tracts* of the Board. Persons who may find it more convenient to procure tracts in New York than from Philadelphia, will henceforth be able to obtain them at Carter & Bros., on the same terms that they could at our Depository in the latter city.

A Sabbath-school Library, for Bible Classes and Teachers.

The Board has made a selection from its publications, called "*Sabbath-school Library, Section 1st, for Bible Classes and Teachers.*" It now contains about one hundred and fifty volumes, on practical, biographical, missionary, and historical topics. Other and new works of interest will be added to it from time to time. We commend this Library to the attention of Sabbath-schools. A separate catalogue of it has been printed and will be mailed, as will also the Board's large Descriptive Catalogue, to any person sending a request to

WINTHROP SARGENT,
821 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

- I. **William Farel**, And the Story of the Swiss Reform. By the Rev. Wm. M. Blackburn, author of "The Rebel Prince," "The Exiles of Madeira," "Young Calvin in Paris," &c. Price \$1.50.

A narrative of the life and times of William Farel, the forerunner of Calvin. The great Genevan Reformer owed much to this learned, earnest, and holy minister of Christ, and repaid the debt by a life-long friendship. It is a valuable contribution to our historical literature, and is well adapted to interest the young.

- II. **Anthropos**. By the Rev. William P. Breed, D.D., Author of "Man Respon-

sible for his Belief," &c. Price 60 cents.

"On earth there's nothing great but man."

This is a very valuable little work, exhibiting, in an attractive and instructive form, the varied relations sustained by man to the material and immaterial worlds around him, and deducing therefrom practical conclusions of great importance and impressiveness.

III. A Week with Jesus, or Lessons Learned in His Company. By the Rev. John M. Lowrie, D.D., Author of "Esther and her Times," "Adam and his Times," and "The Hebrew Lawgiver." Price \$1 25.

The week of our Lord's life which forms the subject of this elegant volume, begins with the day upon which he heard the tidings of the death of John the Baptist, and ends with the scene of the Transfiguration. Not that all the events here recorded belong with chronological accuracy to the consecutive days of a single week; but they are placed very nearly together by the sacred writers, and derive much of their significance and interest from the time of their occurrence.

The book is written in a graceful and attractive style, and bears the marks of mature thought and elevated culture. Dr. Lowrie is doing the church good service with his pen, and "a week with Jesus" will extend the sphere of his usefulness.

IV. Eva Merton, or The Blue Morocco Shoes. By Martha Farquharson, Author of "Mysis's Work." &c. Price 55 and 60 cents.

A well-written and very interesting narrative, teaching the folly of listening to a flattering tongue, the sin and danger of putting off repentance, and the importance of coming at once to the Saviour. All the characters are admirably drawn, and our young readers will find the book well worthy of a careful perusal. Three wood engravings.

V. Terrenia. By Edith Grahame. 18mo. Price 40 and 45 cents.

A beautiful and graceful allegory, in which human life, in its relation to earth around and eternity beyond, is exhibited

under the aspect in which it would appear to an angel visitant. This mode of presenting familiar subjects is not only a very pleasing, but also a very impressive one, and much important truth is thus placed in a new and striking light before the mind.

DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE COLPORTAGE AND DISTRIBUTION FUNDS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION, SINCE LAST ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Sab-sch of Saratoga Springs ch 27 66; Charlton ch 18 50; Amsterdam ch 23 20	69 36
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Coeshocton ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Morristown 1st ch	85 05
<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Pittsgrove ch	56 65
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Blairstown 1st ch	23 80
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Mauch Chunk ch	32 26
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —West Spruce st ch, G S Benson, Esq	30 00
<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —Seventh st ch Washington, Mission Soc Sab-sch	14 00
<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Currie's Run ch	12 70
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Slippery Rock ch	10 70
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Lower Ten Mile ch	8 25
<i>Pby of Columbus</i> —Columbus 1st ch sab-sch	43 41
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Centre Unity ch	5 35
<i>Pby of Richland</i> —Haysville ch 7 37; Mt Vernon ch 28	35 37
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Jeromeville ch 2 40; Berlin ch 8; Mt Eaton ch 5; Wooster ch 20 20; Clark ch 8 45	44 15
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Springfield 1st ch	19 23
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Hamilton ch 57 40; Venice ch 18 75	76 15
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Towanda ch, legacy of Peter P Hilts	10 00
<i>Pby of Dane</i> —Madison ch	16 37
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Princeton ch 6; La Claire ch 2	8 00
<i>Pby of Duluth</i> —Epworth ch	2 16
<i>Pby of Fairfield</i> —Liberty ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Lewistown ch 50; Myron Phelps and wife 100	150 00
<i>Pby of St Louis</i> —Bethlehem ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Potosi</i> —Ironton ch	7 85
<i>Pby of Ebenezer</i> —Burlington, Hon J M Preston	15 00
<i>Pby of S Minnesota</i> —Lake City ch	7 45
<i>Pby of Oregon</i> —Clatsop ch	6 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

A lady, Warsaw, N Y, Dist'n Fund, 5; Eliza E Townsend, Painted Post, N Y, 5; Legacy of Andrew Briant, Indiana, 1000; Margaret Gunn, per Rev J N Swan, 1; Mrs "G S M" 30; Dr E M Hunt 1 22; John Anderson, Scrub Grass, Pa, 2 50; Rev Henry Brown, 18; Rev Levi Little, Ridgeway, Elk co, Pa, 5; Wm Pinkerton, 15; Rev H A B. for Sab-sch books for Georgia, 10; Rev L R Fox 20; Spring Garden ch Sab-sch 15 06; Rev R H Holliday, Findlay, Ohio, 3; Spring Garden Sab-sch for books for Africa, per Dr Howard Malcom, 10; Rev J B Plumstead, Portage City, Wis, 10; Fairview Sab-sch for Santa Fee 5 50, 1,156 23

\$1,954 30

WINTHROP SARGENT, Treasurer.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Ornamented Churches.

A recent number of one of our religious weeklies, in an elaborate account of the dedication of a church, aided by the Board of Church Extension, describes it as handsomely frescoed, cushioned with crimson damask, with a large Gothic window of ornamental and stained glass in the rear of the orchestra, and a perspective representation or reflection of the entire audience-room in the rear of the pulpit, &c. An esteemed pastor, after reading this description, writes us inquiring the views of the Board in reference to such churches, and whether this is a proper use of the funds contributed for Church Erection. It is, perhaps, a sufficient answer to the inquiries of our brother to say that the grant to the church described, though recommended by the Presbytery, and earnestly asked for by the church, was made altogether on the responsibility of parties specially interested in the enterprise, who furnished the funds to pay the appropriation. As, however, our brother wishes to know the views of the Board, and says there are many others who doubt the propriety of aiding in the erection of such edifices while there are about 400 houseless churches in our connection, we think it proper to say, 1st, That while we believe the word of God abundantly authorizes any congregation to expend their *own means* in the erection of a sanctuary that will compare favourably in costliness and beauty with their private dwellings, we do not feel at liberty to expend the charities of Christian people in the ornamentation of churches. We hold that a feeble church has no more right to call upon other churches to aid it in the erection of a costly and beautiful sanctuary, than a needy disciple has to demand from his fellow disciple rich clothing and luxurious food.

2d. We think that if a church, seeking aid from others, expends upon its edifice anything beyond what is necessary to render it neat, comfortable, and reasonably commodious, it is a misapplication of charitable funds, worthy of severe censure, unless that church has beforehand informed the contributors of its intention, and they, in the discretion of their stewardship, choose to give with this understanding.

3d. We are aware that the common plea for ornamented expenditures is that churches must be made attractive to the world. We think, however, the plea is not true to the extent usually supposed, and that there is very commonly a mistake in the application of the plea as far as true. Conformity to the world has been the curse and bane of multitudes of churches. It is also a mistake to suppose that any other beauties than those of neatness and proportion are really desirable in churches. These beauties, the highest and most permanent, cost but little.

4th. The Board very rarely aids in the erection of costly sanctuaries. The comparatively few grants which have been made to such enterprises have been either donations

which parties specially interested chose to send through the Board, or cases in which it became necessary for the Board to furnish a small amount to save large previous expenditures made without its knowledge or consent. In such instances the Board has always made use of funds placed at its disposal to meet exceptional cases, and it has never drawn on the general contributions of the churches for such purposes. The average cost of the sanctuaries the Board has aided with the funds of the Church is, as nearly as we can ascertain, about \$2000. This simple fact ought to assure contributing churches that their gifts are not spent in ornaments or luxuries.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION IN NOVEMBER, 1866.

<i>Pby of Troy</i> —Waterford ch	\$48 25
<i>Pby of Ebenezer</i> —Burlington ch, from Hon J M Preston,	15 00
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Genesee ch	12 75
<i>Pby of New York</i> —New York 1st ch	1634 00
<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —Huntington 2d ch	11 13
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Wallabout ch	15 71
<i>Pby of Huron</i> —Monroe ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Elizabeth City 1st ch,	60 74
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Pennington ch,	20 00
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Blairstown ch,	26 80
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Mahanoy ch 13 03; Scranton 1st ch 143 09; Mauch Chunk ch 25 34	181 46
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Shrewsbury 1st ch	15 00
<i>Pby of Burlington</i> —Allentown ch	33 75
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Phoenixville ch 2;	
Spring Garden ch Sab-seh 25 89	27 89
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Allen Township ch	15 00
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Williamsburg ch 2½; Kish-ocquoillas ch 25 50	50 50
<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —Darnestown ch	11 35
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Temperanceville ch	11 60
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Slippery Rock ch \$ 50; Newport ch 10 92	14 42
<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Laurel Hill ch	16 00
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Ridge ch	9 67
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Jeromeville ch 5 30; Fred-ericksburg ch 33; Berlin ch 8; Mt Eaton ch 5; Canal Fulton ch 5 83	57 13
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Alliance ch	4 00
<i>Pby of Indianapolis</i> —Indianapolis 3d ch (special)	70 00
<i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —Fort Wayne 1st ch	50 80
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Lexington ch, add'l,	1 00
<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Scales Mound ch 1 20; Zion ch 1 30	2 50
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Dayton 1st ch	27 95
<i>Pby of Dulague</i> —Sherrill's Mount ch	13 30
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Tipton ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Galesville ch 10; Hoxton ch 5	15 00
<i>Pby of Topeka</i> —Iola ch 13 60; Carlyle ch 6 40	20 00
<i>Pby of Fort Dodge</i> —Algona and Unity chs	10 00
<i>Pby of Leavenworth</i> —Leavenworth 1st ch	28 00
<i>Pby of Highland</i> —Salem and Falls City ch	5 00
<i>Pby of St Paul</i> —Forest ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Vinton</i> —Big Grove ch	4 20
<i>Pby of St Louis</i> —Loar ch	4 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Myron Phelps, Esq, and wife, Lewistown, Ill,
100; Mrs E E Townsend, Painted Post, N Y,
5; J Russell, North Jackson, O, 5; B A C 5 115 00

LEGACIES.

Legacy of P P Hiltz, late of Towanda ch, Ills 10 00

Total for November, \$2,589 40
DAVID KEITH, Treasurer,
St. Louis, Mo.

FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS, AND THE NEEDY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

(Continued from December No.)

<p><i>Pby of Bloomington</i>—Waynesville ch 7 20; Lexington ch 10; Mackinaw ch 6 50; Monticello ch 6 50; Salem ch 8 50; Clinton ch 12 60 70</p> <p><i>Pby of Schuyler</i>—Ebenezer ch 14; Dodsaville ch 10 24 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Saltine</i>—Odin ch 3 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Milwaukee</i>—Holland ch 3 70</p> <p><i>Pby of Winnebago</i>—Cambria ch 10 00</p> <p><i>Pby of St Paul</i>—Stillwater ch 6 50; St Anthony ch, Andrew 41 47 50</p> <p><i>Pby of Cedar</i>—Walcott ch 4 40; Davenport ch 5 60 10 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Dubuque</i>—Scotch Grove ch 12; Epworth ch 2; Peosta ch 6 20 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Fairfield</i>—La Fayette ch 2 00</p>	<p><i>Pby of Zanesville</i>—Duncan's Falls ch 7; Salt Creek ch 7 14 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Wooster</i>—Fulton ch 26 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Maumee</i>—Bryan ch 5 25</p> <p><i>Pby of Findlay</i>—Findlay ch 36 27; West Union and Enon Valley 8 44 27</p> <p><i>Pby of Oxford</i>—Oxford 1st ch 7 00</p> <p><i>Pby of New Albany</i>—New Albany ch 55 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Sidney</i>—Cherokee ch 11; Belle Centre ch 5 16 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Madison</i>—Hanover ch 7 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Indianapolis</i>—Indianapolis 3d ch 40 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i>—New Lancaster ch 2 81; Warsaw ch 7 9 81</p> <p><i>Pby of Kaskaskia</i>—St Johns ch 7; Zion ch 6 13 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Sangamon</i>—Springfield 1st ch 108 33; Springfield 3d ch 102 25 210 58</p> <p><i>Pby of Peoria</i>—Myron Phelps and wife, of Lewis-town ch 100 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Bloomington</i>—Union Grove ch 7 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Chicago</i>—North ch 168 66</p> <p><i>Pby of Milwaukee</i>—Milwaukee North ch 40 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Winnebago</i>—Newport ch 5 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Dubuque</i>—Mrs I D Franks, of Scotch Grove ch 1 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Iowa</i>—Mt Pleasant ch 50 15</p> <p><i>Pby of Highland</i>—Salem and Falls City chs 5 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Missouri River</i>—Council Bluff ch 14 95</p> <p><i>Pby of St Louis</i>—Carondelet ch 1; Bethlehem ch 5; Kingswood ch 19 65 25 65</p> <p><i>Pby of Ebenezer</i>—Burlington ch 15 00</p> <p><i>Pby of West Virginia</i>—Kingwood ch 6 50; Pleasant Grove ch 3 50; Morgantown ch 27 09 37 09</p> <p><i>Pby of Benicia</i>—Napa City ch 22 00</p> <p><i>Pby of St Minnesota</i>—Lake City ch 7 00</p>
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MISCELLANEOUS.	
<p>Mrs Benagh Andrews, of Philada, "A Friend," Phila, 88 73</p> <p>James Hamilton, of Carlisle, Pa, 25 00</p> <p>Mrs Mary Vance, of U S Insane Hospital, D C, 5 00</p> <p>Sabbath-school, Lawrenceville, Pa, 16 45</p> <p>Anonymous, per A Martien & Co, Through New York Observer, 5 00</p>	<p>Nov. 5th, 1866. 3,083 73</p>
<p>The following amounts have been received since last report, viz.</p>	
<p><i>Pby of Albany</i>—Rynex Corners ch 21 35; Dr Sprague's ch, add'l, 2 23 25</p> <p><i>Pby of Genesee River</i>—Genesee Central ch 39 94</p> <p><i>Pby of Hudson</i>—Hopewell ch 10 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Long Island</i>—Huntington 2d ch 20 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i>—Elizabeth 1st ch 5 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Pusaia</i>—Chatham Village ch 52 00</p> <p><i>Pby of New Brunswick</i>—Pennington ch 20 00</p> <p><i>Pby of West Jersey</i>—Pittsgrave ch 86 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Newton</i>—Blairstown ch 23 80</p> <p><i>Pby of Luzerne</i>—Mauch Chunk 1st ch 52 73</p> <p><i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i>—Phoenixville ch 5; Charlestown ch 4 9 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i>—Conshohocken ch 7 00</p> <p><i>Pby of New Castle</i>—Fagg's Manor ch 40 38</p> <p><i>Pby of Huntington</i>—Tyrone ch 7; Little Valley ch 24; Hollidaysburg ch 76 13; Williamsburg ch 15; Mifflintown ch 77 75 199 88</p> <p><i>Pby of Ohio</i>—Valley ch 15 50</p> <p><i>Pby of Baltimore</i>—Ellicott's Mills ch 19 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Carlisle</i>—Harrisburg ch 91; Mercersburg ch 30 121 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Redstone</i>—Rehoboth ch 48; Laurel Hill ch 16 64 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Saltsburg</i>—Plum Creek ch 15 92</p> <p><i>Pby of Beaver</i>—New Castle 1st ch 60; Mt Pleasant ch 17 06 77 06</p> <p><i>Pby of Allegheny City</i>—Beaver ch 19 31; Allegheny 1st ch, add'l 6 10 25 41</p> <p><i>Pby of Washington</i>—Tyrone ch 7; Wheeling 1st ch 82 25; Cross Roads ch 9 90; Fairview 7 86 15</p> <p><i>Pby of St Clairsville</i>—Rock Hill ch 13 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Marion</i>—Mt Gilead ch 7 85; York ch 2 9 86</p>	<p>1,974 79</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MISCELLANEOUS.</p> <p>James Russell, of North Jackson, Ohio, 5 00</p> <p>A Brown, of Fredericktown, Ohio, 2 00</p> <p>Interest on Permanent Fund 35 52</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1,974 79</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GEO. H. VAN GELDER, Treasurer Trustees of General Assembly, Office No. 320 Walnut Street Philadelphia, December 6th, 1866.</p> <p>In remitting money to this Fund, the name of the Church and to what Presbytery it belongs, should be distinctly stated, that it may be correctly acknowledged. And where checks or drafts are sent they should be drawn to the order of "GEO. H. VAN GELDER, Treasurer."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FORM OF BEQUEST FOR DISABLED MINISTERS, AND FAMILIES OF DECEASED MINISTERS.</p> <p>I give and bequeath to my executors hereinafter named, — dollars, in trust, nevertheless that they shall, within — months after my decease, pay the same to George H. Van Gelder, Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, or to his successor for the time being in said office, for the use of such disabled ministers and their families as the said the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America shall or may designate.</p>

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The Act of God.

The following testimony taken from the report of Major-General Sickles, in command of the department of the Carolinas, accords with that of our missionaries in all parts of the southern field, in most of its points, especially in regard to the faith and conduct of the freed people. The singular religious tendencies may be accounted for in great measure by the almost universal belief, "that their deliverance from servitude was the act of God." What grander or more touching scheme could be presented to the Church as it labours and prays for the success of missions than this?—A whole people recognizing God as their deliverer, and in the darkness of their ignorance feeling after him, to render an acceptable service of gratitude and praise. This testimony of a military commander ought to arrest the attention of every good man, and lead the doubting followers of Jesus to inquire what the Lord may now be calling upon them to do. It is as follows:

General Sickles's Report

Refers to affairs in the Carolinas and the remainder of his department. He says the condition of the coloured population shows gratifying progress, and adds that "the act of emancipation has been ratified constitutionally by the spontaneous assent of these States. The Legislature of South Carolina has recognized the civil rights of the freedmen as defined by the Civil Rights Bill. In North and South Carolina the courts are open to freedmen for the protection of person and property. In South Carolina they are competent to testify in all cases without disqualification on account of colour, interest, or relation to the subject matter. Their dwellings, schools,

churches, and societies are generally unmolested and secure. They are free to cultivate the soil for themselves, or to engage in any lawful calling, or to hire for wages, as they may choose. And it is only just to declare as the result of my observation, that the conduct of the coloured population has deserved all praise, and justifies the belief that as freemen they will become reliable, worthy, and useful citizens. Conspicuous among the better tendencies of the race is their respect for religion. Devoted to their churches and preachers, they habitually attend divine service, and engage with singular earnestness in all religious observances. The belief is almost universal among the freed people that their deliverance from servitude was the act of God."

He describes numerous outrages committed on the freedmen, and the prompt punishment which has followed them by the military authorities and the Freedmen's Bureau, and suggests that operations be continued to suppress bands of outlaws and "regulators." He thinks that it would be premature as yet to assume that the new order of things in the Southern States is no longer an experiment.

There are under care of the Assembly's Committee now NINE CHURCHES, with membership in each ranging from twenty to four hundred and fifty which are without any kind of a shelter. Yet they worship gladly in the woods, recognizing "their deliverance from servitude as the act of God." And this is but the beginning of the work among the Freedmen. We have just received a draft for \$400 from a Christian brother, to be used in helping to build houses of worship for these poor Christians. This donation was called forth by the perusal of a letter written by one of our missionaries to another. The donor says in the letter covering his remittance: "It makes my heart ache to think of those eight or ten thousand Presbyterians scattered all around, destitute, worshipping in groves, and of those two bodies meeting under a tree for communion services. It does seem to me the Christian community in the North cannot be aware of the extent of the destitution existing at the South; I am sure I did not until I read Mr. —'s

letter." For more than a year we have endeavoured to give to our Church the impression we have of these terrible destitutions and of the necessity for earnest effort to save these Presbyterian freedmen to our Church. If we fail to give them pastors and houses of worship, they will go to those who will. Every church organized must have a school, and both teacher and pastor must be sustained for the present by the Committee.

The cry of the poor famishing Christians grows louder and more earnest as our missionaries explore the field. A pious old negro came fifty miles, a week or two since, to beg for a teacher for his community. The missionary took note of it, because he thought "God had sent him." No church or society had yet discovered them. Surely no pastor or church can be deaf to such a call, or blind to such a mission now appealing to the whole body of Christ. "Whoso is wise let him understand this."

RECEIPTS IN NOVEMBER, 1866.

<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Westminster ch 12; Butler ch 62 30; New Salem ch 28; Scrub Grass ch 64; Union ch 10; Muddy Creek ch 21 30	195 60
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —North ch 52 76; 1st ch Allegheny 167; Beaver ch 8 04	227 80
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Clinton ch 31 45; Waynesville ch 22 85	54 30
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Westminster ch, from Mrs Mary Wood,	100 00
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Little Beaver ch 18 10; New Salem ch 34 45; Beaver Falls ch, add'l 6	58 55
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Second ch Princeton, 41 00	
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Harrisburg ch 115; Paxton ch Sab-sch 12 37	127 37
<i>Pby of Crawfordsville</i> —Bethany ch 5; Waveland ch 16	21 00
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Marion ch 18; Mt Vernon ch 12 18; Linn Grove 15 42	45 60
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Central ch, add'l 100; 7th ch Cincinnati 108 83; Cummins ville ch 29 75	238 58
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Licking ch 54; Leatherwood ch 33 78	87 78
<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Union ch	8 00
<i>Pby of Columbus</i> —Lancaster ch 10 50; Mt Pleasant ch 11	21 50
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Port Chester ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Chicago</i> —Victor ch 5; Clinton Centre ch 6; Willow Creek 47 35	37 35
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Scotch Grove ch 25; Peosta ch 5; Wayne ch 4 75	34 75
<i>Pby of Dane</i> —Prairie du Sac ch 45 06; Richland Centre ch 8; Richland City ch 3; Fancy Creek ch 4	55 06
<i>Pby of Des Moines</i> —White Breast ch 2 40; Chariton ch 3 60	6 00
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Fairfield ch	18 23
<i>Pby of Findlay</i> —Findlay ch	36 28
<i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —First ch Warsaw, add'l 1 50	
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Sparta 2d ch 6 30; 1st Sparta ch 8	14 30
<i>Pby of Highland</i> —Salem and Falls City chs	2 00
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Bald Eagle ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Indianapolis</i> —Bloomington ch	20 00
<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Ononwa ch 3 80; West Point ch 5 10	8 90
<i>Pby of Kaskaskia</i> —Elm Point ch 9 45; Waveland ch 2	11 45
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —First ch Mauch Chunk 59 70; Wyoming ch 15	74 70
<i>Pby of Lake</i> —Crown Point ch	18 00
<i>Pby of Loganport</i> —Rock Creek ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Mohawk</i> —Oswego 1st ch 116 71; Park Central ch 72	188 71

<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Franklin ch	20 75
<i>Pby of Madison</i> —Lexington ch	8 00
<i>Pby of Milwaukee</i> —Port Washington	13 40
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Poland ch 100; Yellow Creek ch, add'l, 7 15; Yellow Creek ch Sab-sch, 12 85	120 00
<i>Pby of North River</i> —Matteawan ch 132 40; Middle Hope ch 2 50; Marlborough ch 23 50	168 40
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Long Island ch	7 81
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Oxford 1st ch 7 50; College Corner 7	14 50
<i>Pby of Rochester City</i> —"Ladies of 1st ch Rochester"	50 50
<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —Belle Centre ch 5 50; 1 ch Piqua 33 70; Bellefontaine ch 23	67 20
<i>Pby of Schuyler</i> —Ebenezer ch 12; Doddsville ch 12; Macomb ch 30 20	54 20
<i>Pby of Salsburg</i> —Gilgal ch 25; Mt Pleasant ch 28; Marion ch 15; Rev John Cruthers, Brady, Pa, 7	75 00
<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —First ch Decatur	31 00
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Cross Creek ch 6 44; Centre ch 2 56; Oak Ridge ch 6	15 00
<i>Pby of St Louis</i> —Second ch St Louis	128 80
<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Orwell ch	14 00
<i>Pby of Vincennes</i> —Petersburg ch 10; Upper Indiana ch 7 40; Bruceville ch 1 60	19 00
<i>Pby of Vinton</i> —Newton ch 15; Vinton ch 11 60	26 50
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Pigeon Creek 51; Three Springs ch 8 63	59 63
<i>Pby of Warren</i> —Monmouth ch 25 60; Prairie City ch 4	29 60
<i>Pby of Winnebago</i> —Cambria ch	11 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs Piper, Quincy, Ill, 5; Rev J A I Lowes, South Salem, O, 3; Miss Lee, Frankford, Ind, 1 47; Synod of Sandusky 31 50; Leander P Phelps, Macomb, Ill, 12; Miss L G Sanford, Erie, Pa, 20; Union Sab-sch. of Turtle Creek, Pa, 10; "F" Taneytown, Md, 5; Rev J D Paxton, D.D., Princeton, Ill, 20; A friend, Shawneetown, Ill, 5; Special donation for Milton sch from col'd Sab-sch, Princeton, N J, 13; Mrs Mary S Larimer, Stuartsville, Pa, 10; James Russell, North Jackson, Ohio, 8; Mrs S Timblin, Brookville, Pa, 1; Mrs S Y Alling, Rochester, N Y, 20; Rev C Dickson, D.D., Baltimore, Md, 60	224 97
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<i>Received at Philadelphia.</i>	
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —El Paso ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Grove Hill ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —New Vernon ch 10; Pluckamin ch 11	21 00
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Mahoning ch, (of which 1 59 is from the Sab-sch)	14 00
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Oxford ch 36 67; Upper Octorara ch 27 40	63 07
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —New Brunswick 2d ch 10 75; Trenton 4th ch, (of which 24 is from E B Fuller and wife), 60	60 75
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Stewartsville ch 15 16; Blairs-town ch 26 50	41 66
<i>Pby of New York</i> —Alexander ch	12 07
<i>Pby of Oregon</i> —Clatsop ch	4 00
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Lewistown ch, from M Phelps, Esq, and wife,	100 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —West Spruce st ch	116 90
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —North ch, Phila, Infant Sab-sch, add'l,	2 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —First ch Norristown 37; Alien Township ch 14	51 00
<i>Pby of Ravitran</i> —Arnwell 2d ch	4 00
<i>Pby of Salsburg</i> —Indiana ch	80 25
<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Stevensville ch 4; Troy ch 18; Wyalusing 2d ch 16	38 00
<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —Virginia ch	20 60
<i>Pby of St Louis</i> —First ch Kirkwood	19 65
<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Milville ch Sab-sch	9 92

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev Joseph H Jones, D.D., Phila, 5; Rev R Taylor, D.D., Princeton, N J, for the Freedmen in Louisiana, 10; Wm Huntingt, Plainfield, N J, 1; Miss J W 20; S R D 20; C A D 20, New York	76 00
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Total receipts in November, \$3,653 43
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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The Church Delinquent—Ill-advised Parsimony.

Iowa.

This leads me to speak of one thing, pressed hard on my notice in my missionary experience. Our missionaries are *very often* driven, as has been my own case, by the inadequacy of their support, to supply the deficiency in their salaries by manual labour of some sort. Now, by teaching, a minister may be not only doing good in a general way, but also advancing the cause of Presbyterianism, especially by establishing parochial schools, but every day spent farming is a decided loss to the missionary cause. Not *so much*, perhaps, though certainly to some extent, directly in missionary work, as indirectly in the matter of study and private devotions. We may still itinerate, visit and preach very nearly if not quite enough, though with inevitable difficulty, but we must study to preach with profit to our hearers. We must study, not only because we have intelligent audiences to preach to, or because infidelity opposes us with the weapons of intelligence, but also because those that would teach

must first *know*, and because without study the mind becomes impoverished, and its powers enfeebled. It is not at all uncommon for a young man to spend his best days in the drudgery of itinerant missionary work and manual labours, until he finds he can't preach half so well as when he left the seminary. I have known men *to have* to leave the very churches they gathered together, because when the time for *preaching* came they found they could not give satisfaction. Our missionary force in the field can't do the *amount* of work they ought to do, and their *efficiency* is greatly diminished intellectually for want of adequate support. Our Church is abundantly able, not only to support (our) her present force fully in their work, but could also put every W. C., in our Church, *worth anything*, into the field on the same footing. Would she do this, our missionary work would soon be of vastly more honour to her than it is now, for it certainly is far behind what it might be. If we send an army on a warfare, we must support it, if we expect it to accomplish anything.

I may be wrong, but I have long entertained the opinion that our people do neither correctly understand the domestic missionary work, nor fully appreciate it. They judge of it by the pastoral work in more favourable circumstances, and by the church at the East, or in their own cities, and hence it does not impress them as deeply as it should, nor receive the patronage it demands. They should be corrected, and, I think, must be, before they meet the demands of the cause.

Presbytery will apply for three hundred dollars for us this next year, and as I am fully convinced of the necessity, as the interests of the cause depends on my being supported in my proper work, and as I hope to need *so much* but one year, if I continue in this field, I earnestly entreat it may be granted.

Patient working—Thankfulness for any tokens of success.

Iowa.

Dear Brother,—I am reminded as I sit down to report another quarter of missionary labour finished, that report of the same has already been borne to heaven. How richly compensating for patient toil unacknowledged and unnoticed by the world, is the thought which the obscure missionary is permitted rejoicingly though tremblingly to indulge, that he has been in some degree instrumental of increase of the "joy in heaven." I am not able to report large accessions to the church, through my ministry, but I bless God that some wanderers have thus been led to the Good Shepherd's fold. At our last communion six persons were admitted to membership of the church in this place. A hus-

band and wife were received from the United Presbyterian Church. A wife without her husband from the Congregational Church. Another husband, whose wife had for many years been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, joined her in confessing Christ, and both together united with us. Another wife was received, who, after long years of hesitation, has happily joined her husband in the endeavour to "walk in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless." These may seem small favours to those who count converts by the score or hundred, flocking "as doves to their windows," but to us who have watched, and waited, and toiled, and laboured long in loneliness and disappointment, they are big drops of rich unmerited mercy, filling our hearts with gladness, and displaying in our horizon a bow bright with hope and promise. May the dear hope be realized! But if instead of fructifying showers, and bright growing days, darkness and drought and desolating storms shall be our allotment, we pray that we may not be "weary in well-doing," assured that "in due season," in God's good time, "we shall reap if we faint not." Our two weekly prayer-meetings in this place are well attended. The fewness and scattered condition of the membership at C— render weekly social meetings there unfeasible. At both places the Sabbath audiences are good. My regular Sabbath-day's journey now is sixteen miles. I preach twice and often thrice each Sabbath. I have baptized two adults and three infants, since my last report.

Throughout a large belt of this

region, the crops of last season were a failure. Many acres yielded little more than the seed scattered on them in the spring. This lessens the ability of the people to add to the scant sum (\$150) they raise toward my support. This, in connection with the disappointment of receiving aid from my children's earnings the past summer, makes the beginning of dreary winter still more dreary, and the aid of the Board of Domestic Missions doubly welcome.

Early Death—Sad Loss to an Important Field.

Dear Brother,—I send you a hasty line giving you the very sad intelligence that our precious young brother, A. L. Wilson, is gone to his long home. He died on last Saturday at half-past one o'clock, at the house of N. McGill, Esq., one of the elders of the Madisonville Church, in the midst of a large number of weeping friends. I was one of the number. I had been with him from Wednesday morning previous. At his own special request I "remained with him until his change," which he said "would not be longer than the Sabbath-day, if so long." So on that day it was my very solemn duty to follow him to his church, (where but seven weeks before I had assisted him in his communion meeting,) and conduct his funeral solemnities, and witness the interment of his mortal remains just a little in the rear of his church.

His disease was the most rapid case of consumption I ever knew. He was taken with hemorrhage from his lungs on Sabbath night at church, just six weeks before he was buried. The discharge was very copious, and afterwards very frequent for some three weeks, and then cough and heavy discharges of heavy white matter. As he was greatly beloved, so is he now greatly lamented, cut off in the very dawn of the most promising and

useful life. The most growing young minister I have ever known. He grew in grace and in favour with all the people. Every one who saw him and heard him as a minister loved him. He died in full triumph of the Christian faith, fully resigned, and, at the last, was truly desirous to depart, that he might enter "his everlasting home."

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN DECEMBER, 1866.

- SYNOD OF ALBANY.**—*Pby of Albany*—Kingsborough ch 105 80 Little Falls ch 55 73. *Pby of Mohawk*—Park Central ch. Syracuse, 120. *Pby of Troy*—Waterford ch 96 69 \$378 23
- SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.**—*Pby of Allegheny*—Glate Lick ch 33 85; Brady's Bend ch 18; Concord ch 21; North Butler ch 6; Freeport ch 48; Scrub Grass ch 30; New Salem ch 18. *Pby of Allegheny City*—Freedom ch 8 57; Emaworth ch 4 50; North ch. Allegheny, 10. *Pby of Beaver*—New Castle 1st ch 47 23; New Salem ch 4 25. *Pby of Erie*—Mercer 2d ch 16 15; Big Sugar Creek ch 5; Greenfield ch 4; Cool Spring ch 11; Salem ch 10 225 57
- SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.**—*Pby of Baltimore*—Taneytown ch 145 04. *Pby of Carlisle*—Upper Path Valley ch 70; Green Castle ch 38; Mechanicburg ch 28; Millerstown ch 29 35; Gettysburg ch 64 96, (of which Sab-ach 21); Great Conewago ch 30; Harrisburg ch 127 43; Tom's Creek ch 22 08; Piney Creek ch 11 64. *Pby of Leona*—Dover ch 15; Snow Hill ch 7 15. *Pby of Potomac*—Seventh St ch, Washington, 5 40; New York Av ch, Washington, 22 50 616 55
- SYNOD OF BUFFALO.**—*Pby of Genesee River*—Tuscarora ch 6; Caledonia 1st ch 42 61; Wyoming ch 30 11. *Pby of Rochester City*—Charlotte ch 8; Seneca ch 10 96 72
- SYNOD OF CHICAGO.**—*Pby of Bureau*—Andover ch 8. *Pby of Chicago*—Willow Creek ch 43; St Anne 2d ch 4 35. *Pby of Rock River*—Sterling ch 42 50; Foreston Ger ch 13; Dixon ch 46 47. *Pby of Schuyler*—Ebenezer ch 18; Dodsaville ch 8; Hopewell ch 12. *Pby of Warren*—Rev Jos Platt 12 50 207 82
- SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.**—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Belfast ch 5. *Pby of Miami*—Springfield 1st ch 50 55 00
- SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.**—*Pby of Bloomington*—Lexington ch 20; Mackinaw ch 9; Galloway ch 10; Gilman ch 6; Brenton ch 6. *Pby of Kaskaskia*—St John's Ger ch 2 40. *Pby of Palestine*—Arcola ch 2 50; Milton ch 2 50. *Pby of Peoria*—Peoria 2d ch 74 70; Princeville ch 20 56. *Pby of Saline*—Salem ch 13. *Pby of Sangamon*—Springfield 3d ch 100 206 66
- SYNOD OF INDIANA.**—*Pby of Madison*—Hanover ch 17. *Pby of New Albany*—Sharon ch 2. *Pby of Vincennes*—Sullivan ch 5 35 24 65
- SYNOD OF IOWA.**—*Pby of Cedar*—Cedar Valley ch 8 75; Summit ch 15; Long Grove ch 7; Tip-ton ch 29 65; Muscatine Ger ch 14; Fairview ch 6 70. *Pby of Dubuque*—Chester ch 3 35; Lime Springs ch 2 80; Andrew ch 7; Farmer's Creek ch 3; Prairie ch 4. *Pby of Vinton*—Newton ch 30; Rock Creek and Corinth chs 16; York ch 2 144 25
- SYNOD OF KANSAS.**—*Pby of Highland*—Atchison ch 17 00
- SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.**—*Pby of West Lexington*—Hopewell ch 10 00
- SYNOD OF MISSOURI.**—*Pby of Palmyra*—Rev J P

Finley and wife, a thank offering, 10; Rev A Stead and wife 5. *Pby of Upper Missouri*—Fillmore ch 17 50, (of which 10 from Rev J N Young.) 32 50

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Elizabethtown*—Lamington ch 70; Perth Amboy ch 30. *Pby of Luzerne*—Newton ch 7; Summit Hill ch 25, (of which Sab-sch 3 61); Conyngam ch 20; Archbald Ger ch 6. *Pby of Monmouth*—Manalapan ch 89, (of which 19 a thank offering from Mrs Jno Van Doren.) *Pby of New Brunswick*—Lawrence ch 140; Kingston ch 31 99; 4th ch, Trenton, 173, (of which E B Fuller, Esq, and wife 100.) *Pby of Newton*—Harmony ch 37 50. *Pby of Passaic*—Morristown 1st ch, add'l, 20; German ch, Paterson, 10. *Pby of Raritan*—Bloomsbury ch 20 03; Frenchtown ch 30 14; Kingwood ch 27 50; Clinton ch (Ladies Miss Soc) 30. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Monroeton ch 7. *Pby of West Jersey*—Bridgeton 2d ch 43 68, (of which 28 68 from Sab-sch); Bridgeton 1st ch 300, (of which 54 from Ladies Soc); Cedarville ch 35 25, 1,003 09

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Hudson*—Hamptonburg ch 32; White Lake ch 7; Jeffersonville Ger ch 5 03; Goshen ch 79 19. *Pby of Long Island*—Middletown ch 16 63; South Haven ch 10. *Pby of Nassau*—Throop Av ch, Brooklyn 47 76; 8 Third St ch, Williamsburg from Miss Brace, 10. *Pby of New York*—Jersey City 1st ch 10; Brick ch 1,560 45; Alexander ch 3 50; Fifth Av and Nineteenth St ch 5,887 83 *Pby of New York 2d*—Canal St ch 13 45. *Pby of North River*—Middle Hope ch 14; Marlborough ch 30 50 7,727 33

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Crawfordsville*—Union ch 10. *Pby of Fort Wayne*—Lancaster ch 5; Wabash ch 25; Kendallville 1st ch 16; Pleasant Ridge ch 20; Elhannon ch 5. *Pby of Lake*—Valparaiso ch 26 45. *Pby of Logansport*—Oxford ch 6 60. *Pby of Muncie*—Muncie 1st ch 18; Hopewell ch 3; Hartford ch 4; Union ch 5 138 95

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Columbus*—Westminster ch, Columbus, 29 53; Groveport ch 2; Dublin ch 6 75; Lancaster ch 46 68. *Pby of Hocking*—Barlow ch 4 75; Decatur ch 3. *Pby of Marion*—Liberty ch 6. *Pby of Richland*—Fredericksburg ch 27; Utica ch 6 38; Vermillion Institute 16. *Pby of Zanesville*—Zanesville 2d ch 28; Beulah ch 2 178 09

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Marietta ch, in part, 30; Little Britain ch 13; Union ch 34 40. *Pby of Huntingdon*—Logan Valley ch 30; Sinking Valley ch 36 40; Bingham ch 70; Milroy ch 65; Bellefonte ch Sab-sch 73 60; Upper Tuscarora ch 9; East Kishacoquillas ch 110 05; Rev R B Moore 50. *Pby of New Castle*—Upper Octorara ch 62; Benevolent Fund of New London congregation 71 84, (of which Mr N C 10, session house Sab-sch 6 84); Downingtown ch 15. *Pby of Northumberland*—Sunbury ch 30; New Berlin 1st ch 13; Mifflinburg ch 23; Derry ch 15 79; Chillisquaque ch, Miss Soc, 15; Mooresburg ch, F M Soc, 5 65; Lycoming ch 5; Lycoming Centre ch 10; Linden ch 5. *Pby of Philadelphia*—Mariner's ch 5; 6th ch 109; Chester ch 30. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Penn ch 20 04; Hestonville ch 5 25; Great Valley ch 22; North ch, add'l, 25; Cohocksink ch 15; Second ch, from "M S," 2 50. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Bensalem ch 18 05 1,035 57

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—Ebensburg ch 12 10; Unity ch 80. *Pby of Clarion*—Bethesda ch 19 00; Middle Creek ch 6 10; Oak Grove ch 4; Perry ch 20 55. *Pby of Ohio*—First ch, Pittsburg, 528 13; Forest Grove ch 17; Montrose ch 15; Bethel ch 62 50; East Liberty ch, in part, 286 51; Pittsburg 2d ch 415 21. *Pby of Redstone*—Sewickley ch 26 45; Rehoboth ch 54 45; Tent ch 10 50; Georges Creek ch 19 50. *Pby of Saltsburg*—Cherry Run ch 6 30; Jacksonville ch, add'l, 5; Saltsburg ch 49 94 1,637 14

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—Winona ch 32. *Pby of St Paul*—Stillwater 2d and White Bear Lake chs 22; Westminster ch,

Minneapolis, 51 48. *Pby of S Minnesota*—Preston ch 3 50 103 98

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Findlay*—Blanchard ch 4 20; Pleasantville ch 8 30. *Pby of Maumee*—Union ch, add'l, 1 81; Bethesda ch 7. *Pby of Michigan*—Zealand ch 3; Woodhull ch 5 67. *Pby of Western Reserve*—McCutchersonville ch 4 65; La Fayette ch 9 43 63

SYNOD OF S. IOWA.—*Pby of Fairfield*—Birmingham ch 5 25. *Pby of Missouri River*—Muddy Creek ch 6 50; Nemaha River ch 6 75; Nebraska City ch 6 36; Afton ch 7 50; Glenwood ch 4 50 36 85

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Salem ch 42 35; Rehoboth ch 14 92; Newton ch 11 89; Middle Sandy ch 18. *Pby of St Clairsville*—Nottingham ch 40 50. *Pby of Steubenville*—New Philadelphia ch 10; New Hagerstown ch 27; Amsterdam ch 2 50; Deersville ch 3 50; Feed Spring ch 2 50; Hanna fund of Centre Unity ch 140; Cross Creek and Centre chs 14. *Pby of Washington*—Claysville ch 36; Cross Roads ch 20 53; Burgetts town ch 14 95; Cove ch 13 50 411 94

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Verona ch 1; Platteville Ger ch 3 50; Lake View ch 5; Belleville ch 5; Dayton ch 2; Richland Centre ch 4; Richland City ch 4; Fancy Creek ch 2. *Pby of Milwaukee*—Janesville ch 62; North ch, Milwaukee, 190, (of which 50 from Mr P C Hale); Port Washington ch 20 56; Beloit 1st ch 50. *Pby of Winnebago*—Assembly ch, Beaver Dam, 7; Robinsonville ch 7; Deperes ch 17 380 06

Total Receipts from churches \$14,946 57

MISCELLANEOUS.—"Orange" 20; A lady of Delaware 5; Miss De Pue 2; Mrs Jane Hubbard, Ohio, 20; "S M H" 50; Mrs "M F," Greensburg, Pa, 10; Mrs Elizabeth R King, Wyoming, 20; L P Stone 100 227 00

LEGACIES.—Legacy, in part, of Wm McClung, late of Indiana, 700, less exc 88 = 699 12; Legacy of Miss Emily Duncan, dec'd, 500, less tax 30 = 470; Legacy of James H Will, dec'd, 400; Estate of Wm Thompson 5 1,574 12

Total Receipts in December, \$16,747 69

S. D. POWELL, Treasurer,
No. 907 Arch street, Philadelphia.

CLOTHING.

1 box from ladies of 1st ch Mercer, Pa, valued at \$199 31
1 package from lady in Camden, N J, valued at 3 00
1 box from ladies of 1st church Bridgeport, Conn, valued at 120 00
1 box from ladies of 1st ch New Brunswick, N J, valued at 260 00
1 box from ladies of 1st ch Dayton, O, valued at 165 00
1 box from ladies of 1st ch Trenton, N J, valued at 235 00
1 box from ladies of Sing Sing, ch N Y, value not given.
1 box from ladies of Park ch Erie, Pa, valued at 165 73
1 barrel from ladies of Astoria ch, N Y, value not given.
1 box from ladies of West Spruce St ch Phila, valued at 826 34

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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTHOUS, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW: PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

He that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.—Prov. x. 6.

"Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men labour, and ye are entered into their labours."—John iv. 34-38.

Appointments of the General Assembly in behalf of the Board of Education.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR YOUTH AND SCHOOLS—WITH A COLLECTION FOR THE GENERAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF THE BOARD—*The Last Thursday of February*, the 28th of the present month.

SABBATH FOR ANNUAL PRESENTATION OF THE OBJECTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION—WITH A COLLECTION FOR THE MINISTERIAL DEPARTMENT OF THE BOARD—*The first Sabbath of March*, the 3d day, in this year; or as soon thereafter as possible.

Our Sabbath.

We have a certain piece of property, a tract of time, which has been made over to us by the highest earthly court of our Sovereign. We hold it not of law, but of love; love to the Lord, and love to his kingdom. The General Assembly of the Church has defined it to be "the first Sabbath in March," ("or as soon thereafter as possible"). And now we wish to notify our brethren generally that we are anxious they should respect this property. Every one of them concedes that we ought to have *some one* Sabbath of the fifty-two in the district of the year. But if one person gives us his foot-square on this hill, and another his rood-square in that valley, and another forgets all about the matter, it will be very hard to use or cultivate it. There will be a great deal of unnecessary trouble, and of unnecessary expense, and of unnecessary loss. As the Court says, let us have a fair piece of *common*, lying together, and well-situated. And

do not stint us as to timber, and grass, and springs of water. It is all not our property, but our blessed Lord's. We are, under Him, your herdsmen, taking care of your sheep, and your lambs. And what we claim, therefore, is not for our own, but for the good of all, and because it will be pleasing in His eyes.

Well, you ask, *how shall we observe this Sabbath?*

1. The Sermons.

What a multitude of texts, what a variety of topics, may be brought properly to bear upon the great theme of the day! Parental duties; baptismal vows; revival mercies; the nature of the covenant of a soul with its Redeemer; the wants of the age, the high privileges of American youth; their great dangers and temptations; the present posture of Christianity; the essential character and noble record of Presbyterianism in all ages; appropriate prophecies; the commands, and the example, of the Lord Jesus. And many more are there that all point to this one great design, to inspire the young with a zeal to preach the gospel of eternal life to a dying world; parents and teachers with determination to exert their mighty, their next to the All-mighty, influence towards aiding in this glorious work; and high and low, rich and poor, males and females, with the heavenly principles which will lead them to pray in sincerity, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," and to honestly consecrate and use their property and influence for this chief end of man. Conceived in prayer, matured in prayer, and pressed with fervour upon the hearts and consciences of a Christian people, accompanied with a soul-felt confidence in the Holy Spirit to give effect to the truth, how powerful the influence such appeals may exert! And just so far as they are truly made as though God did beseech men by us, and as in the stead of Christ, whose commission we obey, will men yield to them. Jesus standing there unseen will give every thrust of the word power to pierce many hearts. The arrows will be sharp whereby the people fall under thee. There shall be many a youth from whose eyes there shall fall as it had been scales,

and he shall be shown how great things he must suffer for Jesus' name's sake. There shall be many an Isaac at length, by subdued parental hands, bound and led, with the fire and the wood, to the mount of the Lord. And many a box of hoarded wealth shall be broken and poured, filling the house with the odor, upon Jesus' feet.

2. The Collection.

It should be plainly presented before the people that the Board of Education is that arm of the Church which is designed to secure to it a faithful, zealous and well-trained ministry. The class of men it aids should be dwelt upon; those whom the Church most needs, large numbers of them the sons of faithful ministers and elders, who when they give them give their all; and many of them occupying at this moment the most useful and most honoured positions in the missionary field abroad, in that at home, and in our seminaries, colleges, and other places of great importance to the Church. The magnitude of its past work, and the number of candidates in the ministry it has helped through the whole or a portion of their course, should be dwelt upon; in all, until the present time, near *thirty-five hundred*; a number greater by one-half than the entire living ministry of the Church.

Men whose incomes are above what is sufficient for the support of their families, should be made to feel their duty, if they have not given a "first-born" themselves to the Lord, to pay the "redemption" they owe by meeting the cost of maintaining a student for the ministry of the gospel, and thus wrath be averted from their house. All should be made to feel that a tongue is given them to obey the command to "preach the gospel to every creature" when they aid to raise up men to go in their stead. And it is well that the contributions be taken, not by the bag, but upon slips of paper upon which each may write down his conclusion as to duty in the sight of God and sign to it his name, as he is willing to answer to it.

3. Cultivating the seed sown.

The minister in whose bosom glows sympathetic love for the Friend that "so loved" us will follow up anxiously the solemn impressions of such a Sabbath. Here is a talented youth whom a few more affectionate and prayerful words, like rays of the sun in spring, may topple from his selfish purposes, and make, instead of a glittering spire of ice upon a barren pinnacle, a means to diffuse, down in the valley, streams that

shall start verdure, and multiply the bread of life. Prayer should be made without ceasing in the Church of God for the great ends of the Board of Education, and for those appointed to administer them. And counsel should be given to the disciple soon to be planted like bare grain, but assured that he shall be quickened though he die, that he should deposit with him, while yet he retains control of the property with whose use God has entrusted him, a worthy proportion, where it shall bear to him fruit that he may enjoy beyond the grave, fruit that on earth shall renew itself many fold, generation after generation, fruit that yields an odor of a sweet smell, well-pleasing to God. This should be kept in mind in preparing for death and judgment.

The Day of Prayer for Youth and Schools.

This day should be observed in every Church, and by every sincere Christian, for several weighty reasons.

1. It brings before the throne of Divine grace, and remembers the wants of all the coming generation; first our own children, then the youth of the country, then the rising generation of the world.

2. It covers all the educational agencies by which that generation is to be fitted for the great ends for which God created man, or else be left evil and refuse forever.

3. The Christian teachers of the country call on you to thus remember them. Many of them have said, Our most precious revivals in past days have been dated from this day of prayer: O pray for greater, far greater, blessings upon our schools, academies, seminaries, and colleges: the burthen of souls is upon us.

4. The institutions of learning need it. Some of them are Marahs, "bitter" and poisonous. They need a tree, a tree red with Divine blood, to be cast into their waters to heal them.

5. The country, horrified by so much crime, still amidst the evils consequent upon war, must have a regeneration of her youth, if she is to fill her mission from the Governor of the nations, and be a light to all lands.

6. The missionaries of the cross beseech you, in loud and earnest tones, to call on God to bless the institutions of learning, and raise up from them many who shall be intelligent and pious preachers, and teachers, and physicians, and

translators, and Christian jurists and Christian merchants, among the heathen; and to pray for their boarding schools, day-schools, theological schools, and female seminaries; and for the youth in the numerous and most important schools of the heathen themselves, some of which already the Lord is wonderfully stirring up, to inquire into the religion that comes to them from the lands of the West.

7. The hearts of agonized parents watch for the results of your prayers. Many a dear son or daughter, O how dear! is yet at enmity with Christ. Solemnly dedicated to God, they yet weary him with their sins. Pray for those children. Pray for the schools whose shade is affecting them for good or for evil.

8. The Church, by her General Assembly, requests your prayers for the youth and schools. Hear her voice, as she speaks with authority from her Lord, whose tenderest care and love was given to the young on earth, who made their character the best human model for the imitation of the saints. And to prove the sincerity of your prayers, whether they be rapid blasts of sound, or the utterances of souls anxious to see the ends accomplished for which they plead with God, she has enjoined her Board of Education to receive your contributions of money, and apply them to the support of her Christian institutions. The Church asks you to pray and give.

A Visit to Geneseo.

It came in our way, in connection with other objects connected with this Board, to visit Geneseo Academy, the favorite child of the Synod of Buffalo.

The scenery of Western New York, and of Northern Pennsylvania about the shores of the Susquehanna, often enchants the traveller. It unites, in a style peculiar to this region, majesty, beauty, and tranquillity. The New York lakes, we doubt not, merit descriptive poetry as much as Windemere or Constance.

The village of Geneseo lies in the valley of the Geneseo River. From the higher points about it may be seen, half hidden by the trees, the white dwellings of numerous other villages, whose spires indicate the strong religious character of the population. The more elevated ground upon which the buildings of the academy stands is suitably entitled Temple Hill. From the observatory

upon its summit we look upon the acres of native forest, left untouched, which belong to the Academy; not far off, upon the cemetery, one of whose fine monuments is that of the lamented Gen. Wadsworth, once governor of the State, whose immense landed estate surrounds the whole village, all of it surrendered at the call of his country, for his labours in the camp, and in the end for his life—a lesson of self-devotion to which the soldiers of the cross may well give heed; and farther away upon the cultivated slopes which rise upon either side of the Geneseo, and terminate in regular parallel ranges of hills.

The academy is one of the best sustained, and most evangelical in its influence, to be found in the country. It seems to be one of those where the admission of both sexes has been found advantageous. For forty years it has shed a beneficent influence over the region. There are now connected with it, according to a late catalogue, 116 young gentlemen, and 105 young ladies; in all 221. It carries the former up as far as the studies of the Sophomore year at colleges. The great aim is to combine, with intellectual progress, the cultivation of the heart, and to lead its students to know the ever-blessed Jesus, in whom are hid (but to be freely given away for only the sincere asking) all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. And the influence of such men as Dr. Ward, Mr. Jones, (its principal now,) and others, has been owned from on high in revival after revival of religion.

Should so noble an institution at any time want in the pecuniary means to give it all the success of which it is otherwise capable? A few thousand dollars at the present time would enable it to make important and much needed improvements and repairs. A few thousands more would provide it with some of those adjvants to instruction which are so necessary in a well-furnished school of science. In these days of magnificent liberality to schemes of benevolence, we commend to some of our enlightened and earnest fellow-Christians of Western New York, the claims upon them of this interesting seminary. That would be seed which would smell sweet and blossom when they are dust.

Stirring words from another Missionary.

In the last *Record*, we gave portions of a letter from a foreign missionary. Here is something from another, and, it

may be added, one of the most honoured and successful of those who have gone abroad. His words should rouse like a trumpet both ministers and students.

When "Education Societies" were first organized, the object as announced was to raise up missionaries, labourers for the destitute portions of our land, and for the heathen; but latterly that object seems to have been lost sight of, and the entire body of our theological students can see no grain to reap outside the limits of these United States, and most of them are just expecting to wait around the threshold of these Eastern churches, till some pastor dies, or till the people want a change and then they hope for a chance to get in, and build on his foundation, and live on his salary. Theological students have got that miserable notion—that wretched ambition—of preparing and preaching elegant and elaborate sermons all their days.

Why is it any more my duty to go off on a foreign mission than it is the duty of any other minister of the Church, or for any private member even, provided, of course, that they are fit, and other circumstances permit their going? I hold, and so do you, that no man can say or believe that he has a call to the ministry, unless he is willing to go and preach among the Gentiles, if there the Lord has need of him; and no Presbytery should license a man to preach until he can say he is willing to go and work wherever in the vineyard there is work to do, and when he has said it, stick to it.

Now why not be honest, and be in earnest in these matters, as well as in the Army and Navy, and in other departments of life? We ministers in Presbytery and General Assembly talk very big, "O, we are going to preach the gospel to all the world in a mighty short space of time;" and those same ministers will go home, and nestle down into their snug nests, and eat the fat and drink the sweet as long as they can. Ministers in General Assembly "Resolving" are one thing—at home, acting, or non-acting, they are another thing.

The fact is, we must be zealous, and so zealous that even our co-presbyters will think us like Paul, "mad," or like Jesus, "beside himself," and until they too shall become fired up with a due degree of zeal.

Now is the time! There is nothing in the way of the gospel being given to "the whole world" within the space of ten years! Sit down and figure on it, and you will find it so.

"The Living God."—Extra Edition.

Our tract sent out as a supplement to the January Record, has been called for by a number of pastors for distribution in their congregations. We have had an extra edition printed, which will furnish it to those who desire it at four cents a copy for less than fifty, or \$3.00 per hundred; which includes postage. It should be ordered soon.

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN DECEMBER, 1866.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pky of Albany</i> —New Scotland ch 26 10; Ballston Spa ch 14 44	\$40 54
<i>Pky of Allegheny</i> —Sunbury ch	6 00
<i>Pky of Bloomington</i> —Galloway ch	5 00
<i>Pky of Connecticut</i> —First ch Hartford	17 00
<i>Pky of Carlisle</i> —Gettysburg Sab-sch	1 13
<i>Pky of Dane</i> —Verona 1st ch	2 00
<i>Pky of Dubuque</i> —Wayne ch	2 70
<i>Pky of Erie</i> —Salem ch	2 00
<i>Pky of Fort Dodge</i> —Algona and Unity chs	6 00
<i>Pky of Fairfield</i> —Martinsburg ch 3; Sigourney ch 2	5 00
<i>Pky of Genesee River</i> —Oakland ch	5 00
<i>Pky of Hudson</i> —Monticello ch 15 96; Scotchtown ch 11 35	27 31
<i>Pky of Huntingdon</i> —Milroy ch	60 00
<i>Pky of Michigan</i> —Zeeland ch	3 00
<i>Pky of Nassau</i> —S Third st ch Williamsburg	7 00
<i>Pky of New Brunswick</i> —Laurenceville ch	50 00
<i>Pky of New Castle</i> —New London ch Benevolent Fund	55 00
<i>Pky of New York 2d</i> —S Greensburg ch	34 44
<i>Pky of Northumberland</i> —Lewisburg ch	46 00
<i>Pky of Ohio</i> —Chartiers ch	26 65
<i>Pky of Ogdensburg</i> —Hammond ch	10 45
<i>Pky of Potomac</i> —New York Av ch Washington	52 75
<i>Pky of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Chestnut Hill ch, from J T Young, Esq.	100 00
<i>Pky of Philadelphia Central</i> —Central ch, Phila. 246 96; North ch, Phila, 37 36	284 31
<i>Pky of Richland</i> —Savannah ch	23 00
<i>Pky of Saltsburg</i> —Glade Run ch	17 00
<i>Pky of Shanghai</i> —Shanghai ch	28 40
<i>Pky of Stoubenville</i> —Minerva ch 5; Center Unity ch Hanna Fund 140	145 00
<i>Pky of Washington</i> —First ch, Washington, 46 75; New Cumberland ch 22 52	69 27
<i>Pky of West Jersey</i> —Cedarville ch 17; Salem ch 21 15	38 15
<i>Pky of Winnebago</i> —Juneau ch	3 00
<i>Pky of Wooster</i> —Dalton ch, to con Dr S K Snodgrass Hon Mem	45 85
<i>Pky of Zanesville</i> —Muskingum ch	12 50
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LEGACIES.

Estate of Miss Emily Duncan, New York, per H S & C P Leverick, exacts. 500, less U S tax 30	470 00
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MISCELLANEOUS.

A lady, of Delaware, 5; J E Parsons, Esq. New York, 25; Rev W J McCord, Wassaic, New York, 2	32 00
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WILLIAM MAIN, Treasurer.

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Recent Intelligence.

MISSION HOUSE, New York. }
 January 14th, 1867. }

LETTERS have been received from—

Chippewa, December 2d.
 Omaha, December 17th.
 Tallahassee, Creek Nation, December 19th.
 Yokohama, October 3d.
 Shanghai, October 15th.
 Canton, November 13th.
 Bangkok, November 9th.
 Allahabad, November 23d.
 Futehgurh, November 22d.
 Dehra, November 20th.
 Landour, November 1st.
 Lodiana, November 21st.
 Corisco, October 11th.
 Liberia, October 15th.
 Rio de Janeiro, November 24th.
 Bogota, November 17th.

NOTICES OF MISSIONARIES.—The Rev. A. W. Loomis embarked at New York, on the *Henry Chauncey*, on the 11th of January, returning to the missionary work among the Chinese in California. Our last number reported the departure from this life of Mrs. Loomis, a faithful and effective missionary labourer for many years. We are sure that our readers will follow Mr. Loomis with their sympathies and prayers, as he goes back to his post of labour. The Rev. Messrs. J. R. Ramsay, and W. S. Robertson and their families, formerly, and for many years connected with the Creek and Seminole Mission, from which they were compelled to withdraw early in the Rebellion, have now returned to the Indian country as missionaries of the Board. They met with a friendly reception, and were enabled at once to enter to some extent on their work. Their plans were not fully settled, however, but there was a good prospect of useful labours set before them, both in preaching the gospel, and in the instruction of the young. Some notices of their journey, &c., will be found in another column. The Rev. S. R. House, M.D., and his wife had arrived safely at Canton, on their way to Siam.

MEMBERS ADDED TO THE CHURCH.—

Mr. Amos mentions the admission of four persons to the communion of the church in Monrovia, and Mr. Priest speaks of several members lately admitted to the church in Sinou, Liberia. Mr. Simonton reports one new member received in the church in Rio de Janeiro; and Mr. Blackford gives an interesting account of thirteen persons received as members of the church in Brotas and vicinity, Brazil. Mr. Wilson refers to the baptism of a hopeful convert at Petchaburi, and Mr. Carden to the baptism of another in Bangkok, Siam. The new church members at the former station would probably accompany the brethren who go to commence missionary work among the Laos.

A MEDICAL MISSIONARY wanted at Corisco.—The brethren at Corisco have sent a request for a missionary physician. They earnestly desire to have such a labourer connected with them, and he would certainly find there a position of great usefulness. We hope this brief notice will receive attention, and we will be happy to furnish further information on the subject, in reply to any letters.

The Creek Mission Recommended.

The Rev. Messrs. J. R. Ramsay and W. S. Robertson and their families, have returned to the Indian country, under the direction of the Board, to take up again the work of missions among the Creeks and Seminoles, a work which they had to leave at the beginning of the late rebellion. They met with a cordial reception, and were encouraged by the prospect of useful missionary labours among these tribes. We insert here an extract from Mr. Ramsay's first letter, written at Fort Gibson, C. N., December 10th, 1866.

Journey—Arrival at Fort Gibson.

I write to inform you that we have arrived here in safety. We reached this

place on last Thursday morning, the 6th inst., and were very thankful for the watchful care of our Heavenly Father, in our long and wearisome journey.

We left Highland, Kansas, on Wednesday the 14th of November. The weather was quite cold, when we left, and we were apprehensive that we would have an uncomfortable journey, with our families of little children. But we found it milder than we dared to hope, met with no mishap, except that one wagon wheel broke down, which caused us a detention of one day, a tire came off another, and the tongue was broken out of another in a mud hole, but these last cost us no detention.

On our second Sabbath out, we camped in the bottom of the Mormaton Creek, near Fort Scott, and attended Brother Irvin's church. It was his communion day. He treated us very kindly. I preached for him on Sabbath night. Next day it rained all day, and we remained in Fort Scott, at Brother Irvin's, and on Tuesday afternoon started again for Fort Gibson. . . .

Ruins at the old Mission Station—The good Work recommenced.

On Friday Brother Robertson and I got on our horses, and rode over into the Creek country. We stopped at the old mission at Tallahassee, and almost wept at beholding its ruins. Every door and window is gone; also some of the flooring is gone; the door casings are also very much injured, being chopped in getting out the hinges. Some of the brick wall of the kitchen wing is also torn down, and some of the partition in the main building. All the out-houses are stripped of their flooring, all the fencing is gone, and the well is somewhat filled up with rubbish, but we think it can soon be cleaned out. There are still some fine apple trees standing about the mission. It will probably take \$5000 to put it in the same condition in which it was left when the war commenced. Only one thousand has as yet been appropriated for that purpose by the Indian Council.

In this letter Mr. Ramsay speaks of having preached at the house of an Indian chief, and on the next Sabbath at the Indian Agency, meeting with a warm welcome at both places. And in a letter of December 19th, he reports that their families were quartered in the old mission building for the present, and were enjoying, in a rough way, some

measure of comfort. The well had been restored to use. Mr. Robertson expected soon to commence teaching a day-school. Mr. Ramsay would probably soon make a visit to the Seminoles.

Thus a good beginning seems to have been made in the work of restoring these missions, though difficulties not now anticipated may arise. We ask for our brethren and their plans and labours an interest in the prayers of our readers.

Missions among Romanists in Europe.

For many years, as our readers are aware, the Board has sent funds to several European Committees of Evangelization, to be employed in spreading the gospel amongst Roman Catholics, in such countries as Belgium, France, and Italy. Though but small in amount, these remittances were undoubtedly of great value in doing good. It was wisely considered best to place these moneys in the hands of such brethren as Dr. D'Aubigné, Dr. Revel, and others of equal excellence, to be expended at their discretion, rather than to send missionaries from this country to labour in the European field—such American labourers requiring a large outlay for their support, and being less qualified than native evangelists for usefulness, inasmuch as for a long time they can have but an imperfect knowledge of the language and ways of the people. The amount of aid thus given to our European brethren has never been large—not reaching \$7000, we believe, in any year. Of late years, we regret to say, these remittances have been lessened in amount. This has been owing in part to the considerably increased expenditures of the Board in the South American portion of the field of labour among Romanists, and in part to the general causes which have so much embarrassed the missionary work of the Church. Last year, only \$2200 were sent to the European missions, and but \$1000 of this went from the general funds of the Board; considerable sums, however, were given by members of our

churches, in response to special applications.

We wish to remind our readers, that earnest requests are received from the brethren at Brussels, Paris, Geneva, and Florence, for funds to be employed in supporting evangelists and teachers, and in circulating the Scriptures and other religious books. The letter of the Rev. Theo. Monod, in the *Record* of September, is a touching example of these requests. Letters from other brethren make a similar plea for aid. We trust these applications will meet with favour, and that our Christian friends will enable the Board to send much larger contributions to the support of the cause of Christ in Europe. The missionary work there is in good hands, under the charge of highly-esteemed Christian brethren, who hold the same views of doctrine and church order with ourselves. Their work is great and urgent, having increased favour in sight of the people, and growing in its importance with the progress of the great changes which are taking place in public affairs.

Gospel Incidents in Europe.

From the reports of missionaries and colporteurs in Belgium, France, and Italy, who are under the direction of our European brethren, but receive a small part of their support from the funds of the Board, we translate a few extracts for our columns. Their reports contain a great number and variety of incidents, which serve to show the nature, difficulties, and encouragements of the work. Let it be remembered that the mass of the people in these countries are Roman Catholics. They are visited, some of them, by colporteurs with their Bibles and other books, going from house to house. Others hear a sermon on some occasion, perhaps at a funeral, preached by a Protestant minister. In still other ways, the light penetrates the deep darkness, and finds entrance in cases not a few into the souls of those who were born and brought up Romanists.

A Colporteur's Repulse and Reward.

The master of the house entered and saw my Bibles: "Book pedlar, go out of my house. I do not wish to see here Protestant Colporteurs." His wife said to him, "You are sending away a man who has spoken good words to us, and who has asked God to bless you and your family!" But I was obliged to leave, notwithstanding her tearful plea, for he replied to her with new menaces, "He shall not stay, he must go at once." . . . I called at a neighbouring house next day; I had hardly said a few words to them to make them know the excellence of the Bible, when I saw coming in the man who had driven me away so rudely. He came to buy a New Testament. He told me that he had done wrong in rejecting this book; the blasphemer was become a lamb. He confessed before them all that until now he had been in error, and the end of man could not be that of a brute. We had then a long conversation, and he went away content.

A Bible Bought.

A miller, to whom I offered my books, said, "My friend, I have plenty of religious books, I bought them for one of my sons who is at his studies to be a priest." I asked him if he had a Bible; he asked his children, "Is there a Bible?" "No," they replied. I read to them Ephesians, fifth chapter; the man stopped me several times with his questions; his wife said to him, "Father, I wish you would buy the Bible." "No," said he, "the book is against me; you know I love to drink, I love p'asure and jests, and nobody shall come to disturb me when I am amusing myself with friends." "He who speaks in this book will soon come to arrest you in the midst of your pleasures, when he sends death to lay his hands on you." "Hold," said the man, "there are three francs, the price of your book, and go away quickly, or you will pervert my wife and children."

The Liberty wherewith Christ makes free.

Miss B— is a devout person, of a life without reproach, and one who has always felt that she neither ought nor could live without God, and without religion. A sincere Catholic, and practicing seriously the duties of her church, she had never found the satisfaction of her religious need. She went to confession, she communed, and though the priest gave her absolution, she was not

certain that her sins were taken away, nor could she receive the communion with joy. A submissive daughter of the Catholic Church, when she first met with Protestants it was not without a secret dislike of them. Nevertheless, she resolved to examine on which side were the truth and the peace, of which her soul had need. She read first the Testament in the Catholic version, and afterwards the excellent book of M. Pasteur Trivier, which responded to all her difficulties. A sermon which she heard in our chapel decided her mind. But still trouble rested on her soul; she could see her former beliefs crumbling away, but she did not yet clearly see the hand of Jesus Christ, which had laid hold of her in order to save her. Then she sought for me and spoke of her anguish. Here I omit details, which are not suited for a public report, and I content myself with saying that it was a moment of great happiness to me when I saw the unspeakable mercy of God, in giving so speedily the witness of adoption to a soul that had been evidently marked with his seal, and that he made almost at once the terrors of condemnation to pass away in the joy of finding pardon brought by Jesus Christ, and in the peace which he only can give, and the absolution which no human priest could ever procure for a troubled conscience. Her conversion was rapidly effected, and without ignoring the apprehensions which sometimes attend such conversions, I doubt not Miss B— has chosen that good part which shall never be taken from her.

A Year's Work in Japan Reviewed.

The Rev. D. Thompson, writing at Yokohama, October 3d, thus speaks of the work of the mission in Japan.

The year just closed has been one of uninterrupted prosperity.

All the members of this mission have been preserved in health throughout the year, and have been making steady progress in acquiring a knowledge of the language and modes of thought of this people, and are thus daily becoming better qualified for the work of imparting to them a knowledge of the gospel. It is gratifying also to see that in proportion as we gain ability to teach, we have also increased opportunities of teaching. A knowledge of this fact strengthens our faith that by the time we are quite prepared for the work of preaching, we will be entirely free to preach.

Dr. Hepburn has kept his Dispensary open throughout the year, and has attended quite as many patients as at any former time. The Japanese appear to regard the Doctor's work with much favour. I also esteem it highly as a means of securing the good will of the people. The average daily attendance, I am not able to state. The Dispensary will now be closed for some months, while Dr. Hepburn goes to Shanghai to superintend the publication of his Japanese Dictionary. This is a work upon which he has been engaged ever since his arrival in this country. We all feel satisfaction as it approaches its completion, and look forward to its publication, when we will have this help in our studies, and when Dr. Hepburn will be free to undertake other labours. Dr. and Mrs. Hepburn will leave for Shanghai in a few days, and will be absent some months.

I have been employed during the greater part of the year much as hitherto. The Sabbath service in English has been kept up. The Government school also was maintained till quite recently. My labours in the school occupied a considerable part of my time, especially during the absence of Mr. Ballagh in San Francisco. Some time ago we saw reason to discontinue our labours in the school, and now quite a number of the most promising pupils, and others, receive instruction at our rooms. We see no reason, as yet, to regret the step we have taken, and believe that it will result in good both to the cause of missions and of education.

Besides teaching and labours on the Sabbath, I have given my attention to the study of the language, and have translated imperfectly some of the historical books of the Old and New Testament.

This sketch will enable you to estimate the progress we have made during the year; and what are our capabilities for time to come. At the close of this year we feel more hopeful than formerly. This arises in part from our greater knowledge of the people, and of their language, and in part, from the fact that we are regarded with less hostility than formerly. Changes are also going on in the internal affairs of this nation. The Taicoon has recently died, and hopes are entertained that a man more friendly to foreign intercourse will be chosen in his stead. As yet we cannot tell what will be the result of the war with Choshu, but trust that Providence will overrule all to the ultimate good of this land.

Sincerely yours,
D. THOMPSON.

Abstract of a Chinese Sermon.

The native preacher, Kyng Ling-yiu, whose death was noticed in the *Foreign Record* of last month, was licensed to preach the gospel by the Ningpo Presbytery, in 1864. He had been employed as a teacher and catechist for nearly ten years, and during the last year had taken the principal care of Yu-yiao church, under the superintendence of the foreign missionaries. During these years of evangelistic work, in connection with the mission, he was at the same time prosecuting his biblical and theological studies, as he had leisure, and as the missionaries found time to instruct him, and the other young men under the care of the Presbytery. In the spring of 1864, the candidates, six in number, were called in from the out-stations with which they were connected to be examined by Presbytery, with a view to their formal licensure. They were all licensed the latter part of the week, and Kyng Ling-yiu was desirous of returning to his post to spend the Sabbath with the Yu-yiao church. We requested him to stay over Sunday however, and take the charge of the Sunday service in the Ningpo church. This service had heretofore been conducted solely by foreigners. The audience is one of considerable intelligence, composed of the Ningpo church members, pupils from the boys' and girls' boarding-schools, teachers and servants connected with the mission schools and families, and enquirers, and a few strangers. Kyng Ling-yiu consented to conduct the service with some reluctance, as the call was unexpected and he had made no special preparation. He selected a discourse which he had lately preached before the Yu-yiao church, modifying it somewhat to suit the occasion. It was delivered, as all the discourses of the native preachers are, extempore; the outlines or heading being written on a paper a few inches square. This was the first sermon of an ordained native preacher of our Church in China. The occasion was felt by all

to be an interesting epoch in the history of the mission, and nearly all the foreign missionaries were present, and an unusually large number of natives. The sermon occupied about half an hour in its delivery, and was listened to by all present with the closest attention and interest. Returning home, I wrote an abstract of it while the points were fresh in my mind, little thinking of the use which I am now making of it; or that it might be the only record left of the pulpit discourses of this earnest, eloquent, and successful preacher. I give this abstract as it was taken down at the time. Though complete and accurate as an outline of the ideas, it very inadequately represents the sermon as developed and delivered in the mother tongue of the speaker.

PSA. xcv. 7. "For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand." (Particularly the last clause.)

Introduction and Points made.

David's early life as a shepherd—His reference to his shepherd life when he appeared before Saul, [read from the Bible.] David viewed his sheep not simply as so much property, but he felt a personal attachment to them, and as it were, resented an injury done to them. So the Good Shepherd loves his sheep. If a person should say, "I don't want to be compared to a sheep," we are to remember that we are only compared as to some qualities; and even our Saviour was compared to a sheep and a lamb; and we are in other places compared to the grass of the field, &c. There is a great deal of important instruction to be drawn from this illustration.

1. *Sheep always like a clean place, the clean hills, and fresh pastures, &c.* The water buffalo will wallow in the dirty pool; and the swine in the mud; but the sheep can hardly be forced into any such place. So the real sheep of Christ are naturally and instinctively averse to anything which is morally filthy. [Illustrated by the uncomfortable feelings of the speaker when he was a boy, on attending a theatre soon after he became a Christian.]

2. *The sheep is by nature gentle.* Other animals approach it, and it gets out of the way; catch it, and even beat it, and it takes it patiently; beat it very hard, and it will only cry. So with us. People abuse us by word or action, and we get out of the way. If they beat us

we take it patiently; if they beat us too hard, we cry to God for help, or appeal to the civil authority, not for revenge, but for right, justice, and protection. If you hear people brawling and fighting in the streets you may know that they are not Christ's sheep.

3. *Sheep love grass, and will die before they will change their natural food.* In the winter they still nibble at the roots, or climb with difficulty on the sides of the city walls to get some old, dry grass. So Christ's sheep love his gospel; they live on it, and will die rather than give it up. [He illustrated this by reference to a man of the Vuwekyiao religion, a sect who live solely on vegetable diet, who was induced to eat beef.] The Christian does not cast away his religion so easily, but will cling to it even at the martyr's stake.

Improvement of the subject to the Licentiate.

We are called by the Good Shepherd to serve him in taking care of his flock. We are not hired servants, but slaves bought with the precious blood of the Master, and every motive of duty and gratitude should constrain us, not to be eye-servants, but to be faithful. There is a time coming when we must be called to an account; when we must bring the sheep home, and appear with them at the Master's house. If they are fat, sleek, and beautiful, the Master will be pleased, and we will have a reward. If we lie down in the heat of the sultry day in the shade, and say, "never mind, let the sheep take care of themselves; let the wolves catch them," then their blood will be required at our hands. And when the Good Shepherd sees his sheep poor and famished, for want of proper care, will he not rebuke and punish us?

Improvement of the subject to the Church.

1. There are sometimes in the flock *troublesome, unruly sheep*; sheep with horns, which butt and fight, and there is reason to fear that such will finally be classed with goats and for ever separated from the flock.

2. There are the *laggard, stubborn sheep*. They will not obey the voice of the Master. They stop and resist when they ought to go on. They show want of confidence in the Shepherd, and self-will. The children of Israel did not want to go to the good land, but preferred the wilderness, and even to return to Egypt.

3. There are the *straying sheep*. They love to run away into the wilder-

ness. They forget that their only safety is with the flock and near the Shepherd. They do not seem to feel an attachment to the other sheep. In leaving the other sheep they leave Christ, and are in danger of being irrevocably lost.

4. There are the *winter sheep* and the *summer sheep*. In the winter they are poor and can hardly keep alive. In the summer they are full, fat, and happy. We, too, have our winter time and our summer time; our time of trial and of joy. We sometimes think of the churches in America. They lie down in the green pastures and beside the still waters. This is our winter time. But let us ever trust in the Good Shepherd. He will never forget his sheep, or leave them entirely to perish. Let us then rejoice in Him, and in anticipation of that time when our summer shall come, and our people shall be the sheep of Christ, regaling themselves in his green pastures.

Little did we think that this faithful under-shepherd would so soon be called home. Some for whom he had laboured, and with whom he had been associated, had preceded him. They have exchanged their little fold on earth, for the flock which is made up of all folds, and rejoice in the immediate presence, care, and love of the Great Shepherd, who laid down his life for the sheep.

While this dear brother has been taken away, others of similar character and, in some respects, equal gifts are still left, and are labouring to bring souls to Christ. Are not these facts relating to the character and influence of these native labourers full of encouragement to the church? Nearly all of them have been brought into the church and into the ministry through the instrumentality of the boarding-school at Ningpo. Such institutions must furnish one of the principal means for raising up the preachers who are to evangelize China. This school has through its whole history struggled against great difficulties and embarrassments. It needs and deserves a more generous support from our churches, and similar institutions are of equal importance in other stations. There are hundreds of boys in the Chinese Empire, such as Kyng Ling-yiu once was, who

might be brought into such schools if the Church will furnish the means for establishing them and carrying them on.

JOHN L. NEVIUS.

Many Inhabitants in China.

China is a very large country. It is quite as large as the twenty-six oldest United States, and perhaps larger, and it has a great many more people in it. It is very hard to tell you how many inhabitants there are, for if you heard, you could have no idea of them, the number is so great. Why, if you were to go from one end of the United States to the other, and go into every house, and count every person there, you would not see one-tenth of the number of people that there are in China. There are about twenty millions of people in the United States, but there must be three hundred millions in China, or fifteen times as many as there are in our country. Just think what a great number of people that is, and how many little boys and girls there are among them. I never go out into the streets without meeting hundreds of them. I never go into a house, or a boat, or into the country, without finding boys and girls there. Now, you know that all of these men, and women, and children, have souls, and that the soul of each one of them will live for ever; and that it will be either happy or miserable for ever. Can you tell how much a single soul is worth? I remember once, when I was superintendent of your school, a young man told me he would come to the school if he could learn arithmetic there. I felt sorry afterwards that I did not tell him to come, for we could give him a question in arithmetic that it would take him a long time to answer; and if he could find the answer, it would teach him more than he would ever learn from all the arithmetics in the world. You will find that question in Matthew xvi. 26, and it will be well for you to study it, for your own sakes.—*Rev. Walter M. Lowrie, 1842.*

The Chinese openly a Religious People.

A stranger, on coming to China, would think that the Chinese are a very religious people, for they have a great many gods, and they seem to pay them a great deal of worship. They burn a great deal of incense to their gods, and fire off a great many crackers, and do not

appear at all ashamed to be seen worshipping their idols in the most public manner. They are different in this from many people in the United States, for though they profess to believe in one God and Jesus Christ his Son, yet they do not like to have it thought of them that they pray in secret. I am afraid that if you were to ask some such people whether they did not pray, they would turn very red in the face, and say they did not. And if one were to see them on their knees, they would feel very much ashamed. Now this is very wrong, and such people ought to feel reproved by the conduct of these poor heathens, who are not at all ashamed to be seen worshipping their idols.—*Ibid.*

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Our Wants.

We feel constrained to appeal to our friends who may read these lines, to take into kindly consideration the following facts.

The Board of Publication has a *Distribution Fund*, which has been from time to time replenished, mainly by the contributions of benevolent individuals in various parts of the Church. From this Fund the Board is accustomed to make grants of its publications to mission and other needy Sabbath-schools, to poor ministers, to charitable institutions, to individuals for gratuitous distribution, &c., &c. An amount of truth is thus scattered and of good done, which cannot be computed. This Fund is now almost exhausted, while applications for grants are coming almost daily, and many of them are of such a nature that it would be extremely painful to refuse any donation of books or tracts in response. Yet unless we receive liberal contributions for this Fund

very speedily, the Executive Committee may soon be obliged to refrain from making further grants.

We earnestly appeal to former donors, and to those who have heretofore given nothing to this Fund, to send contributions soon. Those who have benevolent hearts, and money, much or little, to give, may feel assured that there are very few ways, if any, in which their means can do more for the cause of Christ and for the salvation of perishing souls, than by giving to this Distribution Fund.

Words from Colporteurs.

A colporteur in Illinois, while sending his quarterly report, writes as follows:

“As agent of the Board, I enter families, not only as a Christian gentleman, but as a minister of Jesus Christ. I recommend the books as designed and calculated to advance in families a taste for religious literature, and to counteract the influence of the light and fictitious reading which is now so common. I distribute tracts gratuitously—not profusely, but sparingly—giving such as are suited to the capacity and circumstances of the receiver. I pray and converse with the sick and dying, commending them to God and the word of his grace. I am always well received. I do not remember a single repulse, or a single instance of rude treatment; all are kind, friendly, and hospitable. I avoid all angry discussion and all need-

less controversy; yet I endeavour, mildly and persuasively, to contend for the faith delivered to the saints."

Another who, though engaged actively in business, seeks to do good by circulating our books and tracts, writes as follows:

"In the comparatively few days which I have been able to spend in this important work I have met and conversed with persons of all the varied shades of our fallen human nature, from the pious mother to the scoffing infidel. I am happy to say that in no case have I been unkindly received. In all cases I believe I have left the persons with whom I conversed in a better frame of mind than they were in before I saw them. The term for which I was commissioned has now expired. In view of the amount of service I have performed in the past, I cannot ask for a renewal of my commission, at the same time I cannot decline doing all I possibly can in the work, if such poor services are considered of any value."

Tract in a Bible.

An estimable lady in New York city says, "A gentleman from the West, dining with me a short time since, stated that while travelling at the West he stopped at a house, and seeing a family Bible lying on the table, opened it, and was surprised to observe pasted on the cover a fragment of a tract. He inquired, 'Why is this?'"

"The gentleman stated that about ten years since he was travelling in a wagon with his wife and a young lady, when they were

obliged to stop at a house, and have their wagon repaired. On returning to the wagon, the gentleman observed a piece of paper lying in the bottom of the wagon. He took it up, read it, and was so deeply affected by the truths it contained, that upon the inquiry of his wife, 'What's that?' he could make no reply, but handed it to her. She read, and was affected in the same manner, and handed it to the young lady seated behind them, who, without any remark from either of the party, was convicted of sin. The result was, that this fragment of a tract was the instrument in the hand of God, of bringing these *three persons* to the knowledge of the truth. It was fastened on the inside cover of the Bible, as the owner observed that the tract came next to the Bible in his estimation."

Books for S. S. Teachers and Bible Classes.

We ask the attention of readers of the *Record* to the announcement made in our January number, that the Board has selected and arranged a special department in its Sabbath-school library for the above classes of readers. It has been led to do this by the oft-repeated inquiry for volumes of a more substantial kind and larger size than those generally sought by the ordinary pupils in the Sabbath-school. The library now announced contains about one hundred and fifty volumes of this description, embracing a large variety of topics. Would that every Sabbath-school within the bounds of the Presbyterian Church could be prevailed upon to place this excellent set of books upon

its shelves for the use of its teachers and more advanced scholars.

Pundits and Tracts.

A few tracts were once carried by some men returning from a heathen festival, into the interior of India. They came into the hands of some pundits, or learned men, who read them, and who reasoned about their contents. At length they got a part of St. John's Gospel. They read that, and wonderful preaching it was to them. After some time had passed, they found a man who had seen the missionaries, and could tell them more about the Christian religion. These men then met in a heathen temple, and beside the idol, which now they despised, they knelt together, and prayed to the Saviour of sinners. What these men knew was all derived from small books and tracts. They soon very much wished to see a living preacher; and when, after a while, they traveled a long distance to a missionary station, and made known their feelings, the missionaries said they seemed like Christians who had been long taught in the ways of truth.

Bad Books.

Bad books are like ardent spirits, they furnish neither "aliment" nor "medicine;" they are "poison." Both *intoxicate*, one the mind, the other the body; the thirst for each increases by being fed, and is never satisfied; both ruin—one the intellect, the other the health, and together the soul. The makers and venders of each are equally guilty, and equally corrupters of the community; and the safeguard against each is the same—*total ab-*

stinence from all that intoxicates mind or body.

But religious books, such as those issued by the Board of Publication, are substantial food, both for the mind, the heart, and the soul. They strengthen their reader to run in the way of God's commandments. They will, by God's blessing, aid him to live aright, to die happy, and to attain to that heavenly felicity the blessed Saviour has purchased for us.

One Tract.

A young mountaineer chief in Burmah, when two hundred and fifty miles from his own home, was taught to read by a missionary's wife. The little tract used in teaching him caused the scales to fall from his eyes, and showed him the way to Jesus. He went back to his mountain home a converted man. A little tract saved him! When he reached home he told the story of Jesus, which he had learned from the tract, to his people. Crowds flocked to hear him speak. The Holy Ghost was with him, and in one year one thousand five hundred souls were hopefully saved—saved as the result of the influence of one little tract. Scatter tracts! Scatter tracts! Who can tell but your hand may give a tract that shall be the means of saving many a soul? God does his great things by little agencies. Work, then, work! The time is short.

Literary Notices.

OUR PASSOVER; *or, The Great Things of the Law*, by the Rev. William J. McCord, of Wassaic, N. Y. Price 60 cents.

Mr. McCord is a clear, strong,

right thinker, and an able writer. This little work is full of marrow and ought to meet with much favour.—*Christian Intelligencer, New York.*

This is a book of 120 pages, got up in handsome style by the Presbyterian Board of Publication. Those acquainted with the author will need no other assurance that it is well-written and sound in doctrine.—*Amsterdam Recorder, N. Y.*

It is the work of a sound, earnest, and practical writer. He urges well the importance of decision, and presses promptitude by considerations to be disregarded only at the price of all that is valuable.—*Family Treasure, Pittsburgh, Pa.*

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

I. **Three Boys and their Stories.** A tale for Youth. By Margaret E. Wilmer. Price 50 and 55 cents.

In this little book three boys in their several paths of idleness, vice, and virtue, are followed as they pursue their course, and the results are vividly pictured. Illustrated.

II. **The Shadow of the Rock.** By Fleeta, Author of "Principle and Interest," "Norah Neil," &c. Price 40 and 45 cents.

An entertaining book, relating the story of four children who were drifted upon a little island on which there was a projecting rock which gave them shelter during the three weary days and nights they remained there, and illustrating the scriptural phrase, "the shadow of a great rock in a weary land;" Illustrated with three engravings.

III. **The Two Wallets.** By the Author of "Aunt Betsey's Rule." Price 40 and 45 cents.

"It was a saying of Thales the Milesian, that every man carries two wallets; one hanging before, and one hanging behind. In the wallet before, he puts

his neighbour's faults; in the wallet behind, he puts his own faults." The old philosopher gives us a very valuable hint in these few quaint words, which it is the object of this book to illustrate. The author has succeeded well in the attempt. Three wood-engravings.

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<i>Pty of Albany</i> —Ballston Spa ch	\$15 51		
<i>Pty of Genesee River</i> —Bath ch	11 00		
<i>Pty of North River</i> —Smithfield ch	8 60		
<i>Pty of Connecticut</i> —Bedford ch, per W Rankin, Jr	23 00		
<i>Pty of Long Island</i> —Huntington 1st ch	18 81;		
Huntington 2d ch	13 81		
<i>Pty of New York 2d</i> —South Greenburg ch	29 26		
<i>Pty of Nassau</i> —Throope Av ch	18 23; Central ch, Brooklyn, 02 04; Williamsburg S Third St, Miss Bruce 5; Jamaica ch	33 54; Williamsburg German ch	3 116 83
<i>Pty of Passaic</i> —Morristown 1st ch	276 25; do do Sab-seh	15 291 25	
<i>Pty of New Brunswick</i> —Lawrenceville ch	60 50		
<i>Pty of West Jersey</i> —Cedarville ch	9 37		
<i>Pty of New Castle</i> —Benevolent Fund of New London congregation	35 00		
<i>Pty of Carlisle</i> —Gettysburg ch Sab-seh	1 75		
<i>Pty of Potomac</i> —New York Av ch, Washington, D C	43 54		
<i>Pty of Erie</i> —Erie ch Sab-seh, per S S Spencer, Esq	30 00		
<i>Pty of Steubenville</i> —Hanna Fund, of Centre Unity ch	80 00		
<i>Pty of Columbus</i> —Dublin ch	6 20		
<i>Pty of Zanesville</i> —Muskingum ch	12 50		
<i>Pty of New Albany</i> —German ch, Jackson Co	3 50		
<i>Pty of Vincennes</i> —Evansville ch	20 35		
<i>Pty of White Water</i> —Mt Carmel ch, per J D Thorpe, Esq	4 75		
<i>Pty of Bloomington</i> —Galloway ch	5 00		
<i>Pty of Rock River</i> —Middle Creek ch	12 70		
<i>Pty of Saline</i> —Friendsville ch, per J D Thorpe	6 20		
<i>Pty of Dane</i> —Verona ch	1 00		

MISCELLANEOUS.

John E Parsons, Esq, New York, 25; Summit Hill, "P," 5; Rev W J McCord 1; From children of Maclinaw ch for the freedmen, per Rev David R Love 1 65; From Fairview Sab-seh, Penningtonville, Chester Co, Pa, for a mission school at Santa Fee 5 50; Catharine Klintworth, Hannibal, Mo, 1 50

39 65
\$598 20

WINTHROP SARGENT, Treasurer.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Aid to Churches in places not Destitute.

Within a month the statement has been published that "a rule of the Board [of Church Extension] forbids it to aid a church in any city or town where we already have a church building." This statement conveys the erroneous impression that the Board originated and is responsible for this rule. The fact, however, is, that the General Assembly placed this restriction on the Board at the time of its creation. It is, therefore, rather a rule for the Board than a rule of the Board, and we cannot assume the responsibility of aiding such cases without a direct act of disobedience to our superior. The Board has put the most liberal interpretation possible on the past action of the General Assembly, and has consequently felt itself authorized to aid several churches at the National Capital: and to assist churches speaking a language different from the churches already located in a community. It should be distinctly understood therefore, that all exceptions to this rule are simply objections to the action of our supreme judicatory. If the General Assembly shall at any time see fit to remove this restriction, the Board will cheerfully, and to the best of its ability distribute the funds intrusted to it without any such rule. The Standing Committee of the General Assembly of 1865 on the report of the Board of Church Extension discussed this restriction, and we are informed, unanimously decided that for the present at least it would be unwise to recommend its removal. While we cannot speak fully from personal knowledge, we understand that the chief facts which induced this conclusion were in brief these, viz:

1st. That the contributions were as yet insufficient to meet the pressing wants of places that had no sanctuary of our faith. While the gifts to the Board were gradually approximating to the necessities of the utterly destitute they were not yet adequate to their wants.

2nd. That aid to city enterprises (for the question relates mainly to such) to be effective must be so large that a few appropriations would exhaust the means of the Board entirely, and leave nothing for many entirely destitute parts.

3d. That most of those who contributed to the Board preferred to have their

gifts distributed in comparatively small sums to churches in small unsupplied points. There is scarcely a church or individual that gives largely to the Board that has not unmistakably indicated this preference.

4th. That a second church will seldom prove a success in a community until there is wealth enough in the first church or in the community itself to establish it unaided from abroad.

We have briefly adverted to these facts, not to discourage the very important work of city church extension, but to suggest the difficulties of accomplishing it in reliance on outside aid.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION IN DECEMBER, 1866.

<i>Pky of Fort Wayne—Pleasant Ridge ch 4; Elhanan ch 1; Kendallville ch 9</i>	\$14 00
<i>Pky of Columbus—Westminster ch 18 28; Dublin ch 7 10; Mt Sterling ch 6 06; Midway ch 1 76</i>	38 31
<i>Pky of West Jersey—Tuckahoe ch 2; Salem ch 21 13; May's Landing ch, special, 41 50</i>	64 63
<i>Pky of Allegheny City—Bridgewater ch</i>	34 00
<i>Pky of Ohio—Bethel ch 40; Long Island ch 5 78;</i>	
<i>Mingo ch, in part, 22</i>	67 78
<i>Pky of Erie—Salem ch</i>	3 00
<i>Pky of Saltsburg—Leechburg ch</i>	10 80
<i>Pky of Huntingdon—Huntingdon ch 93 60; Curwensville ch 27</i>	120 60
<i>Pky of Dane—Hazel Green Ger ch 3 26; Verona ch 1</i>	3 25
<i>Pky of Findlay—Van Wert ch</i>	7 00
<i>Pky of Bureau—Aledo ch</i>	10 00
<i>Pky of New Brunswick—Cranberry 2d ch, special,</i>	215 00
<i>Pky of Steubenville—Centre Unity ch (Hanna Fund)</i>	80 00
<i>Pky of Long Island—Southampton ch</i>	21 36
<i>Pky of Peoria—Prospect ch 12 50; Peoria ch 65 15</i>	77 65
<i>Pky of Schuyler—Hopewell ch</i>	6 00
<i>Pky of Elizabethtown—Morristown ch</i>	200 00
<i>Pky of Cincinnati—Springfield ch</i>	25 00
<i>Pky of Indianapolis—Bethany ch</i>	5 00
<i>Pky of Chillicothe—Hillsborough ch 52 10; Concord ch 10</i>	62 10
<i>Pky of White Water—Mt Carmel ch</i>	2 80
<i>Pky of Saline—Friendsville ch 4 30; Mt Carmel ch 3</i>	6 30
<i>Pky of Luzerne—Newton ch</i>	3 00
<i>Pky of Philadelphia Central—Penn ch</i>	8 28
<i>Pky of New Castle—Benevolent Fund of New London ch</i>	35 00
<i>Pky of Cayuga—Gettysburg ch Sab-ech</i>	4 30
<i>Pky of Palestine—Milton ch</i>	8 00
<i>Pky of Bloomington—Galloway ch</i>	5 00
<i>Pky of Albany—Ballston Spa</i>	19 55
<i>Pky of Nassau—Throop av ch</i>	15 30
<i>Pky of New York 2d—Scotch ch, N Y, in part, no special,</i>	474 00
<i>Pky of Shanghai—Shanghai ch, China, proceeds of a sterling draft,</i>	34 96

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev Joseph W Platt, of Warren Pky, Ills. 3 40;	
Miss Bruce, Millersburg, 8; A M B 5; Rev John Hollander, New Orleans, La, 10	21 40

Total for December, \$1,698 27
DAVID KEITH, Treasurer,
St. Louis, Mo.

FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS, AND THE NEEDY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

The following amounts have been received since last report, viz.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Amsterdam Village ch 27 25;	
Kingsborough ch 29 76; Ballston Spa ch 25 88	\$82 87
<i>Pby of Mohawk</i> —Oneida ch	40 00
<i>Pby of Troy</i> —Stillwater 1st ch	16 15
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —New Salem ch 9; Sunbury ch 6; Pleasant Valley ch 9 25	24 25
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Sharpsburg ch	31 00
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Big Spring ch	37 00
<i>Pby of Leaca</i> —Dover ch	25 00
<i>Pby of Rochester City</i> —Seneca ch	24 00
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Woodhull ch 3 40; Aledo ch 9	12 40
<i>Pby of Chicago</i> —North ch, add'l,	4 00
<i>Pby of Schuyler</i> —Westminster ch	9 50
<i>Pby of Warren</i> —Shiloh ch	2 30
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Clifton ch	48 00
<i>Pby of Palestine</i> —Arcola ch	7 00
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Prospect ch	12 50
<i>Pby of Highland</i> —Atchison ch	18 00
<i>Pby of Louisville</i> —Chestnut Hill ch	100 00
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Scranton 1st ch 262; Newton ch 5; "P," of Summit Hill ch, 5	262 00
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Shrewsbury ch 10; Jamesburg ch 22	32 00
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —New Brunswick ch, add'l,	10 00
<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Cedarville 1st ch	20 00
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Rye ch	48 10
<i>Pby of New York</i> —New York Twenty-third st ch	85 00
<i>Pby of New York 2d</i> —Peekskill ch	64 70
<i>Pby of North River</i> —Smithfield ch 5 20; Middle Hope ch 8	13 20
<i>Pby of Logansport</i> —Lexington ch	11 40
<i>Pby of Marion</i> —Milford Centre ch	4 50
<i>Pby of Columbus</i> —Mount Sterling ch 5 85; Winchester ch 17 50	23 35
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Slateville ch	40 01
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Curwensville ch 27; Huntingdon ch 89 40	116 40
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Lower West Nottingham ch 36; Wilmington 1st ch 25 25; Benevolent Fund of New London congregation 20	81 25
<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Lewisburg ch	52 20
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Bethany ch 28 52; Chester ch 28; Arch st ch 192 72; "M S," of Second ch 2 50	249 74
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Penn ch	20 23
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Easton 1st ch 62; Bensalem ch 4 03	66 03
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Brookville ch	14 75
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Sharon ch 41; Ladies of Centre ch 21	62 00
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Middle Sandy ch	6 00
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Corinth ch 15; Still Fork ch 4	19 00
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Lower Buffalo ch 5 10; Pine Grove ch 2 20	7 30
<i>Pby of Dana</i> —Lake View ch 6; Belleville ch 7; Verona ch 1	14 00
	\$1,827 13

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev C H Ewing	\$5 00
Mrs Crittenden and daughter	10 55
A Lady, of Delaware	5 00
"C M," of New York	5 00
Interest on Permanent Funds	213 25
Miss Emily Duncan, legacy, 500, less U S tax 30	470 00
	\$2,535 93

GEO. H. VAN GELDER.

Treasurer Trustees of General Assembly,
Office No. 320 Walnut Street.
Philadelphia, January 5th, 1866.

In remitting money to this Fund, the name of the Church and to what Presbytery it belongs, should be distinctly stated, that it may be correctly acknowledged. And where checks or drafts are sent they should be drawn to the order of "GEO. H. VAN GELDER, Treasurer."

A minister writes: "With the deepest sense of obligation to God and the Church, I return thanks for the abundant and timely relief that I have received. Abundant, because this amount is far greater than I dared to hope. Timely, because all my resources were at an end. Having sold horse, buggy, cow, and most of our furniture, we have been living on the proceeds, while health and strength have been waning, but hoping that I might be able to resume my labours in the vineyard of the Lord. I tried to earn something by teaching a small school for the winter, but after six weeks I was obliged to desist. The name of the Lord be praised, that he has ever put it into the heart of his people to raise this most invaluable fund."

Quite a number on our list depend wholly on the fund for their maintenance. Others are supported by it in part, receiving only enough to supply the deficiency of their own earnings.

FORM OF BEQUEST FOR DISABLED MINISTERS, AND FAMILIES OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

I give and bequeath to my executors herein-after named, _____ dollars, in trust, nevertheless that they shall, within _____ months after my decease, pay the same to George H. Van Gelder, Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, or to his successor for the time being in said office, for the use of such disabled ministers and their families as the said the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America shall or may designate.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

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First Church Dedicated.

We have received the following account of the dedication of the coloured Presbyterian Church at Columbia, Tennessee.

"The coloured Presbyterian Church at Columbia, Tenn., was dedicated December 23d. In these services the Rev. S. S. Potter was assisted by the Rev. Wm. Mack, D.D., the long and tried friend of the coloured man. The edifice is thirty-five by sixty feet, two stories, and is designed both for church and school, and is worth at least \$3000. The ground and building are free from all incumbrance, and is deeded to coloured men, good and true, in trust, in connection with the O. S. Presbyterian Church, U. S.

"The Freedmen manifest no little interest in having an organization of their own—*real* elders of their own, a building of their own, deeded to them, and a minister preaching to them as their own. This is, perhaps, the first of the kind in our connection in Tennessee."

Our missionary feels that this is a real success, and we think it is. For more than a year he has been labouring to complete this work, and at different times has pledged his own salary, and borrowed money from the bank and from his teachers. In order to dedicate it "free of all incumbrance," involved himself one hundred and fifty dollars, and all this has been accomplished while he has been superintending a school and teaching almost daily. Surely such missionaries will be held in remembrance by the Church.

The coloured people have done nobly in contributing money and labour toward their church, and may well look upon it with pride.

Problem still Unsolved.

What is to become of the black people? Their sufferings are fearful; the cries of the perishing reach our ears from every quarter. In some of the best parts of the South they have suffered so much the past year from injustice that they refuse to make new contracts for the coming year, and are gathering their little effects together, and migrating in search of a home; yet wherever they may go the same prospect awaits them. The question of migrating to Florida has been agitated among them, many have gone and many are still going to settle on government lands.

A missionary in Florida who is engaged in surveying lands for them, and settling them on it, sent us "an appeal to the Presbyterian Church," from which we make the following extract:

"I have been a missionary in this State and South Carolina since Dec. '64, labouring among the Freedmen for their welfare. My opinion is that three-fourths of the freedmen living to-day in the Southern States are nearly as destitute of clothing, homes, and means of living as they were in January, 1863. Thousands, yea hundreds of thousands of them have since died. Their enemies boast that one-third of the negro race is already dead. I have heard of whole families that have gone to the grave, and can no more doubt the truth of the report than of my own existence. Seven out of one family died within a mile of my quarters in one month; I buried five of them. This city boasts that freedmen are doing better here than anywhere else in the South."

To have millions of acres, barns filled with plenty, wardrobes crammed with clothing, tables loaded with luxuries, sumptuous fare every day, revenues overflowing the national treasury, and two or three millions of freedmen who

have not where to lay their heads, dying at our doors—is this Statesmanship or Christianity?

What is to be done to remedy this state of things who can tell? Multitudes of these sufferers are our Christian brethren, for whom every one who reads this article will surely pray, but something must be done to feed and clothe them. We beg the Church to help us to do it. To our shame we record it, but five boxes of clothing have been sent us for the last two months, as follows:

1 box from 1st Church, Miami City, valued at \$207.55.

1 box from Meadville, Pa., not valued.

1 box from Rehoboth Church, Ohio, not valued.

1 box from Bloomingburg Pres. Church, not valued.

1 box from Sugar Grove, Pa., not valued.

10 Testaments from Mrs. J. Stewart.

RECEIPTS IN DECEMBER, 1866.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Princeton ch 30 60; Schnectady ch 76 10	\$106 70
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Brady's Bend ch 25; Pleasant Valley ch 20 52	45 52
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Sharpsburg ch 23; Highlands ch 8 98; Sewickly ch 87 29	119 27
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Blairsville ch 50 18; Congruity ch 28 26; Poke Run ch 36 68	115 12
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Deer Creek ch 22; Low Point ch, from Wm Doods, Esq. 5; Cheney's Grove ch 9; Towanda ch 25; Union Grove ch 15	76 00
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Westfield ch, add'l from Clement Clark,	5 00
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Aledo 1st ch	16 00
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Barton ch Sab-seh	6 00
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —First ch, Glendale, 26; Bethel ch 19	45 00
<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Chippewa Falls ch	6 30
<i>Pby of Crawfordsville</i> —Lebanon ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Columbus</i> —London ch	22 00
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Beechwood ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Chicago</i> —Earlville ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —First ch, Thompsonville, 40; 3 Salem ch 25; "House of Aaron" 5	70 00
<i>Pby of Dane</i> —Cambridge ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Epworth ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Des Moines</i> —Knoxville ch	10 20
<i>Pby of Ebenezer</i> —Burlington ch, from Hon J M Preaton,	15 00
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Franklin ch	15 00
<i>Pby of Fairfield</i> —Washington ch	5 50
<i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —Pleasant Ridge ch, add'l, 5; Elhanan ch, add'l, 5	10 00
<i>Pby of Lake</i> —Constantine ch	22 00
<i>Pby of Marion</i> —Milford Centre ch 4 55; Rev M McMillan 3; York ch 3	10 55
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Jamesburg ch 18; Shrewsburg ch 15	33 00
<i>Pby of Milwaukee</i> —First ch, Janesville	11 50
<i>Pby of Michigan</i> —Westminster ch	13 50
<i>Pby of North River</i> —Bethlehem ch	40 00
<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Williamsport ch	42 70
<i>Pby of New Albany</i> —Chiefly from 1st ch New Albany for ch building at Columbia, Tenn	50 00
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Bethel ch, in part,	28 75
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Central ch, add'l, 35 48; Centre ch 41 25; 2d ch, Pittsburg, 359 25; Miller's Run ch 12 65	448 63
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Venice ch	6 00
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —French Grove ch	15 36

<i>Pby of Palestine</i> —Kansas ch	9 00
<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —Bridge st ch 30 76; Seventh st ch 5 40	26 16
<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Freeport ch 20; Sab-sech of same 8 63	28 63
<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Bethesda ch 5 35; Cherry-tree ch 10; Jacksonville ch 18; Plum Creek ch 24 26	57 61
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Still Fork ch 6; Minerva ch 5; Annapolis ch 10; Beech Spring ch 20; Deersville ch 13 25; Feed Spring ch 3; New Philadelphia ch 6	63 25
<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —Buck Creek ch	23 00
<i>Pby of Upper Missouri</i> —Union ch 19 45; "Little Anna, money given her to buy a doll," 25 cts; A friend of cause 30 cts; Rev J N Young 5	25 00
<i>Pby of Vincennes</i> —Second ch, Vincennes,	11 00
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Fairview ch 11 59; Forks of Wheeling ch 45	56 59
<i>Pby of White Water</i> —Richmond ch 23 50; Mt Carmel ch 9 15	37 65
<i>Pby of Warren</i> —Monmouth ch	16 00
<i>Pby of Winnebago</i> —Oxford ch 2 70; 1st ch, Kilborn, 17; Winnebago ch 3 10; Beaver Dam ch 14	36 80
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —First ch, Wooster, 70; Dalton ch 14	84 00
<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Senecaville ch 15; Zanesville 2d ch 35 12	50 12

MISCELLANEOUS.

From Village of Williamsville, Ill, 7; J D T Hersey, Esq, special for ch building, 400; Union collection from O S and U P ch, Caledonia, N Y, 18 69; "United congregations in Rockville, Ind, on Thanksgiving day," 25; Gen A C Harding 5; Mrs A C Harding 6; Mrs E C Platt 6; A Friend of Freedmen 1

Received at Philadelphia.

<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Slate Lick ch	17 75
<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Ballston Spa ch 17 31; Kingsborough ch 24	41 31
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Galloway ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Fayetteville ch 12 65; Greencastle ch 42; Gettysburg ch 46 31;	100 96
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Muscatine ch 28; Davenport ch 23	51 00
<i>Pby of Dane</i> —Platteville ch 6 65; Verona ch, from Jas Edl, 1	7 65
<i>Pby of Fairfield</i> —Sigourney ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Newton ch 5 56; Summit Hill ch 20	25 56
<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —Middletown ch	12 54
<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Grove ch	28 00
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —New London ch, Benevolent Fund,	30 00
<i>Pby of New York</i> —University Place ch 507; Canal st ch 21 10; 1st ch, Jersey City, add'l, 10; Fifth av and Nineteenth st ch 1,481 46	2,019 55
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —S Third st, Williamsburg, Miss Bruce	6 00
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Chatham Village ch 24 25; Boiling Spring ch 18 18	42 43
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Second ch, Phila, from M S	2 50
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Sixth ch, Phila	29 70
<i>Pby of Raritan</i> —Musconetcong Valley ch	7 00
<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —West Okaw ch	4 25
<i>Pby of Saline</i> —Pisgah ch	4 00
<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Monroeton ch	4 00
<i>Pby of Troy</i> —Waterford ch	43 35
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Chippewa ch, special for ch building,	25 00
<i>Pby of Warren</i> —Lennox ch 12 20; Rev Joseph Platt 4 40	16 60
<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —First ch, Bridgeton, 90; Cedarville ch 19	109 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

"M," Indianapolis, Ind. 1; Mrs E Moody, Three Locust, Ohio, 1; A friend, Sabathu, N India, 5; A friend of the Freedmen, Washington, Pa, 3; Miss Elizabeth R King, Wyoming, 10; L P Stone, 50; Rev W J McCord, Wassaic, N Y, 2

Total receipts in December, \$5,139 84

A. CAMERON, Treasurer.

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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Interesting View—Right Spirit.

Minnesota.

When I last wrote you, I was preaching among the coal mines of Bedford county, Pa., and am now in the extreme advance of Presbyterianism in this great Northwest.

I was induced to make this change on account of the vast importance of this field in an ecclesiastical point of view, and the great dearth of *suitable* labourers willing to enter upon frontier work. I am deeply interested in my new field, where I have now been nearly three months, and in order to give you as distinct an impression as possible of the situation of things in my charge, will speak of

(1st.) The natural features. I am just west of what are known here as the "Big Woods," a strip or belt of timber about fifty miles wide, of primeval grandeur, running parallel with the Mississippi River, and extending for a far greater distance north and south. On this side these woods terminate abruptly in some beautiful prairies, on the edge of which the little hamlet whence I date this is built. The line of the timber is distinctly

drawn, and presents a fine contrast with the woodless prairie.

This prairie has a soil of astonishing fertility, yielding in copious quantities everything the climate will permit. Wheat, as you doubtless know, is the *great* staple, and of this the yield is amazing. Irish potatoes are the finest I have ever seen, and so I am told as to tomatoes, strawberries, and in short all a garden yields.

The scenery, too, is enchanting. The prairie is rolling and thickly dotted with beautiful lakes, varying in size from a large pond to a sheet of water five miles in diameter, whose water is as clear as crystal. Around all these lakelets are groves of excellent timber, which not only add to the richness of the charming scenery, but also afford ample fuel, &c., for the surrounding prairie.

Of the climate I despair of giving an adequate idea. It is bracing beyond anything I have ever felt. The weather in winter is cold but equable, and wonderfully clear and sunny. When the mercury is away below zero, the sun shines as brightly and complacently as though it

were midsummer. We have no rain from fall till spring—no thaw and so *no mud*. The ice is now between two and three feet thick on the lakes, and with a horse and cutter one can travel from place to place over lake, marsh, and prairie, totally unmindful of all roads.

These features, at which for the present I have only glanced, I mention not merely as beautiful in the abstract, but principally in their bearings on the cause of the Lord Jesus. With such natural advantages it is a very simple question as to the future of a country, even were there not more evident testimony in the quality and quantity of the immigration thus far. Moreover a railroad is not only projected but surveyed, and a portion already built, to go from Minneapolis through this region and on westward. You may readily conceive the bearings of such a work, not alone upon this country, but upon *our* church enterprise here.

(2d.) The population. This is made up of material from all parts of this land, with a strong sprinkling of the various nationalities of Europe—some Italians, a good many Germans, and some French. But the largest and best element of the foreign population is from the north of Europe—Danes, Swedes, and Norwegians. The latter are the most numerous of all the foreign born. Kentucky is *considerably* represented in this neighbourhood but not very creditably. So with Virginia. Most of the immigration, however, is from the Eastern and Middle States. Intense energy—either for God or the devil—and uncommon intelligence are preeminently the characteristics of the

people in this State, or at least such portions as I have visited. I leave you to imagine the grand importance of training such material for the church of Christ.

Again. Population is pouring in west of the "Big Woods" with amazing rapidity. *E. g.* In a settlement about twenty miles west of this point, where only last summer there were but two houses, *twenty* now dot the prairie. I am on the very ground where the awful Indian outbreak occurred, three years ago, and have been in the town where the first murder was committed. That affair, of course, depopulated the eastern country, driving it to and *even across* the Mississippi seventy miles east. But so rapid has been the immigration since, that it is computed there are now ten times the inhabitants that lived here before the outbreak.

(3d.) The spiritual aspect of the work. When I arrived here I found the whole country unoccupied save by the Methodists. With *that* people were heartily disgusted, at least of its exposition by an ignorant clergy. Methodism here, as elsewhere, utterly failed of the true spirit of the age, indeed of the gospel, and taught the people nothing. In God's kind providence I came just in time, as a Baptist minister followed me in a few weeks, but not until the community had warmly taken hold of me and my cause. God bless all good Baptists! but the field will not support so many, and I love Presbyterianism.

My nearest neighbours I found to be Bro. H— at R— and Bro. C— at St. C—, each distant about fifty miles through the dense wilderness.

In the kind providence of God, I have been able to find more than half-a-dozen families of Calvinistic training willing and anxious to unite in a church organization. This I propose to consummate, if the Master will, in two weeks from Saturday, with the prospect of *at least* fifteen members—only three of them are really O. S. Presbyterians, some of the rest being New School, and most of the remainder Congregationalists. However, I have strong reason for hoping that we will be an *organic* whole. To this end I am endeavouring to establish Presbyterian Sunday-schools and to introduce Presbyterian papers, &c.

(4th.) About myself. Lastly, and in every sense of the word *least*. I came out, not even knowing that you would commission me—as you have since so kindly done—but feeling assured if the work were so important as I had imagined, God would assuredly support me somehow or other. And so, blessed be his holy name, he has. We have wanted for nothing *really necessary*, and we never will if we are faithful. True I could draw a melancholy picture of the hardships endured in our journey here; but I distinctly aver that so many circumstances have modified our troubles in *every instance*, and so abundantly has God showered upon us the blessings of kind and interested friends, delightful home, and every *good thing*, that our cup appears well nigh run over.

I have only spoken of the work in this immediate locality. If I had not already trespassed upon you, I might speak of explorations westward, &c., which I will, however, reserve.

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS
IN JANUARY, 1867.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.— <i>Pby of Albany</i> —Johnstown ch 90; Esperance ch 10; Carlisle ch 7. <i>Pby of Troy</i> —Caldwell ch 6	\$113 00
SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.— <i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Middlesex ch 40. <i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —First ch Allegheny 106 64. <i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Newshannock ch 25; Clarksville ch 13; Mt Pleasant ch 18. <i>Pby of Erie</i> —Meadville ch 50	255 64
SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.— <i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Sab-sch of Broadway ch, Baltimore, 10. <i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Shippensburg ch, add'l, 5; Frostburg ch 8	23 00
SYNOD OF BUFFALO.— <i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Groveland ch 8. <i>Pby of Ogdensburg</i> —Wilna 1st ch 8 55	11 55
SYNOD OF CHICAGO.— <i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Pleasant Ridge and Edwards chs 8; Millersburg ch 20. <i>Pby of Chicago</i> —Victor ch 5 75; Clinton Centre ch 2; Marengo ch Sab-sch 15. <i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Galena South ch 33 75; Franklin Grove ch 4 60. <i>Pby of Schuyler</i> —Carthage 1st ch 16 90; Perry ch, add'l, 4. <i>Pby of Warren</i> —Monmouth ch Sab-sch 15 35	125 35
SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.— <i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Concord ch 20; Rocky Spring ch 6 50; Marshall ch 4 50. <i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Cumminsville ch 40; Loveland ch 41 11; Seventh ch, Cincinnati, 147 01; Central ch, Cincinnati, 450; 1st ch, Glendale, 88 85; Bethel ch 20; Lebanon ch 35; 6th ch, Cincinnati, 72 17. <i>Pby of Miami</i> —Dick's Creek ch 16 50. <i>Pby of Oxford</i> —South Providence ch 5; Camden ch 7 70; Venice ch 55 25; College Corner ch 23 65. <i>Pby of Sidney</i> —Belle Centre ch 7 50; Urbana 1st ch 20 40; Cherokee ch 9 50; 1st ch, Sidney, 26 67	1,098 31
SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.— <i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Dwight ch 7 60; Salem ch 25; Monticello ch 10; Metamora ch 4; Low Point ch 9; Onarga ch 15; Heyworth ch 10. <i>Pby of Kaskaskia</i> —Rockwood ch 5; Elm Point ch 22; Mulberry Grove ch 7; Waveland ch 2 75. <i>Pby of Palestine</i> —Paris ch 25; New Hope ch 2; Newton ch 8; Charleston ch 10. <i>Pby of Saline</i> —Friendsville ch 3; Wabash ch 6 50; Odin ch 4 95. <i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —Macon ch and vicinity 15; Springfield 1st ch 131 54; Farmington ch 21	352 24
SYNOD OF INDIANA.— <i>Pby of Indianapolis</i> —Shiloh ch 3. <i>Pby of Madison</i> —Bethel ch 6 50; Donaldson ch 8 50. <i>Pby of New Albany</i> —Livonia ch 4 00; Paoli ch 3 35; German ch, Jackson Co, 6; New Albany 1st ch 105; Charlestown ch 45. <i>Pby of Vincennes</i> —Pleasantville ch 2 25; Carlisle ch 4 50; West Salem ch 8. <i>Pby of White Water</i> —Ebenezer ch 9	205 40
SYNOD OF IOWA.— <i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Jas D Mason and wife 10; Iowa City ch, add'l, from a member for the South, 5; Marion ch 8 25; Muscatine ch 44. <i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Barclay and Jessup chs 5; Pleasant Grove ch 8; Independence ch 18; Bellevue ch 8 50; Dubuque 1st ch Sab-sch 10; Scotch Grove ch 9	125 75
SYNOD OF KANSAS.— <i>Pby of Highland</i> —Salem ch 1 25. <i>Pby of Leavenworth</i> —Springhill ch 3 50; Elm Grove ch 2. <i>Pby of Topeka</i> —Iola ch 10; Carlyle ch 3 50; Neosha Falls ch 6 50	31 75
SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.— <i>Pby of Ebenezer</i> —Rev J P Hendrick	80 00
SYNOD OF MISSOURI.— <i>Pby of Palmyra</i> —Kirkville ch 7 25. <i>Pby of St Louis</i> —Carondelet ch 25; "S W K" 6 50; Salem Ger ch 10. <i>Pby of Southwestern Missouri</i> —Deep Water ch 8 50. <i>Pby of Upper Missouri</i> —Sixth St ch, St Joseph, 40; Mirabile ch 5 50. <i>Pby of Wyaconda</i> —St Francisville ch 5 50	108 25
SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.— <i>Pby of Burlington</i> —Burlington ch 48 90; Allentown ch 23 50. <i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Coalville ch 5 50; Wilkesbarre ch Sab-sch 56; Pitston ch 100. <i>Pby of Monmouth</i>	

—Jamesburg ch 35. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Ewing ch 20. *Pby of Newton*—Marksboro ch, a bequest of Miss Margaret P Moore, dec'd. 20; Greenwich ch 34. *Pby of Passaic*—Flanders ch 14; Boiling Springs ch 22 46. *Pby of Raritan*—Musconong Valley ch 13 60. *Pby of West Jersey*—Tuckanoe ch 1 29; May's Landing ch 2 53; Blackwoodtown ch 64 55

465 33

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—South Salem ch. (*Ladies Western Benev Assn*) 32; Croton Falls ch 6 25. *Pby of Hudson*—Goodwill ch 80; Hamptonport ch, add'l 3. *Pby of Long Island*—Manorville ch 3; Moriches ch 15; Fresh Pond ch 12. *Pby of New York*—Morrisania ch 32; Yorkville ch 27 80; Chelsea ch 80; Alexander ch 3; Brick ch 150; 1st ch, New York, 2,187 42. *Pby of New York 2d*—Scotch ch, New York, 478. *Pby of North River*—Kingston ch 21 52, (of which Sab-sch 11 52); Matteawan ch 44 89; Smithfield ch 27

3,202 83

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Crawfordsville*—Poplar Springs ch 6 40; Crawfordsville ch 12. *Pby of Fort Wayne*—La Grange ch 16; Bluffton ch 3 30. *Pby of Lake*—Crown Point ch 22 50; Eagle Creek ch 13 85; Salem ch 1. *Pby of Logansport*—Francisville ch 4; West Union ch 3 30; Bethlehem ch 2 60 72 85

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Columbus*—Mt Pleasant ch 25; London ch 11. *Pby of Marion*—Mt Gilead ch 7; Radnor ch 3. *Pby of Richmond*—Orange ch 7 90; Chesterville ch 8; Martinsburg ch 9; Owensburg ch 13 15; Savannah ch 41, (of which Sab-sch 16). *Pby of Wooster*—Chippewa ch 18; Jeromesville ch 9 76; Chester ch 9 82; Wayne ch 16; Holmesville ch 20. *Pby of Zanesville*—Washington ch 25 75

224 37

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of Basilea*—Westminster ch 7; Napa ch 35

42 00

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Marietta ch, balance, 3; Columbia ch 205; Wrightsville ch Sab-sch 17 75; Chestnut Level ch 40. *Pby of Huntingdon*—Waynesburg ch Sab-sch 25; Huntingdon ch 200; Spruce Creek ch 300; Beulah ch 5. *Pby of New Castle*—Fagg's Manor ch, add'l, 6 50; Lower Brandywine ch 14 25. *Pby of Northumberland*—Washington ch 10; New Berlin 1st ch 20 15; Hartleton ch 10 50; Muncy ch 10. *Pby of Philadelphia*—Fifteenth ch 20; 10th ch, add'l, contents of a pocket book, 45 05. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Belmont ch 15 50; 2d ch, half mo coll 16 41, "E C B" 5, a member 150, (of which 100 for California.)—171 41; Richmond ch 20; Spring Garden ch Sab-sch 39 72. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Doylestown ch 16 20; Norris-town 1st ch Sab-sch 36 23; Providence ch 16 50, (of which a lady 2 50); Brainerd ch, Easton, 67; Slatington ch 25

1,344 76

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—Beulah ch 10; Unity ch, Mrs S P Kinkaid, 5. *Pby of Clarion*—Greenville ch, add'l, 7 50. *Pby of Ohio*—West Elizabeth ch 25; Pittsburgh 2d ch Sab-sch, add'l, 77 05; Pittsburgh 4th ch 53 10; Long Island ch 9 03. *Pby of Redstone*—New Providence ch 46 05; Mt Pleasant ch 47. *Pby of Saltsburg*—"S N" 600; East Union ch 3; Rayne ch 4; Parnassus ch 17 50

809 23

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—Galesville ch

5 00

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Findlay*—Rockport ch 2; Shanesville ch 4; Delphos ch 2. *Pby of Maumee*—Rev J M Layman, (a bal.) 1 12; Bryan ch 11. *Pby of Michigan*—South Lyon ch 27. *Pby of Western Reserve*—Northfield ch 7; Rev Luke Dorland 9 67; Guilford ch 34

97 70

SYNOD OF S. IOWA.—*Pby of Des Moines*—Oceola ch 6; Chariton ch 7 30; Albia ch 8; Oskaloosa ch 9 80. *Pby of Iowa*—Burlington Ger ch 8 80; Mt Pleasant Ger ch 3 50; Evangelical St Peters ch 20; Mt Pleasant ch 106 65. *Pby of Missouri River*—Sidney ch 16

185 05

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Concord ch 2; Alliance ch 6 75. *Pby of St Claire*

ville—Bellair ch 48; Martinsville ch 12; Cadiz ch 54 50; Bellville ch 20 50. *Pby of Steubenville*—Two Ridges ch 97; Steubenville 2d ch Dr and Mrs Beatty 150; Ulrichsville ch 7; New Cumberland ch 5; Big Spring ch 4. *Pby of Washington*—Upper Buffalo ch 45; Washington 1st ch 17 90; West Liberty ch 3 50; Canonsburg ch 16. *Pby of West Virginia*—Ravenswood ch 4

493 15

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Rockville Ger ch 5. *Pby of Winnebago*—Plover 1st ch 12; Oxford ch 4 50

21 60

Total Receipts from churches \$9,464 15

MISCELLANEOUS.—Rev J H Aughey and family, Livonia, Ind, 5; Mrs A S Guy, Oxford, O, 6; Mrs A O Patterson 10; Rev A L Thomson and Mrs Thomson, Forest Hill, Ind, 5 each, 10; Mrs "M M," Cumberland, Ohio, 10; Rev W J McCord, Wassica, N Y, 3; Mrs H J Bidle, Phila, 100; S B Lytle, Eakin, Pa, 2; Mrs P, Phila, 15; "M B M," Phila, 1; Mrs A W, Newburyport, Mass, 25; A friend of missions, Ills, 30; Rent of Norristown property to Jan 1, '67, (3 mos) 100; "D," interior of Pa, 10; Mrs Wm Dodds, Low Point, Ills, 5; "A friend," W Phila, 25; Miss Nancy S Kelso, Baltimore, Md, 5; The widow's mite, Bound Brook, N J 5; Dr J L Campbell 20; "W J H" 20; Wm M Pierson, 5; Rev L D Potter and family, Glendale, Ohio, 5; Mrs M Furman 1; Rev R F Patterson, Scipio, Ind, 5

422 00

Total Receipts in January, \$9,886 15

S. D. POWELL, Treasurer,
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CLOTHING.

1 box from ladies of 1st ch Wheeling, W Va, valued at \$175 00
1 box from ladies of Bristol ch, Pa, valued at 115 00
1 box from ladies of Springfield 1st ch, Ills, valued at 110 00
1 box from ladies of Cadiz ch, Ohio, valued at 71 00
1 box from ladies of Florida ch, N Y, valued at 95 00
1 box from Sab-sch of Fredricksburg ch, Ohio, valued at 20 80
4 boxes from ladies of 1st ch Oswego, N Y, valued at 400 00
1 package from Mrs Tabor, N Y, value not given.
1 box from ladies of 1st ch, Allegheny, Pa, valued at 215 00
1 box from ladies of Brick ch, N Y, valued at 20 00
1 box from Mrs A M Carter, Baltimore, Md, value not given.
1 box from ladies of N Y Av ch, Washington, D C, valued at 183 96
1 box from ladies of Frankfort ch, Ky, valued at 141 00
1 box from ladies of University Place ch, N Y, valued at 500 00
1 box from ladies of North ch, Washington, D C, valued at 112 00

\$2,338 76

NOTE.—The contribution of \$29 10 acknowledged in January Record as from "South Salem ch." should have been from the "Ladies Charitable Society of said church.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life. And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.—Gen. iii. 14, 15.

And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly.—Rom. xvi. 20.

And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.—Isa. xi. 8-10.

The Power of the Pastor.

There are two theories in regard to the measures by which the expansion of the Church is to be accomplished. The one holds that true religion is not alone a doctrine but a life; not mere acts of worship but a sincere consecration of the whole man to be a living sacrifice, consuming itself in zealous acts of Christian love and usefulness; that the merchantman who offered the bowls before the altar, or the labourer who reverently brought the pots in the Lord's house, the rulers who fetched precious stones, or the widow who gave two mites, were doing what was right on the Sabbath, what was pleasing to the Lord, and what was essential to the maintenance of his honour, and the spread of the knowledge of Him. Hence, that Christian beneficence is a part of the Christian profession, and the enforcement of that duty is a part of the regular calling of the minister, in the pulpit and out of it.

The other theory, when fully carried out, places the pecuniary offerings of the Church in the hands of associations and men outside of the organization; makes the contribution of money to missions, the education of the ministry, the publication of books and tracts, and other developments of the Church's life and growth, to be separate and special; these interests are not even responsible to the Church, save through public sentiment.

This has some evident merit. It assumes for such agencies greater range of vision, and also superior activity. Like the youth on the shoulders of the tall man it can sometimes see farther than the man; but whether the man can work better all day with the youth's knees clasped tight round his throat, and the youth's arms clinging round his eyes and mouth, is another question. And it is the man that most interests us.

These two theories are in some cases blended. But it requires not much judgment or observation to say which is most healthful to the Church, which most blest to the growth of piety and zeal in the souls of Christians, and which in the long run accomplishes the most extensive and permanent good in the world. The advocates of the voluntary theory often acknowledge this.

Within the past year we spent a day in company with the treasurer of an important voluntary Society of our country. We handed him a copy of the *Home and Foreign Record* to read. After a little time he laid it down for a moment, and said, as if profoundly impressed with the thought, "*What a powerful machinery your Church possesses.*"

There is the matter in a nutshell! There is no machinery of any other Church or benevolent Society so massive, so smooth, so complete, so effective, as that of the Presbyterian Church. It is machinery constructed after the Divine plan. It is machinery which has been the model of the strongest, most excellent civil government upon which the sun ever shone. It is machinery capable of doing *all* that it was designed for.

Oh what a mighty power would be exerted by the Presbyterian Church if the pastors in all their pulpit and other labours, the elders in their important ministry, the deacons in their attention to the pecuniary and charitable affairs, if the various orders of teachers, if the officers of her several Boards, and all in her service, and if the members of her communion were each in his and her place deeply sensible of the importance of their labours, zealously and prayerfully engaged in them, and harmoniously co-operating with the one great end to fill this world of sin with the precious

blessings of the gospel! In the year 1732 the feeble, persecuted, ill-organized Moravian Church, numbering *six hundred* souls, determined, under the guidance of the Saviour, to give itself to the work of converting the world. Since that date they have sent abroad nearly four times that entire number of persons as foreign missionaries, besides many to home fields, and have raised up and sustained in their labours a multitude of native assistants. Were the Presbyterian Church of *two hundred and forty thousand* members, four hundred times the strength of those Moravians, animated by a similar spirit, the millennium would not be far off.

But as the life of the tree, foliage and fruit, all depends upon the soundness of the great bundle of fibrous tubes in their bark envelope which we call the trunk, and upon the fulfilment of their office of conveying moisture from the earth and distributing it to every part, so the success of the Presbyterian Church depends firstly upon the fidelity of its pastors. The piety, the parity, the power of the ministry; these are the radical elements of Presbyterianism. Sanctified piety; ecclesiastical parity; plenitude of promised power as God's ambassadors, to convert souls, to publish the gospel far and wide, to control and to press forward all the departments of the Church's influence. If the pastors perform not their functions, if it be expected that other men do their work, the life of the tree languishes, it ceases to grow, it produces little fruit, and that nigh worthless for food or for seed.

Why not employ agents?

Still some ministers are distrustful of themselves, inexperienced, and think "agents" might be employed to advantage in behalf of the several departments of the Church's evangelical effort, as is done by the Bible, Tract, and other societies. What shall be said to this? The objections are unanswerable. They are,

1. The enormous expense to the Church; the majority of those employed do not add to the ordinary contributions of churches enough to pay their salaries, travelling expenses, etc.

2. The burthen and offence to strong and liberal churches which are besieged by them incessantly; and the overlooking of others, some of them perhaps strong, but not so free, which need to be informed and cultivated.

3. The necessity laid upon *all* the Boards of resorting to the same means of sustaining themselves, if their present

regular working be interfered with; thus the multiplication *seven-fold* of what was bad enough when the Church possessed but one or two ecclesiastical organs.

4. The turning of a considerable number of the most active and useful ministers to other work; a kind of work which is different from the tidings that a missionary brings to the ears of the church of "what wonders God hath wrought by him," and his appeals for more help based thereupon; and a kind of work that in its nature tends to deteriorate the man employed alone in it.

5. The injury to the spiritual growth of the Church; which needs, not spasmodic and local stimulants, but healthful and continued nurture and exercise; and this necessitates the suitable instruction of the people by their own pastor, and the call upon every one to *give each first day of the week as the Lord hath prospered*, as an expression of thankful love, and a duty to the kingdom of the Redeemer.

What there is to do.

The first secret of a pastor's power lies in personal nearness to, and imitation of, the LORD JESUS CHRIST. There is a secret place of the thunder which shakes the world, and launches its bolts for the humiliation or destruction of the enemies of God; to that place the child of God has access, and there He loves to answer his filial requests. He that dwells in that secret place of the Most High abides under the shadow of an Almighty arm, which will give sure success to his faithful labours; to labours which are akin to the example given us in the earthly ministry of the Son, and of which the honour is rendered to that Son.

A congregation needs honest and unshrinking instruction and admonition as to the duties of each member. Sanctification must not be separated from justification; works from faith; giving money and time and strength to the service of Christ, from the other privileges of the Sabbath.

A special and tender care should be exercised over the young: that they may be led to Jesus; that they possess elevated, correct, unselfish views as to duty; that such as are suitable may become ministers of the gospel, Christian teachers, &c.; and that they may see and feel that the chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy him for ever.

It should be the aim to have *every* church member contribute, according to the divine plan, to the great departments of

labour for God's glory and the salvation of the world. The order adopted and recommended by the General Assembly is the very best; and an adherence to it is of great importance to the Church and the Boards.

See that the *Home and Foreign Record* is put into every family; notice its more interesting contents in the lecture-room and pulpit; and endeavour to multiply the practical religious reading of each family, church newspapers, religious books, etc.

Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that shall give all its inherent power to that grand machinery which God has intrusted to us to work.

Gleanings from the Testimony of Pastors.

The following affecting incidents have been taken from the lips of brethren in the ministry, and may be profitable to those in similar circumstances at this season.

The dead mother's letter.

The week of prayer passed in the congregation without any evidence of special interest among the people. Sabbath was the communion; still none. On the next Friday evening after a special meeting for prayer, a fine young man came to the pastor, under deep conviction. Said he: "I was turning over some old letters in a trunk. One in my mother's hand caught my eye. I opened and read it. It was one she wrote me not long before her death. I did not feel it then. But as I read again the loving, anxious entreaties of that dear mother that her son would become a servant of God, and with what confidence she committed me to God in the prospect of her own death, a sword pierced my soul. Sir, tell me what I am to do." See how God thus hears a church's prayers, and, by the moisture with which He fills the ground, cracks open the shell that was hardened around a seed that otherwise would have decayed, and sets it to growing.

"Not one spoke to me."

"I was in great distress of mind," said young T— B—, "Mr. R—'s sermons made me feel I was such a sinner. My heart sometimes felt as if it would break. I did not know what to do. I longed so much for some Christian to say something to me. One word would have done me good. Several times I stood at the door of the church till everybody went out, hoping some

one would say a word to me. But not one spoke to me. No! *not one spoke to me!* How much distress, and doubt, and waiting, it would have saved me had some Christian talked with me, or prayed with me." Reader, is not some soul waiting for you to speak? Hasten to do it.

The widow's triumph.

A widow had a profligate son; but she did not despair of his salvation. Trusting to the promises of a covenant-keeping God, she prayed for him day and night. She came to be eighty years of age, and her son fifty. "O Lord, how long!" Still her faith failed not. Last winter an answer came that not alone answered her prayers, but swept along with it many others within the gates of mercy. The worn-out, aged mother was on her dying-bed the Sabbath her son, and his wife by his side, joined themselves to the church. "Now!" cried she, "*now let thy servant depart in peace!*" And that night she entered into the upper temple. There her eyes have seen the Prince of salvation, and surely, like Anna, "she gave thanks likewise" before Him.

Three years—and almost lost.

"Three years ago there was a revival in our church, and a good many were converted," said John L—, with a sorrowful countenance, one dark, cold night, when, after a long struggle, he came to see his pastor at his study, "and I was for some time anxious about my salvation. Several times I threw myself in the way of professors of religion, particularly when my heart was full, on the way from church. But they talked of other things. Sometimes it seemed as if their cold remarks *cut me to the heart*. However, after a time my distress passed away. I might have been lost. Lately I have become uneasy about my condition. Several of your sermons have impressed me. To-night I have come just to ask you, what I shall do to be saved?" "Three years;" "Cut to the heart" by the cold speeches of those to whom this perishing soul was looking for a word of sympathy and help! Almost gone! How many have passed through the same bitter experience! "I might have found peace years ago—I might have joined the church years ago—had any one taken an interest in me." "Even my pastor never conversed with me." How many of these souls, well-nigh escaped, are ensnared again by the fowler! How many shall lift up such mournful wails in the Judgment Day.

The Cortlandt Van Rensselaer Memorial Institute.

The following cordial and emphatic action of the Board of Education needs no further remarks. Dr. Wood has entered upon his labours with energy, and with an exhibition of interest on the part of many who are able to afford the aid he needs, which encourages him to hope for success.

"The Board of Education having felt an unusual interest in the establishment of the Cortlandt Van Rensselaer Memorial Institute,—not as being connected with it organically more than other educational institutions of the Church, but for the sake of its objects, which are to give a thorough training in whole or in part, gratuitously, to such candidates for the ministry as choose to avail themselves of it, and to be a fitting monument to the devoted man whose name it bears. One to whom the Church, and the Board are so much indebted—does hereby cordially renew its recommendation of that institution, as one eminently deserving the warm sympathies and prayers of the churches, and the large benefaction of those whom God has blessed with the means to prosper these ends. The Board is the more willing to take this action, in view of the recent election by the trustees of the Rev. Dr. Wood, to the office of the principal of this interesting and important institution, whose connection with this Board, eminent abilities, and long experience in the education of the young, give it every promise of success."

Revivals in Progress.

The limited space in these columns prevents notice of a number of powerful revivals of which we are informed by letter or through the newspapers. May such result in the salvation of many souls, and in furnishing many labourers for the ripe harvest of the world. Shall not these manifestations of God's grace be extended far and wide until the numbers of converts be numerous as the holy flocks of lambs and doves and other sacrifices at "Jerusalem in the solemn feasts." "For this I be will inquired of, to do it. And they shall know that I am the Lord."—Ezek. xxxvi. 37, 38.

Our Fathers' God: an Account of Our First National Revival.

A supplement to the *Home and Foreign Record* with this title, giving an account of "the great Revival of 1800" as it is sometimes called, has been compiled, to

meet the desire of many for information upon that subject, and printed by a special donation and sent from this Board to all the ministers and candidates in the church. Copies of it will be sent to others at the rate of four cents a copy, postage prepaid here where more than twenty are ordered.

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN JANUARY, 1867.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pky of Albany</i> —Carlisle ch 3; Esperance ch 2; Schenectady ch 188; Albany 2d ch 129 95	322 95
<i>Pky of Bloomington</i> —Farm Ridge ch 11; Onarga ch 8	19 00
<i>Pky of Burlington</i> —Burlington ch	70 82
<i>Pky of Belvidere</i> —Newton ch	30 00
<i>Pky of Blairsville</i> —Murrysville ch 11; New Salem ch 23	34 00
<i>Pky of Chillicothe</i> —Hillsboro' ch	42 10
<i>Pky of Columbus</i> —Truro ch	15 00
<i>Pky of Connecticut</i> —White Plains ch	25 00
<i>Pky of Dane</i> —Rockville Ger ch 4; Harcon Corners ch 2 50	6 50
<i>Pky of Donegal</i> —Chestnut Level ch	20 00
<i>Pky of Erie</i> —Meadville ch	30 00
<i>Pky of Elizabethtown</i> —Elizabethtown ch	12 00
<i>Pky of Fairfield</i> —Bloomfield ch	3 00
<i>Pky of Iowa</i> —Evangelical St Peter's ch	6 00
<i>Pky of Marion</i> —Radnor ch	2 00
<i>Pky of Miami</i> —First ch, Springfield	30 00
<i>Pky of Northumberland</i> —Williamsport ch	25 00
<i>Pky of New York</i> —First ch, New York	1,924 67
<i>Pky of New Lisbon</i> —Poland ch	13 00
<i>Pky of Oxford</i> —Bethel ch	10 00
<i>Pky of Palmyra</i> —Rev A Steed and wife, Shelbyville, Mo	2 00
<i>Pky of Philadelphia Central</i> —Second ch, Phila ECB 5; do from a member 100; Princeton ch 78 82	178 32
<i>Pky of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Providence ch, from a lady	2 50
<i>Pky of St Louis</i> —Ironton ch 11 60; Little Davie ch 1	12 60
<i>Pky of Saltsburg</i> —From "S N," Kittanning, Pa 300; 1st ch, Kittanning 55	355 00
<i>Pky of Schuylcr</i> —Perry ch 5 60; Mt Sterling ch 95 cts	6 55
<i>Pky of Sidney</i> —De Graff ch	3 20
<i>Pky of St Clairsville</i> —Wegoe ch	6 00
<i>Pky of Upper Missouri</i> —Sixth st, St Joseph ch	30 00
<i>Pky of Washington</i> —Unity ch	8 40
<i>Pky of White Water</i> —Mt Carmel ch	5 00
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MISCELLANEOUS.

"D—, interior of Pa," 5; A friend, West Phila 25	30 00
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II. FUND FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, &c.

<i>Pky of Philadelphia Central</i> —Second ch, Phila, from a member,	\$50 00
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MISCELLANEOUS.

A Presbyterian, special,	75 00
	<hr/> \$125 00

Total amount acknowledged, \$3,405 61

WILLIAM MAIN, Treasurer.

Letters and Communications in regard to the objects of the BOARD of EDUCATION may be addressed to Rev. WILLIAM SPEER, D.D., Corresponding Secretary, or to Rev. THOMAS McCauley, Assistant, No. 007 Arch Street, Philadelphia. Remittances of money should be made to WILLIAM MAIN, Esq., same address.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Recent Intelligence.

MISSION HOUSE, New York, }
February 13th, 1867. }

LETTERS have been received from—

Bogota, December 31st.
Rio de Janeiro, December 24th.
Sao Paulo, November 6th.
Corisco, November 20th.
Lahor, December 20th.
Lodiana, December 7th.
Amballa, December 10th.
Dehra, December 17th.
Calcutta, December 7th.
Bangkok, November 26th.
Shanghai, November 26th.
Ningpo, November 25d.
Chefoo, November 6th.
Tungchow, November 6th.
Peking, October 20th.
Tallahassee, Creek Nation, January 12th.
Omaha, January 26th.
Chippewa, January 1st.

NOTICES OF MISSIONARIES.—The Rev. P. H. Pitkin arrived at Bogota on the 29th of November, and was warmly welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Wallace, who have been long desiring an associate in the mission. The Rev. C. W. Forman, of Lahor, and his family were at Calcutta expecting to sail for Boston soon, on the ship *Guy Mannering*. His visit to this country, as formerly mentioned, is rendered imperative by the state of his health. For the same cause, the Rev. R. Thackwell, of Amballa, expected soon to set out with his family for England, his native country, this change, and entire rest from all mental effort, having been enjoined by his physicians. On the other hand, the Rev. J. J. Walsh, of Allahabad, has concluded to defer his return to this country, and to spend the next hot season in the Hills. The Rev. A. Henry and his family have removed from Lodiana to Lahor, where Mr. Henry has entered on the important work so long and so efficiently conducted by Mr. Forman, as superintendent of the High School, and its affiliated neighbourhood schools in that city. Mr. Henry left his former station with much regret, which was shared by his colleagues, but the

brethren of the mission considered his transfer to Lahor the best measure they could adopt. The Rev. D. McGilvary and his family were at Bangkok, expecting soon to proceed on their journey to the Laos country. Mr. McGilvary refers with tender feeling to his removal from Petchaburi, where he has spent several years of missionary labour. He thinks that the prospects of that station are more encouraging than at any former time. Quite a number of the natives came to take a friendly leave of him and his family, and the young convert, *Nai Soot*, whose baptism was mentioned in our last number, agreeably to his earnest request, will accompany Mr. McGilvary to Chieng-Mai; he may prove to be of great service in this new mission. The Rev. D. D. Green has returned from spending some months in the north of China with health much improved, and has removed from Ningpo to Hangchow, as a provisional measure, but as a step towards the occupying of this large city permanently as a mission station if practicable. The Rev. R. H. Nassau, M. D., and his wife were at Corisco on a visit from Benita, in connection with the annual meeting of the mission. Their journey in an open boat was attended with a good deal of exposure and some danger. The loss of valuable property at one of the native towns, where the boat had to put in under stress of weather, and other reasons of a general nature, have led Mr. Nassau to feel strongly the need of some of our Government vessels being again sent to the African coast. It is indeed a matter of surprise that the interests of our countrymen, commercial and general, as well as missionary, are left without naval protection on that coast.

CONVERTS RECEIVED INTO THE CHURCH.—The Rev. N. A. McDonald gives an account of the baptism of another Siamese convert, and mentions other

things of encouraging interest. The Rev. F. J. C. Schneider reports the baptism of two more converts at Rio de Janeiro, on the 23d of December, one of them formerly "a fanatical Romanist," as he described himself. The Rev. A. L. Blackford mentions the admission of five new converts to the Church at Sao Paulo on the 23d of September. The Rev. W. A. P. Martin, D.D., refers to a remarkable degree of religious interest among the Chinese on the borders of Shantung. The English Methodist missionaries of Tien Tsin had baptized forty-five professed converts, as the first fruits of this movement.

HOSHYPURPORE IN THE PUNJAB.—The Lodiana Mission have recommended this place to be occupied as a missionary station, under the charge of the Rev. G. D. Maitra, a native minister. Particulars of this measure will be given hereafter; it is one of much interest.

CREEK MISSION.—The letters of the brethren continue to possess a hopeful degree of interest. Mr. Ramsay finds an open door for preaching, and Mr. Robertson speaks earnestly of the desire and need of education. The Creek Council had voted funds for the repair of the Tallahassee school building. The Creeks are greatly in need of the Scriptures and other books in their own language. A second edition of the Creek Primer, revised by Mr. Robertson since his return to Tallahassee, is now in press; it contains a number of lessons in Bible truth. With this encouragement, however, there are also difficulties in the way, which we trust will be overcome.

A CALL FOR MORE MISSIONARIES from India has been widely printed in the newspapers, and this subject is referred to in several of the letters acknowledged above. The places of Messrs. Forman and Thackwell should be supplied. The want of health in some cases, and the advancing years of some of the missionaries, preclude their rendering full service. The work itself, moreover, is great and growing. Prayer should be offered to the Lord of the harvest, that he would send labourers into the harvest.

Training of a Siamese for the Ministry.

Report to the Presbytery of Siam.

We have read this report with deep interest. It relates to a matter of the greatest moment, the training of native ministers of the gospel. It sets the Presbytery before us in its proper work, directing and supervising. It shows us the pains-taking, unintermitted efforts of the missionary in this service—not for a large class of students, but for one poor native brother in Christ. It gives us a pleasing idea of the spirit and progress of this Siamese candidate for the ministry. It shows us, also, the importance of following some well devised plan or system, in the training of a native minister. All this will not be in vain. Neither will the perusal of this little paper be in vain, if it lead our readers to offer prayer for Nai Klai, and other native brethren, who are preparing to be ministers of the gospel among their own people.

This report was approved by the Presbytery and ordered to be recorded in its Minutes. By direction of Presbytery, we have been furnished with a copy, which here finds an appropriate place, in the columns of the *Record*.

Nai Klai has been engaged, under my direction, during the past year, principally in the study of the Scriptures, with occasional excursions for distributing books and teaching. In the study of the Scriptures, we commenced this year with the Epistle to the Romans, and finished Galatians, Ephesians, Philipians, and Colossians. My object was to have him study them carefully and critically, as far as could be done in the vernacular, noticing the particular object of the Apostle in writing; the arguments used; the exhortations given; the doctrines drawn from each, with a careful explanation of all terms and historical allusions. This was a pleasant and delightful exercise, although attended with some difficulty, and one in which he engaged with great interest.

In the historical part, he has studied the first part of the Acts of the Apostles, carefully tracing the history of the Christian Church in its transition state, as established first amongst the devout Jews: then as embracing the Jewish

converts from heathenism, and finally, as receiving converts directly from the gentile world. He has, also, carefully read a small tract or synopsis of Church History, coming down to the time of the Reformation, which has recently been prepared and printed in the Siamese language.

In book distribution, &c., he has generally accompanied one or both of us in our tours and excursions for preaching, and as circumstances favoured, or an opportunity offered, he would speak a word for Christ. In this way he was learning by experience as well as example how to preach the gospel. Sometimes a hint in private would correct any fault, or a word of encouragement would serve to strengthen and encourage him in the work. He was also frequently required to write an exposition of some text or passage of Scripture, or an exhortation on the subject of religion, suitable for a congregation. These I always read, and offered any suggestions I thought would be profitable in reference to them. His improvement, I think, has been very encouraging.

Girls' Boarding School at Shanghai.

A short but good Report.

The Rev. J. M. W. Farnham sends us the following report of the girls' boarding school at Shanghai, China, for the year ending September 30th, 1866.

The twelve girls with which we commenced the year are all still with us, and in the good providence of God have all enjoyed excellent health. Near the close of the year eight new pupils were taken on trial, of whom five were retained, making the present number at the close of the year seventeen. Their studies and work are much as heretofore reported, except that more time has been given this year to learning useful labours than before. They have been very attentive to duty and won the respect of their teachers. There has been considerable seriousness among the larger pupils throughout the year. The good attention to the preaching, and all the religious exercises, has been quite gratifying. One of the pupils has been received into the church, two more are about to be baptized, and others are professing faith in Christ.

The one received into the church has been for several years under religious instruction; she is upwards of twenty years of age, and possesses more than ordinary abilities. Her mind is well stored with Scripture truths and she seems well qualified to render useful

assistance in a field where such labourers are much needed.

How many such girls there are who ought to be sought out and qualified to take part in the great work awaiting women in this land of darkness! If we only had the means we might take many whom we now have to reject.

Review of a Year's Work at Chefoo, China.

The Rev. H. Corbett writes as follows, under date at Chefoo, of October 25th, 1867.

During the year we were permitted to welcome Miss Downing as a member of the Chefoo Station, as well as to our family. In this our prayers were answered, and we hope that she will be blessed of God in winning many souls for Christ. The first of December, 1865, we removed to the house formerly occupied by Dr. McCartee, at Chefoo.

After much difficulty, succeeded in getting a place on the main street to preach and distribute books. There has been daily preaching there since, except when absent itinerating. Many, from almost every part of the province, have heard more or less of the gospel. Many books have been circulated from this place.

A Church Organized.

In January, a church was organized at Chefoo, consisting of six members, two of whom were baptized the same day. Since then three have been received by baptism, and five on certificate from the church at Tungchow. Consequently the church now numbers fourteen members. An elder and deacon have recently been chosen and ordained. It has been necessary to exercise discipline in a few cases. We hope that God will bring them to see their condition, and make them his true children. The conduct of most of the members has been satisfactory. Some of them give unmistakable evidences of growth in grace, and manifest an earnest desire that Christ's kingdom may be extended.

There have been two services held on the Sabbath in our sitting-room, and prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening without interruption, when I was at home. For more than six months the attendance on the Sabbath has not been less than thirty and often more than sixty. A number of both men and women who were not connected with us in any way have attended many successive Sabbaths.

Itinerations.

Last spring I made an itinerating trip of nearly two months, with Mr. Mateer and three native preachers. Travelled over land nearly seven hundred miles; sold 1,083,606 pages of books and tracts, for which we received about \$170.

I wrote an account of the trip at the time, so I need not repeat it. Recently I made a trip with two colporteurs, across the promontory, spending nearly two weeks; visited two walled cities where I had not been before, and many intervening towns and villages. Was generally kindly treated. Found a few who not only appeared willing but manifested an interest in hearing the truth. Have spent a number of days in preaching in the villages within a distance of eight or ten miles from Chefoo. Two men have been employed as colporteurs since June. They have laboured faithfully as their journals and other evidence testify. Two or three men have come to me apparently anxious about their souls, who first heard the gospel from them. There have been in addition to the above statement 1,358,049 pages of Bibles, tracts, and other books sold and distributed. Much more could have been accomplished in this way if we had the books.

Mr. Wong, the native assistant, and recently elected elder, has been of invaluable service in preaching. He preaches from three to four hours daily in the chapel on the street. He loves the work and prays much for the conversion of souls.

Schools.

The boys' school has succeeded much beyond our expectation; all the boys have made progress in their studies. Several of the boys are very bright; they have learned much of the gospel truth. One boy aged fourteen years, of good mind and character, has applied for baptism. By giving the boys their dinners I have secured papers from their fathers or guardians, binding them to me for a term of years, consequently the school is on much surer footing than day-schools usually are. Mrs. Corbett spends a portion of each day in instructing the boys. They have become much attached to her. Mrs. Corbett has been enabled to visit frequently at their homes, thus having a good opportunity of telling their families as well as their neighbours, who always gather to see her, of Christ. There have been ten additional applications for baptism, but none of them, as we thought, were ready

to be received into the church. We have hope that some of them will yet be brought into the kingdom. We have attained a good and comfortable dwelling house, and are now having buildings erected for a girls' boarding school.

Happy in hard work—What is most wanted.

The year has been one of hard work. As a general thing we were blessed with good health and were happy in our work. We have cause for sorrow and humiliation that some even of the little flock seem to have lost their first love, and are still following Christ, if at all, afar off.

On the other hand, there is cause for gratitude that God has not left us without some token of his presence. We have strong faith that the blessings already received are but the drops before the coming shower. We need the outpouring of the Holy Spirit more than all else; for this we daily pray, but either from want of faith, love, zeal and earnestness, or all combined, the windows of heaven seem still to be closed. Very truly.

Mission Tours from Rawal Pindi.

Rawal Pindi is the furthest station northwestward, in the Punjab, in India, at present occupied by the Board. The missionaries there are the Rev. J. H. Morrison, D.D., and his daughter, Miss Morrison, and the Rev. J. H. Orbison and his wife. They are assisted by a candidate for the ministry, who is also the chief teacher, by three other teachers, two catechists, two Scripture readers, and two colporteurs,—all natives of India. Under the care of the missionaries there is a church of eighteen communicants, and five schools, one for girls and the others for boys, embracing four hundred and twenty-two scholars, of whom sixty are girls. As to the duties of the missionaries, "according to arrangement, Dr. Morrison has continued to itinerate in the cold weather, and labour at Murree, in the Hills, in the hot season, and Mr. Orbison has remained in charge of the station, native preachers, schools, &c., as heretofore." We take these notices from the report of the station for the year ending September 30th, 1866,

written by Mr. Orbison. Omitting the account of various other matters, we insert the part of this paper which relates to missionary tours from this station.

An effort has been made to itinerate as much as possible during the year.

1. After returning from the Annual Meeting, Dr. Morrison commenced a tour through the districts of Rawal Pindi, Jhelum, Thahpur, Jhang and Gogaiva, which lasted *three months*. He was accompanied all the way by one native catechist and a colporteur, and part of the way by two colporteurs. Some part of this country had never been visited by a missionary, still the people had some knowledge of the Christian books and religion from what they had heard at melas and other places, and from their neighbours who had heard the preaching of missionaries, and received books to carry to their homes. Part of the country was the same that he visited last year, and it seemed that while some of the people appeared pleased with the books they received, the effect upon others had been to excite greater opposition. This, however, was probably more the case with those who had not read them, but whose envy had been stirred up more by seeing them favourably received by their neighbours than by actually reading them. Nothing of special interest or encouragement was brought to view during this tour, and the incidents of the journey were only of the ordinary kind that occur generally on every missionary itineration.

2. In February and March Mr. Orbison spent several weeks visiting the country southeast of Rawal Pindi, in the districts of the Rawal Pindi and Jhelum. One catechist and a Scripture reader accompanied him, and thus together they were able to visit a good number of villages and accomplish a good amount of work. Mrs. Orbison also had some opportunities for conversing with the women. The most interesting part of the time was spent in the city of Jhelum and visiting the villages lying along the River Jhelum for some distance above and below the city. An interesting and intelligent young native, who had received an English education, and had considerable knowledge of the Bible, was met with and urged to attend to his salvation, and give himself to the service of God. He listened with great attention and interest and said that in his heart he believed and would like to

become a Christian, and promised to give earnest heed to the subject. Many persons were met with who seemed to feel that they had been misled and deceived by their Maulwis and Gurus and Pandits, and a desire for something better was often expressed.

3. A tour through the mountains and valleys of Poonch and Cashmere in May and June made by Mr. Orbison and a catechist, may also be mentioned in this connection. Although the trip was chiefly for the benefit of health, yet the great object of preaching and distributing the word of life was also kept in view. Some books and tracts were sold and some given away; many persons wishing to obtain them merely for the purpose of learning Hindustani, the knowledge and use of which is fast spreading. Whenever there was an opportunity the gospel was preached, even in the village of Cashmere where the Hindustani and Punjabi languages were not known, as the catechist was a native of that country, and well acquainted with the language and notions of the people. In the chief city an old man with his daughter and son-in-law came saying they believed in Christ, and entreated to be taken together with some other members of their family to the Punjab, that they might all become Christians. Perhaps the prime motive was to escape from an oppressive government.

Mainland Work of the Corisco Mission.

Benita, Meduma, Hanje, &c.

The Rev. R. H. Nassau, M. D., and his wife removed from Corisco to Benita, on the 11th of October, 1865, to carry forward the work commenced by the late and lamented Rev. G. Paull. Attention was at once given to completing the house erected by Mr. Paull, a part of which is used as a chapel, and another building has been finished as a dwelling house. Regular religious services have been steadily maintained, attended by from fifty to one hundred hearers, a Sabbath-school of from fifteen to fifty scholars, a day-school "which has been largely but most irregularly attended," and a small boarding-school of five girls and two boys to be received on scholarships; besides visits made to out-

stations, instruction of native helpers, &c., so that the missionary and his wife have had their hands full of work. Nor were these labours in vain; "eleven adults, four of them women, have been baptized." Thirteen persons were still in a catechumen class receiving instruction, on the 1st of October last. On the other hand, some of the church members had fallen under censure, and two of them had been excommunicated. The missionary mourns over these things, and he will have the sympathy of the people of God in his difficult work. After thus describing the state of things at Benita, he proceeds to give notices of the other out-stations on the mainland, which were under his supervision. At these he was aided by one licentiate preacher, Ibia, and four native helpers.

MEDUMA was reoccupied in November by transferring Fibata thither from this place. In June he was married by Christian ceremony to Kove, a former school girl. We hoped well for him; at first he had seemed faithful and his work to be fruitful; one of the catechumens who was baptized in July coming from his instructions at Meduma. But many evil reports have been brought against him, which laid him under church censure, and he is, just as we close the year, dismissed for neglect of duty and loss of Christian character.

HANJE. There has been a very unsettled state among the people. Njumba fled in May from the wrath of a polygamist, who despoiled his goods and threatened his person for an act of gross sin, which Njumba asserts was one he had confessed to the mission, but which was unknown to the person most offended. The place has not since then been occupied, and Njumba's conduct, in certain native customs, having prevented the return of confidence among the people of this region, he is suspended indefinitely.

SENJE. An out-station was established in April at Senje, twenty miles up the Benita River, with two young men, Upulako and Bodipa, just from Alongo School. The attendance of the people to religious things has not been what was hoped, they having utterly misunderstood our object in the mission of the young men. Repeated explanations have scarcely yet prevented the people from looking for a trade factory in our hands. But we are not disheartened at

this error; the mere fact of a *location* there is favourable, it being the first foothold of an advance inland.

AYE. At Aye the people still neglect the religious services, but the surrounding country is open to the visits of the young men. The Balengi, back of the coast, have received kindly the visits made both by them and by the white missionary.

MBANGWI near Hondo Point. Licentiate Ibiya reports the number of persons living there as thirty-five. All these with the exception of four or five attend preaching regularly. Other people, workmen, not regular residents, also attend preaching. A native elder living with Ibiya goes occasionally to Haigina and Hondo a few miles distant "to talk to the people, but the attendance is a very poor one." Ibiya has made trips to Elobi and the Balengi to preach; the attendance of the latter "is good, as is the case in all new places." Of the Mbangwi Industrial School, he says: "It can be maintained as long as it shall please God. The most difficult part was the beginning, and this has been made." There are "thirteen learners, consisting of ten boys, two men, and one girl. Five of the boys live with their own parents. One of the learners is an Ugando man and designs to live here. He thinks he is a Christian, and desires to be baptized." As he has been "here only four months, I have not encouraged him to come before the session. He had heard something of the gospel before coming here."

As product of the industry of the Mbangwi people, he reports: "They cut about 2,000 pieces of red-wood and made some oars and paddles this year. This is little, but it is better than nothing, and is 1,300 more than last year. One man has made a little garden of groundnuts and corn this season; and another worked together with his wife in making one! In the open street he carried *cas-sada stick* for planting! This is reason triumphing over pride. He has one wife and a little betrothed girl, but he is getting back what he paid for the girl, intending to have but one wife." Two Christian men of this place "have dismissed the notion of living by 'trust,' and going after vessels without anything to sell." One of them "has taken trust twice since our coming here, and is over twenty dollars in debt,—the fate of all who take trust now."

ELOBI has been abandoned as a separate location, and it is in the bounds of Ibiya's duties. He says, "The people of Elobi are like all who have had the

gospel among them. They seem to care but little for the gospel. I believe rum has much to do with this state of things, for I always find many of them drunk."

On the journeys of the Committee, and during the visits of the young men to Benita Station, their education has, as far as practicable, been continued.

It is distressing to report derelictions of the young men, and apparent failure of their work more frequently than in former years. The more so because this is the first year that the superintendent has lived on the main land and in close observation of the work. But we are not depressed; if closer observation reveals defects, that very fact shows the necessity for such close inspection as can be given only by one living on the main land, as at Benita, in comparatively easy access to the out-stations.

Respectfully, R. H. NASSAU.

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IN JANUARY, 1867.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Londonderry*—Londonderry ch 83; 1st ch, Newburyport 290 60. *Pby of Troy*—Malta ch 21, Sab-sch 26 for child at Shanghai. *Pby of Albany*—Charlton ch 54; Princetown ch 18 50; Carlisle ch 14; Luzerne ch 8; Mariaville ch 15 65, Sab-sch 4 35. *Pby of Mohawk*—Park Central ch, Syracuse 120 644 10

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Ogdensburg*—Hammond ch 73 55, of which 30 to con Wm Rodgers and Jas Rodgers *Life Members*; Rossie ch 10; 2d Oswegatchie ch 30, Sab-sch 30. *Pby of Genesee River*—Second ch, Sparta 10. *Pby of Buffalo City*—Calvary ch, Buffalo 115 21. *Pby of Rochester City*—First ch, Rochester 194 13; 3d ch, Rochester 256 11; Seneca ch 42 93 761 73

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Hudson*—Washingtonville ch 20; Hamptonburg ch 106 07, Sab-sch 8, Campbell Hall Sab-sch 8; White Lake ch 10, of which 2 60 Hurd Sett'l and R Brown's Sab-sch 1 33; 1st ch, Mt Hope 78. *Pby of North River*—Bethlehem ch 36 38; Hughsonville ch 7; Rondout ch 290, Sab-sch 35; 1st ch, Kingston 48 25. *Pby of Connecticut*—Rye ch mo con 7 18. *Pby of Long Island*—East Hampton ch 143; Fresh Pond ch 30. *Pby of New York*—Fifth av and Nineteenth st 3 24 11; 1st ch, N Y mo con 245 25, Earnest Workers, for China 1,000; Brick ch mo con 47; Yorkville ch 27 40; Alexander ch 10; Forty-second street ch 101 95; Rutgers ch 359; First ch, Jersey City, annual coll 627 20, mo con 42 73, Sab-sch for Brazil 50; Eighty-fourth st ch mo con 20; German ch, N Y 10. *Pby of New York 2d*—Scotch ch Sab-sch 91; Mt Washington ch 100; Washington Heights ch mo con 35 22; 1st ch, Peekskill mo con 29 97; Westminster ch, Yonkers mo con 50. *Pby of Nassau*—First ch, Brooklyn mo con 57 07; Astoria ch mo con 25; Sab-sch 25; 8 Third st ch, Williamsburg mo con 24 13; Freeport ch 13 60; Ainslie st ch, Williamsburg 20 60; German ch, Williamsburg 5 12, 250 61

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Elizabethtown*—1st ch, Elizabeth 636 26; Liberty Corner ch 60; Pluckamin ch 25. *Pby of Passaic*—3d ch, Newark 1,327 06, mo con 39 04; Wickliffe ch mo con 9 53, a member 200; 1st ch, Morristown 582 35; Chester Sab-sch 10; 2d ch, Elizabeth 215; Westminster ch, Elizabeth 484 41; 1st ch, Paterson 162. *Pby of New Brunswick*—First ch, New Brunswick 103 43, mo con 45 for Rio chapel; 2d ch, New Brunswick 48 43; Lawrenceville ch mo con 42 56; Central Sab-sch to ed child at Corisco 60; Bound Brook ch 20; South Amboy ch 26; 1st ch, Hightstown 14 94; 2d ch, Princeton 217; Ewing ch 10. *Pby of West Jersey*—Swedesboro ch 5; Blackwoodtown ch 25 18. *Pby of Newton*—First Mansfield ch 100; 1st ch, Belvidere Sab-sch 3; Stroudsburg ch 18; Yellow Frame ch 19 39; Marksboro ch 31 91; Washington Sab-sch 4 15. *Pby of Baritan*—Arnwell United 1st ch 20 58; Flemington ch 143 14. *Pby of Susquehanna*—First ch, Towanda 50; Wyalusing ch 10; Herrick ch 2 50. *Pby of Luzerne*—Wyoming Sab-sch to con Jas P Atherton *Life Member* 30; Mahanoy City ch 44 17, Sab-sch 5 83. *Pby of Burlington*—Second ch, Camden 32 75; Mt Holly ch 36 70, Sab-sch 26 50; 1st ch, Bordentown 6 38; Columbus ch 11 90; Providence ch 4 02. *Pby of Monmouth*—First ch, Red Bank 21 43; Matawan ch 29 22; Manalapan Sab-sch 13 30 5,060 18

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Philadelphia*—Seventh ch, Phila Wm RA 50; a Lady to ed two children at Corisco 75; W Spruce st ch 173 01; Jos Paterson, Esq, 100; 10th ch, Phila three mo coll 149; Rev J H Jones, D.D., 50. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Second ch, Phila, hlf mo coll 16 41, a Member 100; E C B 5; West Arch st ch 44 80; Alexander ch 40; Memorial ch Sab-sch 5; Spring Garden ch 119, G 50, G C 50, J C 25, W J, jr, 25, G K A 25, J H 10, J R 5, A R 5, E Z K 1, Cash 10, a Member 20, X 20. = 365. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Slatinton ch 25; 1st ch, Norristown Sab-sch 36 23; Bristol ch 15; Providence ch, a Lady 2 50. *Pby of New Castle*—Oxford ch 120 16; New Castle ch 56, Sab-sch 27; Sab-sch in country, by Miss Gemmel 2, Mrs Dr Couper 25, Mrs Julia J Hammond 10, Mrs H Couper 6 50; Mrs Smith 5, Mrs Cannon 1, Mrs Black 1, Mrs Kincaid 1, Miss Booth 6, Mrs A Janvier 1, Mrs Spruance 8, W Couper 30, Mrs Dr Lesley 5, Mrs Spotswood 10, = 189 50; Upper Octorara ch 67. *Pby of Donagel*—Wrightsville Sab-sch 30. *Pby of Huntingdon*—Birmingham ch 318 40, of which Happer Missy Socy's 100; Tyrone ch 14 80; Hollidaysburg ch 125, Infant-sch 18; Beulah ch 7 66; Bellefonte ch 96 26; Pine Grove ch 40; Spruce Creek ch 444; Upper Tuscarora ch 21. *Pby of Northumberland*—Mahoning ch 165 04, Sab-sch 36; Grove ch 82 21, Sab-sch 25; Mifflinburg ch 14 40; McEwensville ch 7, Sab-sch 1 10; Sunbury ch 30, Sab-sch, for Rio 30; Washington ch 32 80 3,157 28

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Broadway Sab-sch, Baltimore 18 35; South ch, Baltimore Infant-sch 20; Annapolis ch Youths' Missy Socy 34 25. *Pby of Carlisle*—Second ch, Carlisle 207 42; Shippensburg ch 66; Schellsburg ch 13 60, Sab-sch 2 40; Mechanicsburg Sab-sch, for Tunghough sch 23 74. *Pby of Putnam*—Seventh st ch, Washington 8; 1st ch, Alexandria 12 71 411 47

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Redstone*—Long Run ch 25 25; 1st ch, McKeesport 38; George's Creek ch 10; A Fleming and J Sutter's sch 1 25. *Pby of Ohio*—Central ch, Pittsburgh 131 41; Lawrenceville ch 80 63; Ladies' Mite Socy 60, to con Mrs Mary Lea, Mrs Mary Campbell, Mrs Myra Johns and Mrs A W Davis *Life Members*; 2d ch, Pittsburgh Infant-Sab-sch 12 60; Bethany ch, Male Missy Socy 8, Female Missy Socy 50 cts; Montours ch 19 10; Miller's Run ch 26; Forest Grove ch 22. *Pby of Blairsville*—Beulah ch 22 53; Unity ch, Mrs Rev S P Kincaid 5; Fairfield ch 9 04. *Pby of Clarion*—Brookville ch 25; Bethesda ch, to con Jennie Sherrard *Life Member*

- 30 15; Middle Creek and Oak Grove ch, to con Thos Gray *Life Member* 30. *Pby of Saltburg*—S N 500; Parnassus ch 21 34; Mahoning ch 15 50 1,088 20
- SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.**—*Pby of Allegheny*—Butler ch 107 34, Sab-sch 133 60. *Pby of Allegheny City*—North ch. Allegheny City 161 93; Leetsdale ch 45 47; Sharpsburg ch 31 51; Central ch, Allegheny City 126 87; Manchester ch 74 63. *Pby of Beaver*—Little Beaver ch 18 45; Clarksville ch 25; New Salem ch 28 95. *Pby of Erie*—Meadville ch 50; Sturgeonville ch 11 75; Neshauc Union Sab-sch 12 50 828 00
- SYNOD OF WHEELING.**—*Pby of Washington*—First ch, Washington mo coll 17 95, bal to con A Todd Baird *Life Director* 28; West Alexander Sab-sch 8 30; Lower Buffalo ch 27 75; Pine Grove ch 2 38; West Liberty ch 46 40, Sab-sch 10 50; Wolf Run ch 3 50; Cross Roads ch 20 45. *Pby of Steubenville*—Second ch, Steubenville Dr and Mrs B 200; Ridge ch 27; Urlickville ch 7; Evans Creek ch 8 40; Linton ch 6 60; Wellsville ch 60. *Pby of New Lisbon*—Deerfield ch 30. *Pby of St Clairsville*—Mt Pleasant ch 68 90; Grandview ch 10; Brownsville ch 3. *Pby of West Virginia*—Clarksburg ch 5 691 18
- SYNOD OF OHIO.**—*Pby of Columbus*—London Sab-sch 9. *Pby of Marion*—First ch, Delaware 17, Sab-sch, for Tunchow 33; Brown ch 4; Iberia ch 17; Radnor ch 5. *Pby of Zanesville*—Newark Sab-sch 20; Coshocton ch 22; Bristol ch 5 50; Cross Roads ch 2; Madison ch 74; 1st ch, Zanesville 20. *Pby of Richland*—Frederickstown ch 35 72; Shelby ch 12; Ashland ch 59 41; Perrysville ch 28 50; Martinsburg ch 19 35; Chesterville ch 12, Sab-sch 50 cts; Savannah Sab-sch 5; Orange ch 7 75. *Pby of Wooster*—Chester ch 13; Jeromeville ch 10; Holmesville ch 22; Chippewa ch 19 85, a Little Boy 75 cts 474 33
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- SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.**—*Pby of Kaskaskia*—Mora ch 13 75; Rockwood ch 5. *Pby of Palestine*—Grandview ch 7; Charleston ch 15. *Pby of Sangamon*—Virginia ch 26 15; 1st ch, Decatur Sab-sch for child at Corisco 26. *Pby of Pontic*—Canton ch 17 50; French Grove ch 13. Sab-sch 5; Mansfield ch 19 32, Infant sch 68 cw; Salem ch 7 50. *Pby of Bloomington*—Clinton ch 35; Towanda ch 40; Union Grove ch 20; Crow Meadow ch 5; Champaign ch 19; 1st ch, Chatsworth 6 50; Onarga ch 13 50. *Pby of Saline*—Salem ch 15; Odin ch 12 85 827 75
- SYNOD OF CHICAGO.**—*Pby of Schuyler*—Ebenezer ch 20; Dodsdsville ch 8 75, Sab-sch 6 25; Pittsfield ch 11 50, Sab-sch 2; 1st ch, Carthage 14 30; Perry ch 8; Mt Sterling ch 7; Camp Creek ch 31. *Pby of Rock River*—Galena South ch 33 75; Middle Creek ch 22 50. *Pby of Chicago*—North ch Sab-sch, Chicago 75; Fullerton Av ch, Chicago 00; Manteno ch 25; Mendota ch 36 56, Sab-sch 1 60; Marengo ch 25; Willow Creek ch 42. *Pby of Bureau*—Andover ch 6; Woodhull ch 7; Beulah Sab-sch 5; Camden Mills Sab-sch 30 05. *Pby of Warren*—Prairie City ch 7; John Knox ch 18 50; Onedia ch 18 50 522 26
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- SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.**—*Pby of Iowa*—West Point ch 10; Unity ch 22 35; Evangl St Peter's ch 20. *Pby of Des Moines*—First ch, Oskaloosa 11; Albia ch 8. *Pby of Missouri River*—First ch, Nebraska City 16 90; Clarinda ch 10; Plattsmouth ch 47 80. *Pby of Fairfield*—Libertyville ch 4 150 05
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Total received from churches, \$28,275 57

LEGACIES.—Legacy of Margaret Hawkins, dec'd, Orange Co, N Y, 48 00

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Total receipts in January, 1867, \$38,260 74

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BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

PUBLISHING HOUSE, 821 CHESTNUT STREET,
PHILADELPHIA.

Letters relating to agencies, donations of books and tracts, the appointment of Colporteurs, manuscripts and books offered for publication, the editorial department of the *Sabbath-School Visitor*, and the general interests of the Board, to be addressed to the Rev. WILLIAM E. SCIENCE, D.D., Corresponding Secretary and Editor, No. 821 Chestnut street.

All communications, reports, remittances of money, donations, and orders for books, to be addressed to Mr. WINTHROP SARGENT, Superintendent of Colportage, Business Correspondent, and Treasurer.

Subscriptions to the *Home and Foreign Record*, and the *Sabbath-School Visitor*, and payments for the same, to be addressed to Mr. PETER WALKER.

Colporteurs Wanted.

There is a growing demand throughout the church for the publications of the Board. Pastors of churches and other intelligent Presbyterians express an increasing anxiety to have these books and tracts diffused among the people in their several vicinities, as one of the best means of dissipating ignorance respecting the doctrines and duties of religion, and of counteracting the various and insidious forms of error so industriously circulated.

The principal means by which this desire is to be fulfilled is the agency of colporteurs, and for these the Board is continually on the search. Good men, well-qualified and well-recommended for the colportage work, are now wanted in every part of the Church. Will not pastors and Presbyteries do what they can to aid the Board by finding out and recommending such men?

Yet while presenting this request we must beg our brethren not to

send us applicants who are not *thoroughly qualified* for the work.

Persons who are infirm or very aged often apply for commissions, evidently not apprehending the fact that a colporteur ought to be strong and able-bodied, able to brave heat and cold, rain and snow, muddy roads and all other sources of physical discomfort. Then he should have a gift and tact for talking to people and interesting them by his talk about the books and tracts he carries, and in the great concerns of the soul, at the welfare of which he ought to be ever aiming. He ought also to have a good measure of religious zeal, such as will lead him at all times to pray and labour earnestly, not for any subordinate end, but for the glory of God, for the salvation of souls, and for the up-building of the walls of Zion. And with these more important qualifications he should also have some knowledge of business, and be able to keep his accounts carefully, and make out his quarterly reports to the superintendent of colportage in a clear and orderly manner. Great trouble and loss of time is often caused at the office by the confused, irregular, and ignorant way in which well-meaning and zealous colporteurs sometimes render their accounts.

The printed circular sent to applicants for a colporteur's commission, or to those making inquiry about the matter, presents very properly the following leading suggestions in regard thereto.

I. The great MOTIVE for engaging in this service ought to be, to glorify God, by diffusing his truth, and saving souls. The *principal* motive of a colporteur should never be, to make money, either for himself or for the Board. The Board desires to commission no one as a colporteur who is willing to regard himself, or allow others to regard him, as a mere vender or peddler of books. Nevertheless, the great work of the colporteur is *to do good by the circulation of printed truth*, accompanying the pages sold and given away, so far as practicable, *with personal religious conversation and prayer*. He is expected to do this in the constant hope and desire that, above all, God will bless it to the conversion, edification, and salvation of immoral souls.

II. TESTIMONIALS.—Satisfactory testimonials will, in every instance, be required, before any applicant can be commissioned. These testimonials must be furnished by a Presbytery; a Colportage Committee of a Presbytery; the Session of a Church; or, by at least two ministers of good standing in our own or some other Evangelical Church. They must bear testimony to the *piety, prudence, industry, and business qualifications* of the applicant.

Men who can bring testimonials of this kind, the Board will be glad to hear from.

An Acknowledgment.

The Board of Publication recently sent a donation of Sabbath-school books and religious tracts to a missionary pastor in the far Northwest. The following is part of the acknowledgment received from him. Will not our readers help us to carry forward this good work?

"It is with feelings of unfeigned gratitude and pleasure, that I acknowledge the safe arrival of the package of tracts, catechisms, &c.,

you sent us. It is very thankfully received, and I trust, by the blessing of God, it will be a means of doing great good. The people are starving for religious reading, and especially for Presbyterian literature.

"I am very much rejoiced by the receipt of the catechisms; the children are all very anxious to learn them. The tracts, too, are very acceptable, for they will be very valuable in assisting me to refute the slanderous errors that are heaped upon us in regard to fatalism and infant damnation. The plain truth is, we must scatter our literature among the people more than we do. There are many here that have a horror of what they term 'Old Presbyterianism.' Why, there was a very estimable lady joined our church last Sabbath, who told me that when she came here some two years since, she was as much afraid of an 'Old Presbyterian' as of a Roman Catholic. But still she ventured to attend our church, and was so much pleased that she wanted to join it. She had been told, however, by a minister of another denomination, that we did not believe what we preached, and on appealing to me, if I really did preach Presbyterianism, I lent her my 'Confession of Faith.' She read it and was perfectly satisfied.

"If my life is spared, I will do what I can for the Board by an annual collection in May. Please accept my thanks for your liberal donation. Your brother in Christ."

Important Views.

The following observations, taken from the *Sunday-school Times*, deserve the thoughtful attention of all who are either furnishing or purchasing books for Sabbath-school libraries.

"A book is not necessarily suitable for the Sunday-school library because it is *not* fictitious. Some of the truthful biographies that

have been written for the use of children are as unwholesome and pernicious in their tendency as the worst of the fictions that have been named. A sickly and diseased condition of mind and body, in the case of children, is sometimes accompanied with a type of religious experience which is perfectly true and genuine, yet so abnormal in its character that it ought not to be placed before the eyes of the young as a model. Such facts, duly authenticated, ought, perhaps, to be put on record, for the study of theologians and those of mature mind, just as men of science preserve in bottles, for the purpose of examination and research, any of the curious and unusual productions of nature. But these curiosities of religious experience are utterly unsuitable to form any part of juvenile literature. The experience of which the young should read in the narratives prepared for them, whether fictitious or real, should be such, as to kind and as to intensity, as ordinary children are subject to. In other words, there is as much that is sickly and exceptional in real life as in fiction, and we have no more right to contaminate the minds of children with the one than with the other."

A Letter from Arkansas.

The following is an extract from a letter, sent in acknowledgment of the gift of a supply of Sabbath-school books and papers sent recently to a missionary in Arkansas.

"Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

"The package of books and papers was received to-day, all right and in good order. Please accept my sincere thanks, as also the heartfelt gratitude of the scholars, for your very valuable gift. O sir, if you could have seen the bright eyes and happy faces that were gathered around me in the school-room this afternoon while I read to them your letter, it would have made your

heart glad. And then to have heard the hearty expression of thanks to the kind friends who sent us those nice books and papers. I pray God they may be the means of leading many to Christ. Pray for us. I feel that I need the prayers of God's people, that I may be strengthened and fitted rightly to discharge all the duties of my station.

"The children ask me if you are going to send us the paper monthly. I tell them I do not know. We would be very glad to have it so, if you can afford it. I will venture to ask in behalf of the children, that as often as you can, you send us by mail a package of Sunday-school papers. I will pay the postage, and I assure you they will be thankfully received by the people and read with avidity.

"Again I thank you for the noble gift. May God bless and prosper you,

"Very respectfully, T. S. B."

Infant Salvation.

When one is reporting that his neighbours have the small-pox, and it is not so, he ought to be glad to be set right. So if one is reporting that his neighbours believe in infant damnation, he ought to rejoice to learn that it is not true, and should try to correct the misrepresentations he has made. The views of Calvinists on this point and others may be learned from a little book, entitled the "Great Supper; or, an Illustration and Defence of the Leading Doctrines of Grace," an admirable popular defence of the Calvinistic system, in which the most plausible objections of Armenians are satisfactorily confuted; and from "Children in Heaven," more recently issued by the Presbyterian Board of Publication. "It is as full of marrow as an egg is of

meat." These volumes should be in every family. Let our Pastors and Elders circulate them everywhere, and let everybody read them, and also the "Relation of Baptized Children to the Church."

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Coins of the Bible.

The Board has just issued a new edition of the "Coins of the Bible, and its Money Terms," by James Ross Snowden, A. M. This little treatise is very valuable and has sold rapidly. The new edition, now issued, is enlarged, and its value enhanced by an additional chapter on the Parable of the Talents, and a number of explanatory notes.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

I. **Jacobus on Genesis, Vol. II.** Notes critical and explanatory on the book of Genesis, from the covenant to the close. By Melancthon W. Jacobus, D.D., Professor of Biblical Literature and Exegesis in the Theological Seminary at Allegheny, Pa. Price \$1.25.

The commentaries of Dr. Jacobus are so well known, that this new volume, just issued with the Board's imprint, needs no other introduction than the statement that it is not inferior to any volume of his that has before appeared.

II. **The Prize Bible and other Tales.** Price 40 and 45 cents.

Well-written stories, presenting an interesting miscellany that cannot fail to instruct. Illustrated with five engravings.

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IV. **Baptized Children.** The Relation of Baptized Children to the Church. By the Rev. ROBERT DAVIDSON, D.D., Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Huntington, Long Island. Price 15 cents.

The subject of this little book is an interesting one, and has been much discussed during the last few years. Dr. Davidson treats it ably and judiciously, avoiding extreme views on either side of the question. His work will well repay a perusal.

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<i>Pky of Upper Missouri</i> —St Joseph ch	30 00
<i>Pky of Palmyra</i> —Rev A Steed and wife, Shelbyville	4 00
<i>Pky of Ebenezer</i> —Ashland ch	11 35
<i>Pky of Fairfield</i> —Bloomfield ch	1 50

MISCELLANEOUS.

Part of legacy of Jno B Bull, South Carolina 260 75; Samuel Garrett, Philadelphia, legacy, 700; Rev M G Knight, Goshen, Ky, 50 1010 75

\$1,963 85

WINTHROP SARGENT, Treasurer.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Our Fiscal Year.

The present fiscal year of the Board of Church Extension closes April 1st, 1867. Contributions received after that time cannot be acknowledged in the next Annual Report of the Board to the General Assembly.

While the receipts thus far this year are encouragingly in advance of the same time last year, they are but little over one-third of the applications. Indeed the calls for aid to feeble churches during the last ten months exceed the demands of any similar period for many years. In addition to the ordinary applications, a large work among the freedmen has been thrown upon us in the providence of God. Hungering for churches of their own, the coloured Christians of the South seem willing to make extraordinary sacrifices to obtain humble sanctuaries. Their means beyond their daily labour are almost nothing, and they must depend on our church for most of the money needed in the erection of their houses of worship. We have already assumed quite large obligations for this work.

To avoid, as far as possible, the painful necessity of cutting down applications indiscriminately, and to secure the wisest possible use of the comparatively small sums placed at its disposal, the Board (as it has frequently done heretofore,) has refrained for a short time from making appropriations. It will, however, soon resume the pleasant work of aiding the destitute, and will do all it can to relieve their necessities.

Will not each pastor and ruling elder that reads these lines at once inquire whether his church has contributed to the Board of Church Extension since April 1st, 1866, and if it has not, see to it that a gift is forwarded immediately to DAVID KEITH, Treasurer, St. Louis, Missouri.

A New Building Material.

One of the great wants of destitute churches, is some cheaper building ma-

terial. Recent inquiries incline us to think that a new material cheaper than wood or brick, in localities where good sand and lime are abundant, will soon be introduced to the public. We therefore advise churches about to build to delay their preparations a little until the matter can be investigated. Our information is as yet too limited to warrant a positive opinion, but we expect to have the facts fully before us soon, and if they are satisfactory, will inform our readers of the conclusion we have reached, and where they can investigate the matter for themselves.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION IN JANUARY, 1866.

<i>Pby of Columbus</i> —Columbus 1st ch Sab-sch,	\$60 00
<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Evangelical St Peter's Ger ch,	2 00
<i>Pby of Fairfield</i> —Bloomfield ch,	4 00
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Middlesex ch,	16 00
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Pine Creek ch,	14 47
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Pittsburgh 4th ch,	5 00
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Bloomfield ch 10; Centre Unity 5 40,	15 40
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Wheeling 1st ch,	31 50
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Jamesburg ch,	22 00
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Millersburg ch 6; Edwards ch 2 20,	8 20
<i>Pby of Palestine</i> —Kansas ch 10 60; Palestine ch 10,	20 60
<i>Pby of Crawfordville</i> —New Hope ch 4; Poplar ch 4,	8 00
<i>Pby of Kaskaskia</i> —Greenville ch,	10 20
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Baltimore South ch	8 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Providence ch, from a lady,	2 50
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Bath 1st ch,	10 60
<i>Pby of North River</i> —Kingston ch,	10 00
<i>Pby of St Clairville</i> —Wheeling Valley ch 3 50;	
Short Creek; ch 7 50,	11 00
<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Freeport 2d ch,	10 00
<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Saratoga Springs ch Sab-sch, special,	32 25
<i>Pby of Palmyra</i> —Kirksville ch,	6 00
<i>Pby of Schuyler</i> —Carthage ch 12; Mt Sterling ch 4 60; Perry ch 5 40,	22 00
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Dutch Neck ch, special,	25 00
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Meadville ch,	30 00
<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —Springfield 3d ch,	17 52
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Port Chester ch 5; Rye ch 36 88	41 88
<i>Pby of New York</i> —Jersey City 1st ch 67; Chelsea ch 65,	132 00
<i>Pby of New York 2d</i> —Scotch ch, New York, add'l, special,	100 00
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Cincinnati 7th ch 55 30;	
Somerset ch 3 60,	58 90
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Bethel' ch,	10 00
<i>Pby of New Albany</i> —Jackson Co Ger ch,	4 50
<i>Pby of Madison</i> —Madison ch,	36 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev W J McCord, Wassaic, N Y, 2; Arthur Dodds, Low Point, Illinois, 1 50; "A Friend," West Philadelphia 25,

Total for January, \$304 08
DAVID KEITH, Treasurer,
St. Louis, Mo.

FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS, AND THE NEEDY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

The following amounts have been received since last report, viz.

<i>Pby of Londonderry</i> —Newburyport ch	\$53 00
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Bridgewater ch	60 00
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Meadville ch 25; Greenville ch 16	41 00
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Lower Path Valley ch 15; Burnt Cabins ch 10; Tom's Creek ch 24 87	49 87
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Caledonia ch	14 63
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Millersburg ch	6 00
<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Galena South ch	24 20
<i>Pby of Schuyler</i> —Carthage 1st ch 15 25; Mt Sterling ch 3 70; Perry ch 6 30	25 25
<i>Pby of Warren</i> —Oquawka ch 12 50; Keithsburg ch 3 50	16 00
<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —South Salem ch	17 55
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Lebanon ch 32; Hopewell ch 8 73; Bethel ch 9 12	49 85
<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —Urbana 1st ch	11 30
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Galloway ch 5; Farm Ridge ch 10 75; Onarga ch 10	25 75
<i>Pby of Saline</i> —Mount Carmel ch	2 20
<i>Pby of Indianapolis</i> —Sab-sch Indianapolis 3d ch	10 00
<i>Pby of White Water</i> —Union ch 7 25; Mt Carmel ch 7 30	14 55
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Sherrill's Mount ch	8 50
<i>Pby of Lafayette</i> —Kansas City ch	5 00
<i>Pby of St Louis</i> —Ironton ch	4 65
<i>Pby of Upper Missouri</i> —Sixth Street St Joseph ch	30 00
<i>Pby of Burlington</i> —Burlington ch 27 76; Tuckerton ch 4	31 76
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Westfield ch 25 63; Lamington ch 20 09	45 73
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Lawrenceville ch	56 75
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —South East Centre ch	15 50
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Monticello ch 23 46; Florida ch 16	39 46
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Williamsburgh German ch	15 00
<i>Pby of North River</i> —Kingston ch 9; Bethlehem ch 8	17 00
<i>Pby of Crausfordville</i> —Waveland ch 23; New Hope ch 4	32 00
<i>Pby of Marion</i> —Brown ch	4 00
<i>Pby of Richland</i> —Chesterville ch, add'l, 1; Utica ch 4; Savannah ch Sab-sch 2 35	7 85
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Apple Creek ch	14 00
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —West Kishacoquillas ch	25 00
<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Williamsport ch 50; Hartleton ch 5	55 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Mrs S M B, of Central ch, 10; A member of 2d ch 50	60 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Huntingdon Valley ch 8 56; A lady, of Providence ch 2 50	11 06
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Lawrenceville ch	34 00
<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Brownsville ch	16 50
<i>Pby of Saltburg</i> —"S N"	200 00
<i>Pby of Michigan</i> —Mrs M G Laphane, of Plymouth ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Des Moines</i> —Knoxville ch	15 85
<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —St Peter's Evangelical ch	2 00
<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Short Creek ch 7 50; Wheeling Valley ch 4 50	12 00
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Wheeling 2d ch	35 38

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W S Boyd, of Philadelphia,	\$35 00
Rev W J McCord, of Wassaic, N Y,	2 00
Interest on Permanent Funds	90 00
	\$1,337 03

GEO. H. VAN GELDER,
Treasurer Trustees of General Assembly,
Office No. 320 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, February 6th, 1867.

In remitting money to this Fund, the name of the Church and to what Presbytery it belongs, should be distinctly stated, that it may be correctly acknowledged. And where checks or drafts are sent they should be drawn to the order of "GEO. H. VAN GELDER, Treasurer."

APPLICATIONS for aid from this Fund must be made on the recommendation of a Presbytery and addressed to Rev. JOSEPH H. JONES, D.D., Chairman and Secretary of the Committee, No. 524 Spruce street, Philadelphia, Pa.

What provision can a missionary, foreign or domestic, dying early or late in life, have made for his family? At the meeting of the Synod of Northern India, in November, 1865, it was resolved to send a memorial to the General Assembly in relation to the support of the returned widows of missionaries. Nothing more is needed than a small increase in the annual contributions of our churches to this fund, to furnish abundant means to provide, not only for the widows of deceased missionaries, but for the worn-out and invalid missionaries themselves. In this way several are sustained already, and it seems to be the legitimate and most feasible method of providing for them all. Letters from those labouring in foreign lands, and in the destitute regions of our own, express great gratification at the devising of this plan of relief for the disabled, and inquire with solicitude in regard to its success and permanency. They regard it as the only resort of the superannuated, or sick, so long as the average support of the ministry is so inadequate.

FORM OF BEQUEST FOR DISABLED MINISTERS, AND FAMILIES OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

I give and bequeath to my executors hereinafter named, ——— dollars, in trust, nevertheless that they shall, within ——— months after my decease, pay the same to George H. Van Gelder, Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, or to his successor for the time being in said office, for the use of such disabled ministers and their families as the said the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America shall or may designate.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

Rev. S. C. LOGAN, *Corresponding Secretary*,
A. CAMERON, Esq., *Treasurer*,
Box 224 Pittsburgh, Pa.
WM. MAIZ, Esq., *Receiving Agent*,
907 Arch street, Philadelphia.

The Rev. S. C. Logan is now inspecting the operations among the Freedmen in the Southern States, and no communication from him has reached us. To fill up our space we therefore give some extracts from two letters from the South, which we have no doubt will gratify our readers. The first is from a minister connected with the Southern Church who manifests

The Right Spirit.

"Permit me also to thank you for the *Home and Foreign Record*, and to request its continuance. Deeply interested in the freedmen, I am so anxious to know all that your Church is doing for them. They are lost to us. By the failure of last year's crop, we cannot keep up our work among the whites, much less do anything for the negro. Many of our churches are dying, and many of our ministers betaking themselves to secular employments for a support. The number of such is increasing steadily. If you do not do more for the negro, he is lost to the Presbyterian Church. When the receipts of the Freedmen's Committees are small, I almost weep; when they are as in November, I sing for joy. Why do your people give so little? It is a disgrace to Presbyterianism and a burning shame to Christianity. You could justly speak the last two sentences to me. But you little know what we have to contend against. Our own prejudices, the prejudices of our people, and the poverty of our Church, make a threefold cord not quickly broken. Why half of

our churches are struggling for existence, and many of them will be overcome in the struggle."

The second is from a Southern lady who seems to overcome her prejudices for the sake of

Doing Good.

"I also write to know if your Board will be so good as to give me some half-dozen of the *Plantation Sermons*, or *Plain and Familiar Discourses for the Instruction of the Unlearned*, by the Rev. A. F. Dickson, of Charleston, South Carolina. I want the books to distribute among the negroes. Though I am a Southern woman, and one of the strongest kind, I have from a child been accustomed to reading to and giving the negroes all the religious instruction that I was able to bestow, and I have found the above-mentioned book of sermons, one of the most useful ones I ever saw. I have one of them, which I have been using for years, to read to them. They enjoy it and appreciate it very much indeed. It has comforted the well, the sick, and the dying. The book I have come from your Board of Publication, before there was a split. I don't think our Board issues it. If you are really all anxious to do good with your books among the negroes, your will do a good act by sending me the books. I have seen that there was a second volume or series, as it is called, to that book of sermons. I would gladly myself buy the books for the servants, had I the money; not having got it, I thought from what I saw in your *Home and Foreign Record*, of the interest you confess to take in the negroes, that you would gladly aid them by sending me the books. I would be glad to have six of these volumes. Should you send them, you would have my warmest thanks for them. Should

you want to send other good books to them through me, you can do so. Simple ones for children, such as illustrated Primers, would be very useful. I will gladly take charge of any good religious ones to distribute among them. Cards and religious primers would do much good among them. We ladies at the South have always taken pleasure in instructing them. Should you accede to the above request you will greatly oblige one who has always been and is still a warm friend of the negroes; one who feels deeply for their souls."

RECEIPTS IN JANUARY, 1887.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Saratoga Springs ch Infant Sab-sch	\$5 00
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Unity ch 20; Middlesex ch 7; 1st ch, New Castle 55 61	82 61
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Lower Rock Island ch	8 50
<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Caledonia ch	8 00
<i>Pby of Columbus</i> —Westminster ch 42; Truro ch 13	55 00
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Concord ch	5 50
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Tom's Creek ch	25 43
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —South Salem ch, "Thank offerings"	20 00
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Harrison ch, a portion given by a Methodist, 10; 5th ch, Cincinnati, 24 38; Hopewell ch 18 25	61 13
<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Bloomingsburg ch	40 50
<i>Pby of Des Moines</i> —Oskaloosa ch	9 00
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Meadville ch	30 00
<i>Pby of Fairfield</i> —Chequest ch	5 20
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Wyoming ch 21 25; Waveland ch 14	35 25
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Mount Hope ch	10 35
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —"R B M"	20 00
<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Unity ch 4 40; Joseph Swan 5; Mt Pleasant ch 51 55	60 95
<i>Pby of Kaskaskia</i> —Greenville ch	15 65
<i>Pby of Logansport</i> —Indian Creek ch 9; Bethlehem ch 2 50	11 50
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Second ch, Springfield	49 82
<i>Pby of Michigan</i> —First ch, Plymouth 11; Westminster ch, add'l, 1	12 00
<i>Pby of Missouri River</i> —First ch, Plattsmouth 5 00	5 00
<i>Pby of Milwaukee</i> —North Milwaukee, add'l, 5 00	5 00
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Freeport ch	11 80
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Pleasant Grove ch 12; Belvidere ch Sab-sch 30	42 00
<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Buffalo ch	12 80
<i>Pby of New Albany</i> —Jeffersonville ch 14 55; 1st ch, New Albany 55	69 55
<i>Pby of New York 2d</i> —Westminster ch, Yorkers	50 00
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Lawrenceville ch 37 58, of which 7 55 is from Sab-sch; Bethany ch 41 40; Lebanon ch 50	128 98
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Princeville ch, special for Cold ch, Concord, N C	31 00

<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Dunlap's Creek and New Salem chs	15 25
<i>Pby of Richland</i> —Mansfield ch	39 30
<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Ridott ch	8 00
<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —"S N"	300 00
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Ridge ch	5 00
<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Wheeling Valley ch 4 50; Short Creek ch 8	12 50
<i>Pby of St Paul</i> —First ch, Hudson	5 00
<i>Pby of Warren</i> —Monmouth ch, special for ch at Concord, N C	37 80
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Fairview ch, add'l,	10 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Miss M M Miller, for tuition, 6 50; Rev Salmon Cowles and wife, West Point, Iowa, 5; Myron Phelps, Esq, and wife, special, 100; Mary Tennant, Dutch Creek, Iowa, 5; John Cochrane, Esq, Fort Wayne, Ind, 5; Belleville, Pa, 15; Rent for part of office 45; P P Hedges, tuition, 9 25; From one Presbyterian household, of Fislerville, N J, 10 50; Rev J H Byers, Ky, for marriage fees from coloured persons, 4; J L Campbell, N Y, 10; James Snyder, Esq, Morrison, Ill, 100; Harriet Huntingdon, Danville, Iowa, 5; Rev Geo Morris, Mansfield, Ohio, 200; Revs J and R Wylie, Napa, Cal. 30; Beallsville, Beallsville, Ohio, 3; "A few friends near Adams Mills, Muskingum, Ohio," 81 50; A B Noble, Boardman, Ohio, 5; Sundry persons in Goheenville, Pa, 20; Rev J Hassinger, Aveston, Ill, 1; Mrs Nancy Gibson, Williamsport, Pa, 2

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Received at Philadelphia.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Carlisle ch 6; Esperance ch 4	10 00
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Onargo ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Burlington</i> —Burlington ch	33 53
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Central ch, Brooklyn	70 72
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Yellow Frame ch, from Miss M Shaffer, 5; Washington ch 9 75	14 75
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Lawrenceville ch 36; 1st ch, Trenton 56 20	92 20
<i>Pby of New Albany</i> —Jackson oo German ch 5 00	5 00
<i>Pby of New York 2d</i> —Peekskill ch	34 98
<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Washington ch	17 00
<i>Pby of Palmyra</i> —Clarence ch	1 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Providence ch; from a lady, 2 50; Holmesburg ch Sab-sch 6; 2d ch Philada, from a member, 100	108 50
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —West Arch st ch Sab sch	15 00
<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Galena South ch	20 00
<i>Pby of Salina</i> —Odin ch	4 50
<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Troy ch, add'l from T W Pomeroy	1 00
<i>Pby of Upper Missouri</i> —Sixth st ch, St Joseph	20 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs Henry J Biddle, Phila, 50; Homo Sum, Phila, 25; Rev James McKean, Scotch Grove, Iowa, 2; "S. S." Irton, 5; W J H 20; W N Talcott 50; Rev W T Williams, Missionary A B C F M 50

202 00

Total receipts in January, \$2,686 00

The Committee acknowledge two boxes of clothing from a few members of the First Presbyterian Church, Allegheny City, valued at \$160. One large pulpit Bible from Mrs. J. D. Williams, valued at \$5.

A. CAMERON, Treasurer.

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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Cheering Results.

West Virginia.

I was invited here to preach a few days in the early fall, and reached this city the Friday before the first Sabbath in October. I learned on my arrival that a committee had been appointed to consider the propriety of disbanding the congregation, and disposing of the church, which the committee had agreed to recommend. I commenced preaching on the first Sabbath in October to twenty-five persons, and preached nine days; by this time thirty persons were awakened, one half of whom were indulging hope in Christ. A meeting of the congregation was called, and a unanimous call was given to me, in which they promised me eight hundred dollars.

Although I had engagements as an evangelist, in which I could realize more in three months than this congregation was able to give me in a year, and all my arrangements were made to continue in that work, yet such was the condition of this field, and with the hope of saving a dying church, I felt it my duty to accept the call. After

a week's absence I returned, and on the first Sabbath of November we added sixteen to our number. From that to the present I have preached twice every Sabbath, and often through the week, besides visiting from house to house. Yesterday twenty-six more sat down at the Lord's table for the first time, and two on certificate. When we began our labours here, only thirty-one members could be found, and a few of them *dead heads*; now we have seventy-three, making forty-two additions since I came, and our church is well filled every Sabbath, twenty-six of these are heads of families. When I came, there were but three men to pray in public, now we have nineteen men and ten females who meet by themselves weekly. We have three weekly prayer-meetings for male communicants and one for females. *We set all at work as soon as they indulge hope.* I have organized a Young Men's Christian Association which now numbers forty members. Our Sunday-school numbers over two hundred in regular attendance, and twenty young men in Bible classes. The Sabbath-school has been an

efficient one for years, but owing to the floating character of the population had not effected what it otherwise would. Our church is now full every Sabbath, and the interest is on the increase. It is a common remark among outsiders, that the moral aspects of this part of the city are altogether changed. Most of the persons added to the church have had no religious training, except what they got in the Sabbath-school when very young—as soon as grown they left it. Our preaching has been the law, with practical applications and frequent inquiry meetings.

Revival—Cheered in his Work,

Wisconsin.

I have glorious news for you. We are in the midst of a most precious and powerful work of grace. This town and surrounding country has long been a stronghold of all ungodliness. In this whole country, perhaps, not one person in ten enters an evangelical church once a year. And just here, where our church is located, the devil's kingdom was set up in great power, and the kingdom of Christ seemed hardly to have a foothold at all. A large proportion of our little church was sunk in formality, worldliness, and spiritual slumber. A few of God's people, however, have long and earnestly been praying for the descent of the Holy Spirit upon this place, but until lately no answer seemed to be sent. The strong man armed kept his house in peace; but we rejoice that a stronger than he is come. Several weeks ago I observed a great increase of tenderness, earnestness,

and strong pleading in our prayer-meeting. This grew so manifest that I determined to hold public service in the church, for three successive evenings before the beginning of the Week of Prayer. We had preaching, and well-attended meetings. The meetings increased in interest and numbers. The Holy Spirit began visibly to move upon the heart of the people. The first effect was seen in the bringing of worldly Christians to confession. Presently several began to inquire the way of life. The work spread outwardly until the whole community felt its influence, and to-day the mighty power of God is felt to some degree in nearly every household. God's Spirit has gone into the most godless and even infidel families, and made converts there for Christ. Many young men who lately spent the Sabbath in hunting, now are rejoicing in the love of Jesus, or are seeking that love. So also strong men, hardened, proud, scoffing men have been smitten by the mighty Spirit, and made to cry for mercy. My heart exults in the mighty power of our glorious Lord, and in the display of it here where he has been so long and so generally despised. The enemies of Christ stand aghast and enraged at such scenes here. The meetings are still continued, and with even increasing interest. All is quiet, no excitement, no excesses, but the still, deep, and powerful energy of the Spirit is with us. The preaching is of the plainest, simplest, most direct and searching kind, and for the first time in the history of this community, the word is clothed with power. My hands are

full of work, and my heart is full of joy. Pray and thank God on our behalf.

Death of an Elder—A pillar removed.

Delaware.

Our church has recently sustained a very heavy affliction in the death of one of our most active and influential ruling elders. Dr. Henry F. Hall died in the early part of November, after a short illness which he contracted while attending Presbytery with me at Dover. I could write you much about this worthy man, if there were space allowed, but will give you only a few particulars of his long and valuable life. Soon after graduating from the Medical College of Philadelphia, he was appointed surgeon in the 42nd Regiment of Infantry, United States Army, Colonel (now Major-General) Wool commanding. His commission is dated in 1814, and is signed by James Madison, President, and John C. Calhoun, Secretary of War. He served his country for several years in the Northwest, then resigned his position in the army, and settled in Lewes, where he practised medicine up to the time of his death. He made a public profession of faith in Christ in 1819, and was elected to the eldership in 1821. Our cause here had no warmer friend than he. He loved the church—he was devoted to her interests—he served her faithfully for many years. We looked up to him as a leader in every enterprise connected with our Zion. He was the Superintendent of our Sabbath-school in town. He was unfailing in his attendance in the weekly prayer-meeting. He was always at

church on Sabbath, unless called to visit the sick. He was an officer of our Bible Society, in which worthy cause he took the deepest interest. He enjoyed our meetings of Presbytery, especially the devotional exercises connected with them. I consulted him first in every matter relating to the church, and always found him a wise and prudent adviser. We have suffered an unspeakable bereavement in his death. May God sanctify the affliction to us, and raise up another devoted, earnest Christian man to take his place, and enter into his labours. I may add that a covenant-keeping God blessed him in his family. All of his children are "in the fold," and one of his sons is now pursuing his studies in the Theological Seminary at Princeton.

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS: IN FEBRUARY, 1867.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.— <i>Pby of Albany</i> —Gloversville ch 91; Kingsborough ch, add'l, 2 50. <i>Pby of Mohawk</i> —Oneida ch 47 20; Oswego 1st ch 130 00. <i>Pby of Troy</i> —Cambridge ch 37 50	\$308 95
SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.— <i>Pby of Erie</i> —Fairfield ch 10; West Greenville ch 22	30 10
SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.— <i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Madison st ch, Baltimore, 365; Ellicott's Mills ch Sab-sch 40; Taneytown ch 20; 1st ch, Baltimore, 600; Mt Paran ch 2; Westminster ch, Baltimore 650, of which Sab-sch 153. <i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Mercersburg ch, Fem Dom Miss Soc, 35 25; Greencastle ch 5. <i>Pby of Potomac</i> —Bridge st ch, Georgetown, 92 88; Fall's Creek ch and Lewinsville, 5	1,353 78
SYNOD OF BUFFALO.— <i>Pby of Buffalo City</i> —Central ch, Buffalo 77. <i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Warsaw ch 50; Bath ch, mon coll of which 8 from Mr L. Bilea, 50. <i>Pby of Ogdensburg</i> —Heuvelton ch 10, of which Rev A Phillips 4	187 00
SYNOD OF CHICAGO.— <i>Pby of Chicago</i> —Kankakee 1st ch 22 50. <i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Scales Mound ch 3; Hanover ch 6 55; Fulton City ch 8. <i>Pby of Warren</i> —Young America ch 1; Keithsburg ch 11 50	56 56
SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.— <i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Monroe ch 35; Feeseburg ch 4; Cincinnati 7th ch Sab-sch 164 36. <i>Pby of Miami</i> —Springfield 2d ch 82 88; Clifton ch 81; Xenia ch 45. <i>Pby of Sidney</i> —Wapakoneta ch 7 56; Newton ch 8 81; St Mary's ch 18 25	446 36
SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.— <i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Deer Creek ch 10. <i>Pby of Kaskaskia</i> —Richview ch 11 16. <i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Peoria 1st ch 57 90. <i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —Dawson ch 14 80; Auburn ch 5 60; Springfield 1st ch, add'l, 12 10 111 56	111 56
SYNOD OF INDIANA.— <i>Pby of Indianapolis</i> —Beth-	

any ch 9 50. *Pby of Madison*—Lexington 1st ch 7; *Pby of New Albany*—New Washington ch 6 50; Jeffersonville ch 35. *Pby of Vincennes*—Mt Vernon ch 2 10; Evansville 1st ch 47 35 107 45

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—Mount Vernon ch 11; Linn Grove ch 7. *Pby of Dubuque*—Leroy ch 4 05. *Pby of Vinton*—Sand Prairie ch 5. *Pby of Fort Dodge*—Ostorian ch 2 50 29 55

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Leavenworth*—Sandy Creek ch 5; Stranger ch 5. *Pby of Topeka*—Fort Scott ch 6 16 00

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Palmyra*—Shelbyville ch 10; Clarence ch 5. *Pby of Upper Missouri*—Savannah ch, add'l, 5; Bethel ch 5 25 00

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Burlington*—Camden 1st ch 48 06; Tuokerton ch 25 92, of which Sab-sch 11 54; Bass River ch 3 50; Camden 2d ch 38 58. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—Rahway 1st ch 100; Elizabethport ch 24; 2d ch, Rahway Sab-sch 25 63. *Pby of Luzerne*—Weatherly ch 10; Scranton 1st ch 425, of which Sab-sch 75; Tamaqua ch 20; Scranton Ger ch 2. *Pby of Monmouth*—Village ch, Freehold 50; Holmanville ch 5; Tennent ch 155. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Cranberry 1st ch 95 65; Hightown 1st ch 17 58; Cranberry 2d ch 40. *Pby of Newton*—Blairstown ch 60; Stewartville ch 66 37; Mansfield 1st ch 75. *Pby of Passaic*—Second ch, Elizabeth, 100; 3d ch, Newark, 177. *Pby of Raritan*—Lambertville 1st ch 141; Solebury ch 11 31; Rosemont ch 7. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Stevensville ch 1; Rushville ch 2; Rome ch 4; Terrytown ch 6. *Pby of West Jersey*—Fislerville ch 41; Williamstown ch 60; Pittsgrove ch 50 03; Absecon ch 10; Cape Island ch 70; Deerfield ch 42 2,009 63

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—East Centre ch 7 35; Port Chester ch 6; Mt Kisco ch 25; Bedford ch, Ladies Miss Ass'n, 80; South Salem, Ladies Benev Ass'n, 75. *Pby of Long Island*—Sweet Hollow ch 7 49; East Hampton ch 52 25, of which Sab-sch 10. *Pby of Nassau*—Second ch, Brooklyn, 151; Rose st ch, Brooklyn 61 04; Lawrence st ch, Brooklyn 25. *Pby of New York*—Alexander ch 3 50; Forty-second ch, N Y, Sab-sch 105 30 597 73

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Fort Wayne*—Auburn ch 6 06; Fort Wayne 1st ch, in part, 80. *Pby of Lake*—South Bend ch 13. *Pby of Logansport*—Perrysburg ch 2; Indian Creek ch 3 104 06

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Hoeking*—Athens ch 20. *Pby of Richland*—Frederickstown ch, from Mrs Mary Ball, 150; Ashland ch, add'l, 11; Mansfield ch 43 75. *Pby of Zanesville*—Salem Ger ch 13 20, of which Sab-sch 2 41; Cambridge ch 16 252 95

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of California*—San Ramon ch 15. *Pby of Puget Sound*—Steilacoom ch 8, of which Mrs Sloan 1 50, W M Kincaid 5 23 00

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Huntingdon*—Williamsburg ch 40; Fruit Hill ch 5; Luthersburg ch 15; Little Valley ch Sab-sch 10; Mifflintown and Lost Creek ch 120 00; Sinking and Spring Creek ch 159. *Pby of New Castle*—Doe Run ch 10 50. *Pby of Northumberland*—North Point ch, from Renovo Sab-sch, 13 29. *Pby of Philadelphia*—West Spruce st, from a widow, 3; Tenth ch, add'l, 10; Seventh ch 411 78. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Second ch 95 02, of which half mo coll 13 02; Cohocksink ch Sab-sch 75, Infant-sch 25, — 100. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Easton 1st ch Sab-sch 38; Neshaminy ch 69 25; Frankford ch 133; Germantown 1st ch Sab-sch 25 1,238 44

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Clarion*—New Reboth ch 27; Clarion ch, add'l, 21. *Pby of Ohio*—Raccoon ch 100; Mingo ch 62. *Pby of Redstone*—Uniontown ch Sab-sch 15, of which Benj Campbell 2; Connellsville ch 67; Spring Hill ch 10 292 00

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—Missionary Aid of Rev W R Mooroc 4 43; Catoeville

ch 5. *Pby of St Paul*—Vermillion ch 8; Farmington ch 5; Hudson 1st ch 11 50; Rockford 1st ch, add'l, 5 00. *Pby of S Minnesota*—Stewartville ch 4; Owatonna ch 23, of which Rev I Faries 10; Rochester 1st ch 7 75 13

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Findlay*—Ottawa ch 5; Arcadia ch 5; Enon Valley ch 7; Riley Creel; ch 2 25; Mount Blanchard ch 4 70; Forest ch 3 20. *Pby of Maumee*—Unity ch 4; Mount Salem ch 9; Bethel ch 5; Napoleon ch 20. *Pby of Michigan*—Hudson ch 8; Westminster ch, Detroit, 49 62 122 87

SYNOD OF S. IOWA.—*Pby of Fairfield*—Washington ch 10; Crawfordsville ch 5; Wm Brown 10; Bentonsport ch 20; Fairfield ch 7; Eddyville ch 2; Kirkville ch 3 20. *Pby of Iowa*—Trenton ch 4. *Pby of Missouri River*—Council Bluffs 1st ch 38 83; Clarinda ch 23; Brownsville ch 35 138 00

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Pleasant Valley ch 10; Canfield ch 25. *Pby of Steubenville*—Waynesburg ch 9; Bethlehem ch 10; Steubenville 2d ch 31 37. *Pby of Washington*—East Buffalo ch 26 23; Fairview ch 10 14; 3d ch, Wheeling, 25; 1st ch, Wheeling, 103. *Pby of West Virginia*—Bethel ch 7 50; Bethel ch 7 30; Fairmont ch 10 317 24

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Platteville Ger ch 1. *Pby of Winnebago*—Winneconne ch 6 63; Weyauvega ch 2 50 10 15

Pby of New Orleans—Second Ger ch, New Orleans, 15; Sixth st ch Sab-sch, New Orleans, 1 16 00

Pby of Holston—Salem ch 15 00

Total Receipts from churches \$7,924 68

MISCELLANEOUS.—Freedmen's ch, Wilmington, N C, 2 20; Rent of Mission house to Feb 1, '67, 1,175, less ground rent, repairs, and taxes 532 85 = 642 17; Miss Mary Vance, Washington, D C, 5; Miss Sarah Levering, Hartford Co, Md, 5; St Augustine ch, Florida, 70; "W & C H," Iowa 2 726 37

LEGACIES.—Estate of Saml Garret, dec'd, of Philadelphia, Pa, 700; Legacy of Wm Edger, dec'd, late of Rahway, N J, 500, less Govt tax 30 = 470 1,170 00

Total Receipts in February, \$9,821 05

S. D. POWELL, Treasurer,
No. 907 Arch street, Philadelphia.

CLOTHING.

3 boxes from ladies of Central ch, Pittsburgh, Pa, valued at \$394 00
1 box from ladies of Warsaw ch, N Y, valued at 140 00
1 box from ladies of Goshen ch, N Y, valued at 250 00
1 box from ladies of Central ch, Cincinnati, O, valued at 300 00
1 box from ladies of 1st ch, Pittsburgh, Pa, valued at 150 00
1 box from ladies of 1st ch, Dayton, O, valued at 54 00
\$1,478 00

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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, "Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled," notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body, what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.—James iii. 14—17.

There is sore evil which I have seen under the sun, *namely*, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt. But those riches perish by evil travail; and he begetteth a son, and there is nothing in his hand. As he came forth from his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing for his labour, which he may carry away in his hand. And this also is a sore evil, that in all points as he came, so shall he go; and what profit hath he that hath laboured for the wind? All his days also he eateth in darkness, and he hath much sorrow and wrath with his sickness.—Eccles. v. 13—17.

Money.

The greatest, incomparably the greatest, want of the Church in behalf of its sons and daughters, and all their schools great and small, is the gift of the Holy Spirit, to sanctify them to God, and to make them a blessing to the world. But the Church must have the bread to put into the mouths of the hungry, and the raiment to clothe the naked, where the Lord calls his Peters and his Andrews to leave their all and follow him and be fishers of men. She must aid, where necessary, her candidates for the ministry. And the Church must furnish her Pauls and her Johns with the hired house and the parchments they need to teach and dispute daily, when her young men come to give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. She must assist her teachers in their work. Hence the gifts of money from the brotherhood on earth are essential, as well as the gifts of grace from the throne on high. Man *can not* do without God's grace, and God *will not* do without man's money. In the systematic and admirable arrangements of the General Assembly this is the period when your contributions to the Lord's cause are to be appropriated especially to EDUCATION. The Board has not refused a solitary proper and deserving application of any kind for assistance

during the year, and has granted extra appropriations to the most needy. Now, has it misunderstood the spirit of the Presbyterian Church? Shall it say to those who have trusted to its pledges in behalf of the Church, "Be ye clothed and fed," and, notwithstanding, give them nothing? We have avoided making special calls during the year, that the method of the Assembly might be interfered with as little as possible, and in the full belief that when our time should come, the people of God would not withhold from this Board what it needs for the Church's work. *We are fast reaching the bottom of our treasury.* We ask of every minister and elder, *Has your congregation yet remembered the wants of the students for the ministry?* Did it make a collection for the school fund on the Thursday of prayer; and if not, cannot some contribution also be sent to it? We ask of each church, and of private individuals who are able to help us, a cordial gift to EDUCATION, that the present apprehensions may be removed, and that we may be spared the necessity of special calls.

Thoughts after a Period of Special Prayer.

God takes many ways to rouse the stolid heart of man to attention in matters of religion. Some are extraordinary. Every clap of thunder, every blighting frost, every arrow that flies by day, every pestilence that walks in the dark, is a monitor. Some are more regular. So he frames the ordinances of the Church. The stream of daily emotion and duty was of old broken in upon, and increased, by the appointments of morning and evening worship; the appointments of the day by those of the Sabbath; those of the Sabbath by those of the new moons and feasts of the seasons; these by the septennial impulses; and those long periods by the jubilee. In the Christian dispensation we observe some of these still remaining, with moreover the sacraments, and other evidences of the same abiding necessity. Oh, by how many methods, in his providence, and by the working of his Holy Spirit, he says: "Little children, keep

yourselves from idols," cease from means and forms, whose breath is in their nostrils; come ye, walk in the light of the LORD.

The Church follows the finger of God. She lays the utmost stress on the necessity of the training of the child in the way he should go, on the sacred duties of the parent, the teacher, the pastor, which are as vital to the germination of the seeds of grace as the sunlight and the dew. But with these alone how small would be the harvest! And so she calls upon all Israel at times to leave their ordinary pursuits, and join together in calling upon the Lord for a rain, the great rain of his strength.

We have recently spent a great season of united prayer for the young, and all the instrumentalities of their culture. In some churches and schools, or larger institutions, revivals of religion have followed. In others the Lord has put their tears into his bottle. "Are they not in His book?" He has reserved the apparent answer. In others, probably the majority of cases, the preceptor, the pastor, or the observant parent has witnessed the evidences that the Spirit is walking in their midst. And now what remains to be done? There are some plain duties, among them the following:

Look for, expect confidently, a blessing. "O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?" "Be not afraid, only believe." "Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God?"

Watch particularly for the indications of the work of the Spirit in any hearts, and by judicious private conversations, by suitable means otherwise, by special prayer to God for such, endeavour to kindle the flame, so that their own evil natures, and the lips of the devil, will not blow it out.

Be much more assiduous in the use of all the ordinary means of cultivating the mind and the heart of the young under your influence. Seek to train them in the way in which they should go.

Practice is mightier than precept; example more successful than admonition. We must not only "point to heaven," but "*lead the way.*"

And it is hard to hope for much religious interest among the youth of a church whose prayers are cold, whose professors consume upon their own lusts the gold and the silver that they withhold from the Lord, who have no knowledge and no heart for the advancement of what God's people are doing for his glory in the earth, whose children, if converted in name, would be as unprof-

table for any use of the Master as their fathers. How can God bless such a church? Verily, he will not! But on the other hand, he will come upon them in an hour when they know not, and (whatever the eulogies of weak-hearted pastors, and the falsehoods upon their tombstones,) will cut them asunder, and appoint them a portion where there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Of Jesus Christ, and through Him, and to Him, are all things; to whom be glory forever. Amen.

Tusculum College, East Tennessee.

Through the northeast corner of Tennessee, where it meets the state of Virginia and North Carolina, there sweeps, on the same general course, the continuation of the splendid Shenandoah Valley. It is a part of the great diagonal thoroughfare of the Union. Its soil is of the richest, and the neighbouring mountains have been filled by the Creator, for ends which are not beyond our discernment, with vast deposits of the most useful metals and with bituminous coal. From various parts of the North, and from Europe, population is beginning to flow there. Fine herds of cattle and sheep are beginning to occupy its healthful and abundant pastures. The inhabitants have fought for the government of their fathers with a determined courage and perseverance deserving the lasting honour and gratitude of the people of the North, and of all their loyal compatriots.

Now these brave people, who have been beggared by such great sacrifices, who have given the lives of so many of their best and dearest for their country, and not less for their religion, have come to ask us for pecuniary help to re-plant the Presbyterian institutions, which were one chief means of inspiring their noble patriotism and their faithfulness to the truth. We commend their cause to the liberality of all who have the means to aid them; and will gladly receive at our treasury any contributions for them. The Rev. W. B. Rankin is their agent. Now is the time to grant them assistance, and to permanently endow some of the professorships in Tusculum and Washington Colleges.

Fish worth Catching.

If the reader has been interested in the German population of our country, he will probably remember something of the remarkable character and success-

ful labours of the first German colporteur of the American Tract Society, Mr. Leger Ritty. He may, possibly, somewhere in the West, have shaken his strong, warm hand, and listened to the fervent utterances of his broken English. This man had been a Roman Catholic, an old soldier of Napoleon Bonaparte, and was one, who, when he found in Jesus "a leader and a commander," served him with a true martial enthusiasm, courage and energy. He heartily despised the grovelling sensualists, and the proud, wily rationalists, but he was all on fire to save the zealous and sincere Roman Catholics of his people. In a little volume recently published by the Tract Society, ("Twenty Years among the Colporteurs,") we find the following report of an illustration by which he explained his ideas. "Dis city is like one big pond full of all kinds of feash. One kind of feash in dis here pond is de mud-sucker. He shtick close on de bottem mit his nose in de mud, and de goshpel net all time shlip right over him. But by hart work you can dig him out, and ven you bring him up you find him good for nottin. Dis is de man who love de world and make money his got. Anauder kind of feash is de ale. (eel.) He be very shly and cunning, but ven you work mit him in de right way, den you catch him; but ven you have him, you not can hold him mit boter hands and feets: he shlip all away and get back to his hole again. Dis is de rationalist, and his Got is de raison, (reason.) But anauder kind of fish is de pike. He be large, shtrong feash, and very hard to catch him. Dis feash, when you have him, is de best feash in de world. Dis is de Catolick." The earnest and deep-thinking race from which this old soldier comes, ought to be prayed for by Christians; and great efforts should be made to bring them and their children under the influences of true religion. Our German schools, and theological seminary at Dubuque, are but the beginning of what we ought to do as a Church. Something has been accomplished during the past year. But how many more towns are there where a German school might be collected, which the Board would gladly aid to support: or at least how many children might be gathered into Sabbath-schools, who now are growing up under the corrupting influence of the beer saloon, the tea-garden, or the confessional. Faithful pastors, and active laymen, may find among such abundant and profitable work.

Giving to the Church of Christ an evidence of Love to Christ.

A recent General Assembly sent out with its authority the following sentiments in regard to the vital relation between genuine love to the Redeemer and the giving of our gold and silver to advance the efforts for the salvation of men, a work for which He gave not what was insufficient and poor like earth's most precious metals or gems, but his own precious blood. Since he has so constituted his Church as to "need" our gifts for its extension, how does a heart that truly loves Jesus rejoice to be able to lay these earthly things at his feet. Shall it believe his words and not give? Shall it pray and not give? Shall it fear his anger and not give? Shall it hope for the Great Day of the saints' triumph and not give? Shall it know that millions of men stretch to it their dying hands, lift to it their dying cries, and not give? No! Jesus who hast loved me, and given thyself to purchase pardon and heaven for me, give me grace and faithfulness to use what thou hast put into my hands so as to glorify thy name! Freely I have received, freely I will give.

"Giving is an expression of love and attachment to our Redeemer and of zeal for his cause. It is a Christian grace, as well as a necessity laid upon us by the objects of benevolence. Covetousness is sin—it is selfishness, idolatry—which love to God is expected to counteract and overcome. Other things being equal, giving is in no small degree a measure of that love. Where there is an absence of this grace we have a right to inquire where is the love, the zeal for Christ and his cause, which should entitle the individual or the church to the Christian name? What does a profession profit that says, Be warmed, and Be filled, and yet provides not those things necessary? Is it not to be expected that God will forsake and leave unblest those churches which neglect to honour him in this respect? And that when they return to him and bring in the tithes, he will return to them and open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing? As, therefore, we need blessings—spiritual blessings, as we would show forth our love to God and his cause, and furnish means for its promotion, we are called upon to *abound* in this grace.

"In order to the right performance of the obligation resting upon us as a Church, your Committee feel that the first thing necessary is, that *systematic benevolence* be carried back of an obligation on the

churches, to the consciences of individual Christians. Let every one feel that he is called upon to act in this matter by virtue of the profession of his faith in Christ, just as he is called upon to live a life of prayer, and that in order to do it, it must be made a matter of principle, a matter of plan or system, and not left to impulse or the influence of appeals on benevolence.

"As this is a Christian grace, all Christians need to be exhorted to abound in it, not merely that large amounts may be gathered, but that the members of the Church may have the opportunity of manifesting their love to Christ. We want the mites, the small offerings of the poor, as well as the larger ones of the rich, for the sake of the love and prayers that go with them, and as an exercise of a grace which is fostered by action. The Church greatly needs more givers, than it does large gifts."

Renewed Strength.

There are times in the experience of every Christian when he is utterly cast down with difficulties and with doubts as to the course of duty. A young believer is then in great danger of considering these trials to be not the chastening of a Father, preparing him for higher usefulness, but the tokens of displeasure as to his course. In some such cases the hand of the Church affording her sustenance, has stirred the souls of young men with double gratitude; not only because their pressing wants have been relieved, but because they have recognized in the method of it the evidence of divine approbation, and the pledge of renewed comforts and increased strength. The following extract of a letter from a student to whom the Board has granted aid, illustrates this. He says:

"Now that I have yielded to the advice of esteemed and experienced friends in being placed under the care of the Presbytery and Board, I feel happier and stronger; for a short time ago, having exhausted my savings, I was about to leave college, and remain away until I could return with sufficient means to complete my collegiate studies. But God, who has guided me, even in my short life, through many dark places, has opened for me another way. I trust that I have 'committed my way unto the Lord,' wholly, and I hope always to go on rejoicing in God through Jesus Christ, in whom I have found life and peace."

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN FEBRUARY, 1867.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pky of Bureau</i> —Lower Rock Island ch 5; Aledo ch 6	\$11 00
<i>Pky of Burlington</i> —Camden 1st ch	35 37
<i>Pky of Baltimore</i> —Ellicott's Mills ch 13; Mount Paran ch 1	14 00
<i>Pky of Carlisle</i> —Green Castle ch	37 70
<i>Pky of Chippewa</i> —Galesville ch	3 00
<i>Pky of Clarion</i> —New Rehoboth ch, add'l, 8 50; Clarion ch, add'l, 5 75	14 25
<i>Pky of Cedar</i> —Mt Vernon ch 4; Linn Grove ch 5	9 00
<i>Pky of Connecticut</i> —Mt Kisco ch	10 00
<i>Pky of Dubuque</i> —Peosta ch	5 00
<i>Pky of Elizabethton</i> —Pluckamin ch 12; Perth Amboy ch 11 25	23 95
<i>Pky of Huntingdon</i> —Clearfield ch	12 00
<i>Pky of Long Island</i> —Locust Holly ch	7 00
<i>Pky of Luzerne</i> —Tamaqua ch	5 00
<i>Pky of Monmouth</i> —Tennent ch 80; Holmansville ch 2	82 00
<i>Pky of Missouri River</i> —Brownsville ch	10 00
<i>Pky of Newton</i> —First Mansfield ch	28 00
<i>Pky of New Lisbon</i> —Pleasant Valley ch	4 00
<i>Pky of New York</i> —Fifth Av and Nineteenth st. ch. N Y, 285 08; Briok ch, N Y, 855 30	3,540 38
<i>Pky of New York 2d</i> —Scotch ch, N Y, in part	106 00
<i>Pky of New Brunswick</i> —New Brunswick 2d ch	20 00
<i>Pky of Philadelphia Central</i> —Hestonville ch	6 25
<i>Pky of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Neelaminy ch	10 25
<i>Pky of Passaic</i> —Flanders ch 7; 1st German ch, Paterson, 2; 1st ch, Paterson, 76 50; Wickliff ch 24 44	109 94
<i>Pky of Potomac</i> —Bridge St ch, Georgetown	71 67
<i>Pky of Raritan</i> —Solebury ch	6 05
<i>Pky of Rock River</i> —Ridott ch	8 00
<i>Pky of Susquehanna</i> —Stevensville ch 1; Rushville ch 2; Rome ch 1; Terrytown ch 1	5 00
<i>Pky of Steubenville</i> —New Philadelphia ch 5; Uhricksville ch 9	14 00
<i>Pky of Saltsburg</i> —Leechburg ch 16 86; Boiling Spring ch 5 36	22 21
<i>Pky of S Minnesota</i> —Stewartsville ch	2 00
<i>Pky of Vincennes</i> —Mt Vernon ch	2 10
<i>Pky of Winnetago</i> —Cambria ch	10 00
<i>Pky of West Jersey</i> —Cape Island ch	10 00
<i>Pky of Washington</i> —Wheeling 4th ch	15 00
<i>Pky of Zanesville</i> —Coshocton ch	11 75

\$4,280 07

LEGACIES.

Estate of Wm Edgar, of Rahway, N J, 500, less U S tax	470 00
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MISCELLANEOUS.

"U S"	62 50
	\$4,812 57

II. FUND FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, &c.

<i>Pky of Connecticut</i> —Rye ch, from Wm Matthews, Esq. add'l.	\$25 00
<i>Pky of Nassau</i> —German ch. Williamsburg	7 00
<i>Pky of S Minnesota</i> —Rochester ch	5 00
	\$37 00

Total amount acknowledged, \$4,849 57

WILLIAM MAIN, Treasurer.

Letters and Communications in regard to the objects of the BOARD OF EDUCATION may be addressed to Rev. WILLIAM SPEER, D.D., Corresponding Secretary, or to Rev. THOMAS McCauley, Assistant, No. 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia. Remittances of money should be made to WILLIAM MAIN, Esq., same address.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Recent Intelligence.

MISSION HOUSE, New York, }
 March 15th, 1867. }

THE LATEST DATES OF LETTERS received are as follows:—

Chippewa, February 13th.
 Omaha, February 11th.
 Creek, February 17th.
 San Francisco, February 6th.
 Tungchow, November 20th.
 Shanghai, December 24th.
 Hangchau, December 18th.
 Ningpo, December 22d.
 Bangkok, December 20th.
 Mynpoory, January 17th.
 Roorkee, January 21st.
 Sabethu, January 21st.
 Lahor, January 4th.
 Corisco, December 18th.
 Monrovia, January 19th.
 Rio de Janeiro, January 24th.
 Sao Paulo, January 18th.
 Bogota, January 18th.

NOTICES OF MISSIONARIES.—The Rev. A. W. Loomis arrived at San Francisco, February 2d. The Rev. S. R. House, M. D., and his wife arrived at Bangkok, December 20th. Mr. B. V. H. James and Mr. E. Boëklen arrived at Monrovia on the 17th of December. The arrival also of the Rev. H. W. Erskine, at Monrovia, is reported in the newspapers. Mr. James reports the death, on the 20th of September, of Miss Catharine L. Strobel, for several years his assistant in the school, a faithful labourer, who has no doubt entered into the joy of her Lord. The Rev. R. H. Naesau, M. D., and his wife had returned from Corisco to Benita.

ADMITTED TO THE CHURCH.—At Brotas, Brazil, the Rev. E. N. Pires reports his having admitted to the communion of the church at the close of the year twenty-nine persons, making the number received by that church in the year forty-nine, and its whole number sixty. He also baptized fifty-eight persons, parents and children. The Rev. A. L. Blackford speaks of two persons being admitted to the church at Sao Paulo, on the last Sabbath of December, making

the number received during the year sixteen, and the whole number twenty-two. Mr. W. Gamble mentions that a young Chinaman from Singapore had been baptized at Shanghai, and the Rev. D. D. Green reports the baptism of two converts at Ling-z, on the 16th of December, by the Rev. Tsiang Nying-Kwe, and two at Hangchau on the 2d of the same month. The Rev. A. W. Loomis refers to the baptism of a Chinese convert in San Francisco, by the Rev. Mr. Vrooman, of the American Board, at present living in that city. This convert has been long a regular attendant at the mission chapel.

SEMINOLE MISSION.—The Rev. J. R. Ramsay lately made a very interesting visit to the Seminole Indians, amongst whom he had been formerly settled as a missionary. He was received with great friendship, and his preaching services were marked by much deep feeling. He expected soon to visit them again, and to reorganize the Seminole church. The Executive Committee have given their approval to his removing to the Seminole district, for the present, in order to enter on regular missionary work amongst that tribe.

CREEK MISSION.—A great desire exists among the Creeks for the Scriptures, Hymn Books, and other works; this is strongly set forth in the late letters of the missionaries. The plans of education are not yet settled, but in the mean time the Rev. W. S. Robertson can give instruction in a day-school, while preparing some needed works for the press. Mrs. Robertson writes on the 11th of February, "Eighty adults and children gathered into our Sabbath-school yesterday, coloured and Indian, and the eagerness manifested in learning to read, and repeating the catechism, would have been cheering to those who sent us here."

OMAHA MISSION.—Mr. S. O. Lee re-

ports a good deal of sickness in the mission families, and among the scholars during the year, and five of the scholars had died; they were quite young. The number of scholars was sixty-four on the 1st of January. There is a growing interest among the Omahas in the education of their children, Mr. Lee says, and these Indians are slowly advancing in civilization. Some fruit is visible of the religious interest, which existed about a year ago. There are discouragements in the support of a large school on the frontiers, however, and faith is needed in order that the difficult work may be done aright.

Questions and Answers.

(Continued from Vol. xvii., page 276.)

No. 31. AS TO NOT SENDING OUT A MISSIONARY. Our attention has been called to an editorial article in a late number of a newspaper published in Kentucky. We have read it with surprise and regret. Forbearing to make any comments on its injurious personal remarks, we quote the following paragraph:

"It is a singular illustration of the spirit that now pervades the Church, that the offer of Mr. —, after the restoration of his health, to return to his work in India, should have been rejected by the Board of Foreign Missions, though both he and his brother missionaries in India earnestly plead for a year or more that he should be sent back."

In reply to this allegation we insert here the letter addressed to Mr. —, concerning this matter. (We omit the name of the missionary, as we cannot suppose he is a party to the above statement.)

NEW YORK, March 15th, 1864.

Rev. ————,

My Dear Bro.—Your letter to the Committee, of the 8th inst., was duly received, and it was read and considered at their meeting yesterday.

The conclusion reached by the Committee is, that it is not expedient to send you back to India at present.

They think that longer time should be taken for testing your recovery, especially as your illness was so peculiar, and as it had become chronic. They are apprehensive that it may have been at first attributable in some measure to a constitutional tendency to such disease, developed by a change of climate; or, if not, that it may have become so seated in your system as to return readily, if you should be too soon subjected to the severe pressure of the climate of India. Ample time should be allowed, in their judgment, for showing that you would not probably be again laid aside from the missionary work if you went back to it.

The Committee quite concur in your suggestion that brethren of experience and knowledge of the language, other things being equal, should be first sent out; and their consideration of your request was marked by sincere sympathy for you, and best wishes for your usefulness.

With kind regards to yourself and family,
Yours very truly,

The Work of Missions at Futteh-gurh.

The Rev. Messrs. Brodhead and Kellogg, their wives, and seven native Christian helpers, form the goodly company of missionary labourers at the Burpore part of this station. Mr. Kellogg, the junior missionary, has had the charge of the high school, having an average attendance of two hundred and sixty scholars. Of this he has sent a very satisfactory report, which we hope to see printed in the *Record*, or *Foreign Missionary*. Mr. Brodhead sends also a good report of other matters, which we here insert unabridged. Looking at our limited space, we took up this paper in order to select extracts from it, but we think our readers will prefer to see it just as it stands.

A sower went forth to sow; and when he sowed, some seeds fell by the wayside, some fell upon stony places, and some among thorns; but others fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit. These words may be used to indicate the missionary's work and its result, wherever he may be placed. Perhaps a right exercise of faith would lead the Church to demand from her representatives no other account of stewardship than this,

but, demanding more, she tacitly admits the obligation to share in any humiliation which the review of her servants' labours may awaken, as well as to rejoice in any evidence that may be found that God's blessing rests upon us.

If there is anywhere upon missionary ground a possibility of astonishing the world with the record of brilliant achievements, or of breaking out of the old courses, and inaugurating plans and methods which should eclipse all that had been previously attempted, it must be in other lands than this. Hence but little variety can be looked for in successive reports; we can only tell that seed has been sown, and that oftentimes when we trusted that it had been received into good ground, the result proved that it had fallen upon stony places and among thorns.

We mention with gratitude that while our work has been carried on with much more than the usual amount of sickness in our families, we have not been called upon to mourn the loss of any of our number.

The work which has come under my superintendence during the year may be classed under the heads of the District, the Bazar, the Native Church, and Village Schools.

The District.

Owing to continued illness in our families no extensive itinerations were made last cold season. We reached, however, large masses of the population at the three cities of Makhanpore, Sinframpore, and Barpore, the latter near the city of Furrukhabad. In company with the catechists and Scripture-readers, twelve or fourteen in number, we preached to thousands of people at these fairs, and the message was heard with a good degree of attention. Perhaps one of the most marked facts in our intercourse with the people, is the avowal of their convictions that India will in time become Christianized. Even the learned Pandits and Gurus, whose hopes of obtaining a livelihood rest upon the continuance of the people in gross darkness, are free to admit that Hinduism is doomed, and that the religion which is to supplant it, is not that of the Vedantists, or of Mohammed, but it is the religion of the Bible—the religion of Christ. At the Sinframpore mela, where multitudes were assembled to worship Gunju, this avowal was distinctly made by an intelligent Pandit, and it is heard repeatedly. Another significant fact is, the altered treatment shown by the people towards native Christians. The

families living in the city have frequently called my attention to this, and say that far more respect is shown them now than formerly. Catechists are still living at this station who, in attempting to preach in the villages round about, were saluted with stones and mud; and long after these hostile demonstrations had ceased, the converts to Christianity were regarded by their former co-religionists as the offence of the earth; now the cases are rare where they are not respected by their Hindu and Mohammedan neighbours, and left unmolested. Doubtless this is due in some measure to the fact of all classes being able to claim protection from the authorities, and yet, were the natives ill-disposed toward the native Christians they might do much to harass them without being amenable to the laws.

In connection with work in the District, the labours of the colporteurs may be noticed. Two have been employed during the year. They have laboured in the Furrukhabad district, and, in connection with the work of former years, have carried the gospel to every town and village within its bounds. It has been deemed advisable to restrict the distribution of the Scriptures to actual sales, at a nominal price, consequently fewer copies have been put in circulation than in former years, but some improvement in purchasers is noticed, and it is believed that such copies as are bought will be more carefully preserved than if they had been received gratuitously.

The Bazar.

I have been enabled to go to the Bazar quite regularly in the morning, accompanied by two catechists and two Scripture readers. These have also preached occasionally in the evening. The attendance at the preaching-places has been very good. Each morning seldom less than fifty, and often more than one hundred, listened attentively to the word spoken. I think it would be a moderate estimate to place the number of hearers during the year at twenty thousand. As a general thing those known as the "better class" do not stop to listen to the preaching in the Bazar, but I have sometimes seen one or more of these halting on the outskirts of the crowd, and, perhaps with heads turned in another direction, as if to mislead any who might see them in this equivocal position, listening to the words that fell from the preacher's lips. One of our best Bazar preachers, a catechist of many years' standing, has been lost

to the mission on account of some aberration of mind. He wandered away from his family some months ago, and nothing that can be relied upon has been heard concerning him.

The Church.

The usual Sabbath and week-day services have been continued, the latter having been conducted by Mr. Kellogg and myself alternately. The number of communicants is forty. The congregation averages one hundred. But one adult has been added to the church during the year by baptism. This is a young Mohammedan, the second of the family who have been received to church membership. I trust the members of our little flock are making progress in the knowledge and experience of divine things. A pleasing instance of simple piety is found in the case of Gopal, an aged man, who was baptized just after the meeting. He is regular in his attendance upon divine worship, and although upwards of seventy years of age, he has learned the Roman characters in order to read more of our Christian literature. One day while talking with an inquirer, when this aged convert was sitting by, I said to him: "Well, Gopal, you have had some experience of the value of the Christian religion, tell this man what you think of it in comparison with other religions." "Other religions," he replied, "there are no other religions; they are all false, entirely false." This was the testimony of one who once belonged to the sacred or Brahmanical caste, and who was now seeking to lead a darkened soul to the light of the gospel. To show the effect that Christian instruction is having upon different classes among us, an incident may be related of a youth, not a Christian, in one of our village schools. In order to draw out his opinion, I asked him, "If the Hindu and Mohammedan religions were not true, why did God give them to mankind?" His reply was, "God did not give them, they are from Satan."

This incident will introduce the subject of

Village Schools.

These are seven in number, and in connection with five superintended from Rakha, are supported by the Maharajah Dulip Singh. During the year about one hundred and thirty boys have attended the seven schools. A Bazar school of a similar kind, located in the city, has about thirty scholars. In all these schools the boys have made good

progress in the Scriptures, Scripture history, and the catechism, as well as in elementary secular studies. The case mentioned above is not a solitary one, where the boys seem to have lost all confidence in the religions of their fathers. Let us pray that they may be led to accept the religion of Christ.

The review of the year shows us, as we trust it shows to others, our need of two things.

We need help from the Church at home. Two millions of human beings, the population of this one district are within reach of our efforts. Will not the Church regard this fact? Will not her young ministers, coming forth from her seminaries of learning, consecrated to do the Lord's work, sworn to follow the Master wherever he may lead; will not the pious laymen of our Church, alike consecrated and sworn by the sacraments in which they have participated, ask themselves, "What is our duty in respect of this field?" The work is ready to the hand that will take it up.

We need the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Like the ship becalmed in mid ocean, far above and beyond the efforts of man, we need the breath from on high, that shall send us on our course. Not less for ourselves, than for the perishing souls about us, are these quickening influences necessary, and if the Church that sent us forth will pray in faith for the bestowal upon us of this gift, we know that the gift of men will not be withheld.

AUG. BRODHEAD.

Furrukhabad, October 31st, 1866.

Encouragement in Siam.

The Rev. N. A. McDonald writes from Bangkok, under date of November 8th, 1866, giving an interesting narrative of a Siamese convert, and other incidents of encouragement.

I am happy to report to you, that we have just been cheered by one of those mercy drops which show both the power of the grace of Christ to save souls, and his willingness to do so. On Saturday evening, November 3d inst., our session examined *Kru Keo*, a native teacher in my employ, and on Sabbath I baptized him and he was received into the full communion of the church. The history of his conversion is rather an interesting one. Shortly after my arrival here, about six years ago, he, a young man

about twenty-eight years old, came and made application to be employed as a teacher. After some consultation with the older members of the mission I received him. He had just a few weeks previous come out of the *priesthood*, where he had spent ten years, and had got married. He is of Laos descent, but having been born here he may be considered Siamese.

[After four years, he left Bangkok, but meeting with afflictions he was led to give up Buddhism and to embrace the Christian religion. Returning to Bangkok,] he came to me and told me the state of his mind and asked to be received by baptism into the church. We, however, thought best to defer his case for three months, and at the next quarterly communion he was received. He has much more stability of character than the common Siamese. He is, also, comparatively young, and an excellent scholar in his own language, so that it may be hoped that he will one day preach the gospel to his fellow countrymen.

We enter upon our new mission year with new encouragements. At our next communion we expect to receive at least one more. Another encouraging feature of our work is, that our native members have started a prayer-meeting of their own. They attend all our weekly meetings, but in addition to that they have a prayer-meeting conducted wholly by themselves, and meet twice a week. This meeting was not suggested by any member of the mission, and was in full operation before any member of the mission knew it. Our school, too, which has hitherto been a barren field, now promises to yield some fruit. Three of our largest and most promising boys profess to be Christians, and promise that they will soon unite with the Church. We trust that these tokens of God's presence are but the beginning of that great work to be accomplished here, when this nation shall be brought back and acknowledge their allegiance to King Jesus.

Yours truly,
N. A. McDONALD.

A Visit to the Seminoles.

The *Record* of February contained extracts from our letters, showing that the mission among the Creeks was recommenced under interesting circumstances. Our readers will now learn with pleasure that the missionary work is again begun among the Seminoles.

We insert here extracts from a letter of the Rev. J. R. Ramsey, dated February 3d, at Tallahassee, after his return from a visit to the Seminole district. The narrative from which we take these extracts is one of great interest and much encouragement. How remarkably has God blest the former labours of our missionaries amongst these poor Indians! And now a wide and effectual door is set before them again, and there are not many adversaries—indeed, not any have yet appeared; but the agent, the chiefs, and others have thus far shown a warm interest in the re-establishment of our missionary work.

Leaving his family at Tallahassee, Mr. Ramsey set out on this journey on the 15th of January, going first to the Creek agency. Here our missionary friends always find a warm interest in themselves and their work on the part of the efficient agent, Major Dunn, and the ladies of his family, who are excellent members of our Church. He met here also the respected agent of the Seminoles, Major Reynolds, who expressed much interest in his resuming his labours in that tribe. On the next day he went on his way.

Lodging in a Creek House—Lonely Way—Warm Welcome.

About night I reached Deep Fork, where I lodged at the house of a Creek man, who, though living in a very humble dwelling, was very kind. He had been South during the war, had lost nearly all his property, and was very poor, but such as he had he shared cheerfully with me. We talked of the dreadful war through which we had passed, of future prospects, of schools, and religion, sung hymns, read the word of God, and prayed together. He offered me his bed to sleep on, but I declined his offer and slept on my blanket before the fire on the floor. Thursday morning I started before day, as I had full fifty miles to travel to reach the Seminole agency that day, but lost my way in the dark, and finding a fire where some Indians had camped, stopped by it till it was light enough to see the road. I then went on through a variegated country, some parts being beautiful prairie, skirted with hills and timber.

About noon I reached North Fork River, stopped and fed my pony, and then proceeded on for the Seminole agency, twenty miles distant. I counted the long lonely miles, and at last came in sight of an extensive body of timber. As I approached nearer my attention was drawn to the sound of singing which I heard in the distance. I stopped to listen, and soon recognized one of the old tunes which we used to sing in our meetings. It was dark, but I could not refrain from going to the place of singing, as I felt pretty certain that they were our Seminole friends holding meeting. So I turned my horse and went on until I came to the house where they were assembled. Some boys were in the yard and they recognized me at once, took my horse, and told me to go in the house. It proved to be the house of Long John, the principal chief. I found him lying very sick with winter fever, but he seemed very glad to see me. I had scarcely time to speak to him when a messenger came from the house near by where the meeting was held, saying that an empty seat was waiting for me, and that I must come into the meeting. I followed him into a very crowded house, and joy seemed to light up every face as I entered. They had been expecting me, and all were ready to give me a hearty welcome. Men, women, boys, and girls approached me as fast as the crowd would admit to give me a hearty shake of the hand. They sung and sung and prayed, and shook hands, and even clapped hands, and thanked God for sending their beloved preacher back among them. They had met to pray for their sick chief, and very warm prayers did they put up in his behalf. I expressed in a few words my pleasure at meeting them again, and seeing them so devoted to the religion which I used to teach them.

The Seminole Country—Church Members.

I stayed at the Seminole agency from Thursday night until the next Tuesday morning, and had several interviews with the agent. I found him disposed to be very friendly. We talked freely about the affairs of the Seminoles; they have a good country, well timbered and watered, and good land. Their treaty gives them an area of 200,000 acres. . . . Their country will be about thirty miles long from north to south, by ten miles wide from east to west. . .

The missionary work among the Seminoles has an advantage over that among the Creeks, in that they are more

accessible, because confined to a small territory; also because Presbyterian influence is greater among them at present. I expect to visit them again the last Sabbath in this month and organize a church, which, from the best information I can get, will number almost if not quite one hundred members. . .

Interesting Religious Services.

I had the pleasure of preaching again at D. McGirt's, the largest house in the neighbourhood. Some had assembled before us, but they continued to pour in for nearly an hour. Every seat and corner was crowded with people of all ages and sexes. The house was crammed and all could not get in, and stood round the door. I preached from Acts v. 31, on the Exaltation of our Saviour, and God was with us. We had a very attentive and apparently deeply interested audience, if we can judge by the tears that flowed and the sighs that were uttered, as the love, mercy, and power of Christ were described. It was one of my happiest meetings. After services were ended about twenty-three persons came forward to ask our prayers in their behalf. Notice was given that I would return on the last Sabbath in February to hold a two-days' meeting, to organize a Seminole church, ordain elders, and perform marriages. Quite a number are waiting for the return of a minister to marry them publicly, to baptize candidates for church membership, and the children of believers, and to administer the Lord's Supper. There are many from other neighbourhoods who are expected to attend at that time. The Seminole church has increased instead of diminishing during the war. The chiefs were holding council, but adjourned on Saturday until Monday, as they never hold council on Sunday. On Monday I attended council, and heard the treaty read and interpreted.

It is remarkable that the number of church members should have increased during the war, and remarkable also is the example of the Council in keeping the Sabbath.

Mr. Ramsay afterwards paid a visit to one of the principal chiefs, at his request, Colonel Jumper, who lives fifty miles from the agency. By this Christian man he was very warmly received. He also visited on his return to Tallahassee the old Seminole Mission buildings, found the Prairie improvements

still standing, but the Oak Ridge place all in ruins, except the orchard. He viewed these desolations with a sad heart. After reading these very interesting accounts, our readers will learn with pleasure that the Executive Committee have given their approval to Mr. Ramsey's returning, provisionally, to the missionary work among the Seminoles.

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IN FEBRUARY, 1867.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pky of Londonderry*—Second ch. Newburyport, 136. *Pky of Troy*—Park ch. Troy, 66 00 *Pky of Albany*—Kingboro ch 121 50; D B Judson 100; Gloversville ch 175; Amsterdam ch 20 64; Tribes Hill ch 7 86; State st ch. Albany, E P Durant 10; Johnstown ch 100 737 60

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pky of Ogdensburgh*—Morristown ch 7 85. *Pky of Genesee River*—Wyoming ch 37 65. Sab-sch. to ed child at Canton. 32; Moscow ch 10; Tuscarora ch 10 25. *Pky of Buffalo City*—Central ch. Buffalo, 77. *Pky of Rochester City*—First ch. Rochester, 50; Port Byron ch 32 46, Sab-sch 10 267 21

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pky of Hudson*—Goshen ch 73 13; Scotchtown ch 152 35; Youngsville and Jeffersonville ch 10. *Pky of North River*—Calvary ch. Newburg, mo con, 47; Marlborough ch 38 90, mo con, 25 85. Sab-sch 12 37; Middle Hope ch 13 85, Sab-sch 3 78. *Pky of Connecticut*—Bedford ch 72 50; 1st ch, Thompsonville, 32 25, Sab-sch 10; Mt Kisco ch 21, Sab-sch 5; White Plains Sab-sch 13 68. *Pky of Long Island*—Second ch, Huntington, 30; Huntington South ch 14 15, Rob't O Colt 100, to con self, Rob't O Colt, jr, and Charles Craig Colt *Life members*: Southampton ch 105. *Pky of New York*—First ch. N. Y., 250, mo con 202 89, Sab-sch 21 73. Mission-sch 24 10; University Place ch 2,011 13, mo con 185 60, Mission-sch (No. 118) 30; Forty-second st, mo con, 31 93, Sab-sch, for Japan, 100; Brick ch. mo con, 108; Chelsea ch. mo con, 45; Alexander ch, mo con, 3 50; 4th ch Sab-sch, N. Y. to ed boy at Ningpo 55. *Pky of New York 2d*—Scotch ch, mo con, 107; Peekskill Sab-sch for Bonita sch 50; Westminster ch, Yonkers, mo con, 50; Canal st ch, mo con, 19 50. *Pky of Nassau*—First ch, Brooklyn, mo con, 51 71; Astoria ch, mo con 25 85; 3 Third st ch. Williamsburg, mo con, 23 67 4,165 42

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pky of Elizabethton*—Baskingridge ch 100, Sab-sch 10; Westfield ch 46, Sab-sch 25; 2d ch. Rahway. Sab-sch 1 25; 1st ch. Metuchen, 37, mo con 13 13. *Pky of Passaic*—First ch, Morristown, mo con, 75 07; Wickliffe ch. mo con, 11 58; Springfield ch 74 39; Chatham Village ch 100 75; 31 ch, Newark, mo con, 21 95. *Pky of New Brunswick*—Fourth ch, Trenton, 58, E B Fuller and wife 100; Pennington ch, to con Jas Burroughs and Geo Woolsey *Life members*, 60; Kingston ch 26 55; 1st ch, Cranberry, 15. *Pky of West Jersey*—First ch, Bridgeton, 340; Cape Island ch 30, Sab-sch 17 70; Pittsgrove ch, to con Mrs Rebecca Mayhew and Mrs Rebecca M Swing *Life members*, 61 50. *Pky of Baritan*—First ch, Lambertville, 150; Bloombury ch 13 13, Sab-sch 10; Solebury ch 50; Forestville ch 2. *Pky of Susque-*

hanna—Canton ch 20; Orwell ch 23; Rushville ch 1; Rome ch 4; Terrytown ch, 134 32; *Pky of Luzerne*—First ch. Manoh Chunk, 156 32; White Haven ch 4, Sab-sch 10; Eckley ch 12 10; Tamaqua ch 20. *Pky of Burlington*—Tuckerton ch 5; Columbus Sab-sch 12. *Pky of Monmouth*—Jamesburg ch 27, Sab-sch 10; Shrewsbury ch, to con David N Hyram and Wm Croxson *Life members*, 73 63; Holmanville ch 5 1,775 55

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pky of Philadelphia*—Seventh ch Sab-sch 33 64; 15th ch 29; West Spruce st ch, a Widow, 3; 10th ch 438 12, a Friend 100, a Lady 100, a Friend 20, Miss Dellaye 25, Mr Ingram 25, Mrs H I Biddle 50 — 758 12; 4th ch Sab-sch to con Miss Jane Mc Cool and Miss Maggie Marshall *Life members*, 60; Union ch 70. *Pky of Philadelphia Central*—Second ch, half mo coll, 13 02; Colcocksink Sab-sch 100. Inft Sab-sch 10. *Pky of Philadelphia 2d*—First ch, Norristown 103 87; Neshaminy ch 58 25; 1st ch, Easton, 38; Brainard ch. Easton, 44 26. *Pky of New Castle*—Oxford ch 55; Port Deposit ch 31 65, Sab-sch 28 59; Doe Run ch 10. *Pky of Donegal*—Marietta ch 31 75; Mt Joy ch 18. *Pky of Huntingdon*—Bellefonte Sab-sch to con Rev A Yeomans *Life member*, 64 50; 1st ch, Hollidaysburg Fem Miss'y Soc'y for Girls' Orphan Asylum, Futtelburgh, 75 09; Logans Valley ch 45; Clearfield Sab-sch 7 34; Little Valley Sab-sch 10. *Pky of Northumberland*—Lewisburg ch 118 25; Lock Haven Sab-sch 18 80; Renovo Sab-sch 13 29 1,846 48

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pky of Baltimore*—First ch, Baltimore, 2,932 60; Taneytown ch 180 20; Ellicott's Mills Sab-sch to con Miss Harriet H Newland *Life member*, 60; Patapeco Sab-sch, for Corisco, 30; Thistle Sab-sch 10; Mt Paran ch 5. *Pky of Carlisle*—Mercersburg ch 112 14, Sab-sch 8 25; Upper Path Valley ch 92 10, Fem Miss'y Soc'y 74, Sab-sch 63 95; Toms Creek and Piney ch 32 48; Rocky Spring ch 2. *Pky of Potomac*—Bridge st ch, 180 08. 3,770 71

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pky of Edinboro*—Dunlape Creek and New Salem ch 23 50; Round Hill ch 6 50; Spring Hill Furnace ch 3 60; Rehoboth ch 36 10. *Pky of Ohio*—First ch, Pittsburgh 815 79; 4th ch, Pittsburgh 67 30; Canonsburg ch 30; Temperanceville ch 2. *Pky of Blairsville*—Benah ch 6; Ligonier ch 40 50; Blairsville ch 130 50; Blairville Ladies' Sem'y 45 75; Cross Roads ch 18 22; Johnstown ch 82 25. *Pky of Clarion*—Piegach ch 5 97; Greenville ch 15; Clarion ch 21; New Rehoboth ch 16; Elkton ch 10. *Pky of Sallaburg*—Ebeuseter ch 24 72, Sab-sch 11 84; Rural Valley ch 28 44. 1,447 99

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pky of Allegheny*—Brady's Bend ch 30; Richland ch 5; Centre ch 29, for Tungohow sch 36 75; Concord ch 11 80; North Butler ch 1 25; Rich Hill ch 12; Freeport ch 40; Bull Creek ch 8; Scrubgrass ch 42. *Pky of Allegheny City*—First ch, Allegheny Sab-sch to con Edw B Blake, Jos H Horland, Jno W Morrison and Jas Day *Life members*, 124 71; Manchester Sab-sch 14 65; Emerald ch 5; Providence mission Sab-sch for Corisco 26. *Pky of Beaver*—Westfield ch 100; Clarksville ch 1 50. *Pky of Erie*—First ch, Mercer 58 45; Georgetown ch 31 577 18

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pky of Washington*—Forks of Wheeling ch, Wm Fargis 10, J McDonald 20, R Carter 20, J Hervey 20, J Blayne 20, Mrs M Woods 20, N P Atkinson 10, A Waddell 10, H M Hervey 10, D Boggs 10, R S Hopkins 10, J W Brown 10, J Slack 10, Jno Baird 10, J B Kelly 10, L Grier 10, T Y Hervey 10, Cong coll 51, Sab-sch 11 — 372; 1st ch, Wheeling 100; 4th ch, Wheeling 30; Upper Buffalo ch 60; East Buffalo ch 24 15; West Alexander ch 107 75; Hellidays Cove ch 20; Clayville ch 39 40, Sab-sch 6; Wellsburg ch 10 40; Cross Creek ch 102 38; Mt Prospect ch 30, Sab-sch 4 04. *Pky of Steubenville*—Richmond ch 16; Bacon Ridge ch 15; East Springfield ch 21; Amsterdam ch 3 50; Pleasant Hill ch 10; Oak Ridge ch 15; Waynesburg ch 14; Bethlehem ch 23;

Big Spring ch 12; Fairmount ch 3. *Pby of New Lisbon*—Pleasant Valley ch 10; Rehoboth ch 8 70; Newton ch 8 30; Middle Sandy ch 18; Hubbard ch 10; Madison ch 11, Unkowny 1 30; Canfield ch 25. *Pby of St Clairville*—St Clairville ch 62 06, Sab-sch 4 50; Wheeling Valley ch 21 50; Short Creek ch 30 50; Crab Apple ch 87 50. *Pby of West Virginia*—Morgantown ch 63 50 1,356 47

SYNOD OF OHIO—*Pby of Columbus*—First ch, Columbus 142 36, mo con 151 54, Sab-sch 100 (less 10 for Record)—383 86; Lancaster ch 82 33; Mt Pleasant ch 10; London ch 12. *Pby of Marion*—La Rue ch 12; Mt Gilead ch 18; Marseilles ch 12; Liberty ch 7; Crestline ch 15. *Pby of Zanesville*—Bethel ch 7 15; Deerfield ch 11; Rush Creek ch 10. *Pby of Richland*—Ashland ch 8; Hayesville ch 12 50; Frederickstown Sab-sch 25 78. *Pby of Hocking*—Athens ch 50 626 63, 1

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY—*Pby of Michigan*—Westminster ch, Detroit 82 76; Lowrie Missy Soc'y, per R H McCormick, Tr 46 10; Hudson ch 5. *Pby of Maumee*—Delta ch 6; Napoleon ch 14 50. *Pby of Findlay*—First ch, Findlay 42 60; Van Wert Sab-sch 8; West Union ch 14 60; Enon Valley ch 6 52; Ottawa ch 6; Riley Creek ch 1; Mt Blanchard ch 1; Forest ch 1 236 07

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Washington ch 25; Red Oak ch 6 50; Pisgah ch 128 60; Greenfield ch 35. *Pby of Miami*—Monroe ch 13; 3d ch, Dayton 40; 1st ch, Xenia 58 15; Franklin ch 21; Dieks Creek ch 25; Middletown ch 13. *Pby of Cincinnati*—Seventh ch, Cincinnati mo con 16 20; Central ch, Cincinnati 202 66; Feesburg ch 6; Bethel ch 17 60; Springfield ch 75 95. *Pby of Oxford*—Camden ch 8 60; Eaton ch 6 60, (less 23 66 College Corner ch or in error October). *Pby of Sidney*—Buck Creek ch 3 676 11

SYNOD OF INDIANA—*Pby of New Albany*—Rehoboth ch 18; Jeffersonville ch 47 65; Livonia ch 5 90; Paoli ch 1 66. *Pby of Vincennes*—Second ch, Vincennes 27 50, Sab-sch 9 70; Mt Vernon ch 2 10. *Pby of Madison*—Madison Sab-sch 40; Hanover ch 24 20. *Pby of Indianapolis*—Third ch, Indianapolis 128, Sab-sch 100, Inf't miss'n sch 11; Bloomington ch 26; Union ch 9. *Pby of White Water*—Ebeneser ch 6 50; Union ch 21 464 10

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA—*Pby of Logansport*—Lexington ch 12 20; Frankfort ch 20, Sab-sch 10; Bethlehem ch 5; West Union ch 1 30. *Pby of Lake*—South Bend ch 15 50; Sumptions Prairie ch 15 70; 1st ch, Goshen Sab-sch 50; Hebron ch 1 90. *Pby of Fort Wayne*—Auburn ch 5; 1st ch, Kendallville 12; La Grange Sab-sch 3, Three little Brothers to sup Rev J H Myers 1 10; Eel River ch 5 60. *Pby of Crawfordsville*—Greencastle ch 11 31; Crawfordsville ch 22 50. *Pby of Muncie*—First ch, Indianapolis 271, Sab-sch 70, Inf't sch 3; 1st ch, Muncie 23 40; New Castle ch 6 50 566 01

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS—*Pby of Kaskaskia*—Elm Point ch 5 60; Galum ch 6. *Pby of Sangamon*—Decatur ch 114 48; 2d ch, Jacksonville 27 00; Providence ch 60, Rev Jos Platt 50. *Pby of Peoria*—Second ch, Peoria 107 46; Prospect ch 62 24; Toulon ch 5. *Pby of Bloomington*—Bloomington ch 15; Farm Ridge ch 7 75, El Paso ch 6 75. *Pby of Sank*—Shawneetown ch 10 25, B C Swan 10; Wabash ch 5; Flora ch 8 50 496 62

SYNOD OF CHICAGO—*Pby of Schuyler*—Ipava ch 22. *Pby of Rock River*—Dixon ch 37 79; Spring Valley ch 6. *Pby of Chicago*—North ch, Chicago 189 30; Fullerton Av ch Sab-sch, Chicago 10; Kendall ch 3 25; Aurora ch 6. *Pby of Bureau*—First ch, Princeton 84 61; Geneseo ch 6. *Pby of Warren*—First ch, Monmouth 43 55, Sab-sch 15 35; North Henderson ch 37; Young America ch 5 463 83

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN—*Pby of Dane*—Prairie du Sac ch 43 24. *Pby of Milwaukee*—North ch, Milwaukee 15; 1st ch, Belmont 108 44; Ottawa

ch 4 72; Delafield ch 4 13. *Pby of Winnebago*—Kilbourn ch 7; Depere ch 16 85; 1st ch, Fond du Lac Sab-sch 11 51 215 86

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL—*Pby of St Paul*—Westminster ch, Minneapolis 61 40, Sab-sch 18; Madina ch 2 25. *Pby of Chippewa*—Winona ch 40 15, Sab-sch 10; Galesville ch 2, Sab-sch for Shanghai sch 3; Lansing Sab-sch 3; Chippewa Falls ch 5 75. *Pby of St Minnesota*—First ch, Rochester Sab-sch 5; Stewartville ch 4 154 55

SYNOD OF IOWA—*Pby of Cedar*—Summit ch 10; Long Grove ch 5; R L Adams 2; Mt Vernon ch 11; Linn Grove ch 21; Tipton ch 38; N Y Settle's 4 65. *Pby of Dubuque*—Independence ch 22. *Pby of Fort Dodge*—First ch, Fort Dodge 6 119 65

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA—*Pby of Iowa*—Round Grove ch 18; Trenton ch 4. *Pby of Des Moines*—Oskaloosa Sab-sch 8; Indianola ch 10; Hartford ch 5. *Pby of Missouri: River*—Brownville ch 20. *Pby of Fairfield*—Washington ch 10; Bethel ch 3 15; Fairfield ch 7; Shiloh ch 6; Ottumwa ch 8; Birmingham ch 14 75 113 90

SYNOD OF MISSOURI—*Pby of Palmyra*—Shelbyville ch 5; Rev A Steed and wife 5. *Pby of Wyaconda*—Kirkaville ch 5, Sab-sch 1 16 00

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY—*Pby of Louisville*—College at ch, Louisville, 172 75; Shelbyville ch 60. *Pby of Muhlenburg*—Hopkinsville Sab-sch 5 65. *Pby of Ebenezer*—Washington ch 50; Flemingsburg ch 19 85; Rev J P Hendrick and wife 30 358 25

Total received from churches, \$20,431 06

LEGACIES—Legacy of Wm M Edgar, dec'd. Railway, N J, less tax 470; Estate of David Boyd, M D, dec'd, Saratoga co, N Y 200; Estate of Sam'l Garret, dec'd, Phila., 700 = 1,370 (less 250 expence of Bostwick Will). 1,120 00

SYNOD OF REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Salaries of two Missionaries 600; Premium on gold 334; Salary Rev D Herron 300; Scholarships 825; Native Assistants 355; Dehra sch building 1,966 02 4,269 02

MISCELLANEOUS—Rel Cont'b Soc'y, Princeton Theo Sem'y 65; Friends for missions among the Laos 3,000; Bield' Wall, Pine Ridge, for Africa 15; Col G Loomis 10; Miss Mills 50; Mr and Mrs Wm Porter 10; Rev Wm McGookin 5; A B K for Laos Mission 30; Chas M Hamilton, Mo, 15; N C Thompson, Rockford, Ill, 100; Robert Halsted, N Y, 100; Newton, N J, per Rev J L Nevius, for Hang Chow 40; Richard Byldenburg to con Rev Jas 8 Bingham *Life Member* 30; Rev J A Putz 2; J W Beck, First Fruits, 7; G T Olyphant 200; R B C 1; Mary Vance 5; J P V 5; Mrs S Blauvelt, Spring Valley, N Y, for Coriaco, 6; St Augustine ch, Fla, 26 65; Rev T S Childs, D.D. 25; Mrs Childs 5; Rev Geo Ainslie and wife, Rochester, Minn, 5; E C Fairhill 10; X for Africa 2,500; S and E McC, Tenady, N J, 10; W and C H 2; Hattie J Brown 10; Sixth at Sab-sch, New Orleans 1; 2d Ger ch, New Orleans 5; Rev W R Mercer 4; Mrs Margaret McFarren, Cambridge, O, for India 3; Little Etie, Bibles for heathen 50 cts; Miss Sarah Levering, Harford, Md, 6; Rev W F Morgan, Rural Valley, Pa, to con Mrs Mary H Morgan *Life Member* 30; A Friend 1; Master C H Deltrick, Frederickburg, O 15; Rev J H Aughey and family, Livonia, Ind, 5; S W McConnell, Dicks Creek, O 5; Miss Jennie Hair and Sab-sch class, Somerville, O, I. 7,265 15

Total receipts in February, 1897, \$33,065 25
WM. RANKIN, Jr., Treasurer.

Letters relating to the Missions, or other operations of the Board, may be addressed to WILLIAM LOWMEYER, Esq., Rev. JOHN C. LOWMEYER, or Rev. DAVID LIVING, Secretaries, Mission House, Centre street, New York.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

PUBLISHING HOUSE, 821 CHESTNUT STREET,
PHILADELPHIA.

Letters relating to agencies, donations of books and tracts, the appointment of Colporteurs, manuscripts and books offered for publication, the editorial department of the *Sabbath-School Visitor*, and the general interests of the Board, to be addressed to the Rev. WILLIAM E. SCHECK, D.D. Corresponding Secretary and Editor, No. 821 Chestnut street.

All communications, reports, remittances of money, donations, and orders for books, to be addressed to Mr. WINSTON SARGENT, Superintendent of Colportage, Business Correspondent, and Treasurer.

Subscriptions to the *Home and Foreign Record*, and the *Sabbath-School Visitor*, and payments for the same, to be addressed to Mr. PETER WALKER.

Our Annual Collection.

We trust the pastors and elders of our churches will not forget that the **FIRST SABBATH IN MAY** has been appointed by the General Assembly as the time for an annual and simultaneous collection to be taken in all our churches for the Colportage Fund of the Board of Publication. It is also recommended by the Assembly that whenever the annual collection cannot be taken on that day it should be taken as soon thereafter as possible.

As this day is now near at hand, the Board earnestly solicits the co-operation of pastors and sessions in the plan of the Assembly. In order to aid them in making such statements as may interest the people and draw forth their contributions for this good cause, a circular letter containing information will be mailed to them before the time arrives, and will also be published in the May number of the *Record*.

At present it is only necessary to

say that the demand for colporteurs in various parts of the Church, and especially in the West and North-west, grows greater and greater, and that in order to meet this demand, and to carry out the plans now before the Board, we shall need a large increase upon the amount contributed for colportage last year.

We would especially appeal to the pastors, stated supplies, and elders of those churches which last year contributed nothing to help carry on this good work. We beg these brethren not to let the tables at the end of our next Annual Report testify against them, as do those appended to the report of the year just closed.

Legacies.

Now and then one of God's people, in making a will, leaves a legacy to the Board of Publication. We wish they would do so oftener. There are few ways, if any, in which a Christian can bequeath property with greater certainty of its doing good, than by leaving it to the Board of Publication to aid in scattering good religious books and tracts among the masses of the people, especially in the more needy and destitute parts of the country, by colportage and gratuitous distribution. Many such legacies have, through the favour of God upon the agency of the Board, carried untold blessings to many and many a household.

But our present object is to say,

that when any person bestows a legacy of this kind, it is vitally important that the exact name of the Board be used. This can always be found, as well as a form for a bequest, on the second page of the cover of the *Home and Foreign Record*, and in the Annual Report of the Board. Twice within a short time past the Board has had legacies left to it, when its corporate name was so inaccurately given that nothing but the sound Christian principles of both executors and heirs at law prevented the legacies from being entirely lost to the cause of Christ and of the Board. Let every one, when attempting to make such a bequest, carefully ascertain and insert the exact corporate title of the Board.

And let it not be forgotten, that in the State of Pennsylvania, the law requires that all bequests to religious and charitable institutions, in order to be valid, must be made at least one full calendar month before the death of the testator. Therefore, let no one who desires to remember in his or her will, the cause of the Redeemer, postpone making such will until a day of sickness or of old age seems to make it necessary.

Tracts Needed.

The following is one from a multitude of similar letters received every year from pastors in various parts of the Church :

—, March, 1867.

Dear Brother :—God is pouring out his Spirit on this place, and we are enjoying a precious season of grace. My object in writing to you is respectfully to solicit a donation

of the leaves you have “for the healing of the nations,” i. e., a few revival tracts. In looking over our catalogue, I see many tracts which appear to be just adapted to our wants. For example, Nos. — on your catalogue. Our church is weak and feeble, but I think that this work of grace will greatly strengthen it. Truly yours,

In a time of revival, earnest, pungent, and instructive tracts are one of the best aids a pastor can call to his help. The Board of Publication is always glad to aid in supplying such help, and where pastors and churches cannot raise funds to purchase, is ready to send a supply without charge.

There is also another season when a pastor greatly needs such tracts. It is when there is no revival among his people. Let him at such a time also have a well-selected assortment of the Board's tracts in his hands and secure their faithful distribution with earnest accompanying prayer, and he may well hope that God will use them as one means of securing a revival.

The Hymnal.

The new edition of “The Hymnal,” was issued in March. It contains about 14 tunes and 250 Psalms and Hymns additional to those found in the first edition. Its price in muslin binding with red edges is \$2.25. The additional hymns are chiefly taken from our Assembly's books of “Psalms and Hymns.” Among them will also be found about 20 of Rouse's versions of Psalms, and a few Scotch Para-

phrases, for the gratification of our brethren who have a preference for these.

The *Index of Subjects* has been prepared upon a new plan, and will, we feel sure, be very acceptable to those who may use the book. Under each subject-head are arranged, not merely figures referring to the pages, but also the first lines of the hymns, so that no turning of leaves is necessary to find any hymn under that head. This is a decided improvement.

The Board is now preparing to issue a small and very cheap edition, which will not, however, be ready for some time.

Orders for "*The Hymnal*" should be addressed to WINTHROP SARGENT, No. 821 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

Acknowledgment.

The following letter acknowledges the gift of a library to a destitute Sunday-school in Iowa. We hope our churches will heed its suggestions, and by their liberal contributions to our Fund enable us to continue and extend this good work.

IOWA, March 1st, 1867.

Dear Brother:—You have conferred upon us a very great favour in sending so large a number of interesting volumes for our Sabbath-school. The great pressure under which we have been placed for the past year in our efforts to build our church has affected the contribution to Sabbath-school purposes more than I anticipated. We have carried a very heavy burden, but now are relieved from it, just as the times are becoming

hard. Another year we shall be able to supply ourselves with books at our own charges.

Your donation has placed our Sunday-school in a condition to compare favourably with the schools of the other churches in town, all of which have expended large sums upon their libraries. The interest and efficiency of the school is greatly increased. I do not know how we can be thankful enough for your valuable assistance. The Sabbath-school literature of our Board of Publication is far in advance of that of any other denomination. One of our churches has this winter expended over one hundred dollars for books, most of which are of a very light and trifling character. The recent issues of our Board are very interesting and attractive, and at the same time of a solid and instructive nature. I do not refer to the narratives of real life, memoirs, &c., but to the sort that young people generally seek after, which are of a more substantial character than those found in other schools.

If our Eastern churches and schools only knew the amount of good done by their benefactions to this department of your distribution work, they would more readily and more frequently respond to your requests for aid.

I hope that the Board will be well sustained in its operations, especially in its efforts to elevate the standard of Sabbath-school publications above the "dime novel" style now in general favour.

With many thanks,
Yours truly,

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

I. **A Week with Jesus**, or Lessons Learned in His Company. By the Rev. John M. Lowrie, D.D., author of "Esther and her Times," "Adam and his Times," and "The Hebrew Lawgiver," and pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Price \$1.25

The week of our Lord's life, which forms the subject of this elegant volume, begins with the day upon which he heard the tidings of the death of John the Baptist, and ends with the scene of the Transfiguration. Not that all the events here recorded belong with chronological accuracy to the consecutive days of a single week; but they are placed nearly together by the sacred writers, and derive much of their significance and interest from the time of their occurrence; and no violence is done to the narrative by regarding them as occurring during one week of the life of Jesus.

The book is written in a graceful and attractive style, and bears the marks of mature thought and elevated culture. Dr. Lowrie is doing the Church good service with his pen, and "A Week with Jesus" will extend the sphere of his usefulness.

II. **Aonio Paleario and his Friends**. With a revised edition of "The Benefit of Christ's Death." By the Rev. William M. Blackburn, author of "William Farel," "Young Calvin in Paris," "The Rebel Prince." Price \$1.10.

A reviving of the memory of a learned and holy man, whose beautiful life and martyr death powerfully aided the cause of Christ at the dawn of the Reformation. "The Benefit of Christ's Death," his great work originally written in Italian, was translated into several languages and read by hundreds of thousands with large spiritual profit. The Inquisition waged a fierce war against it, and it was supposed to be utterly lost. An English translation, made about the year 1573, was found, a few years since, at Cambridge, and the work was thus happily rescued from oblivion. The present edition is a faithful re-print of this translation. The

editor has modernized the spelling and a few obsolete words, and added notes, most of which are intended to illustrate the experience of the author.

NOTE—A single copy of any publication of the Board will be sent by mail, pre-paid, on receipt of the catalogue price, by WINTHROP SARGENT, Esq., 821 Chestnut Street, Phila.

DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE COLPORTAGE AND DISTRIBUTION FUNDS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION, SINCE LAST ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

<i>Pby of Londonderry</i> —Londonderry ch	\$12 76
<i>Pby of Troy</i> —Troy Second st ch	37 82
<i>Pby of Buffalo City</i> —Central ch	26 00
<i>Pby of New York</i> —Rutgers st ch 142; Chelsea ch 60	204 00
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Mt Kisco ch 10; Bridgeport ch Sab-seh 10	30 00
<i>Pby of Prussia</i> —German 1st ch, Patterson	2 00
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Trenton 1st ch	117 00
<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Cape Island ch 10; Deerfield ch 5	15 00
<i>Pby of Raritan</i> —Solesbury ch	8 25
<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Terrytown ch 1; Canton ch 5	6 00
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Tamaqua ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Village ch 25; Tennent ch 80	105 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Frankford ch 30; Germantown 1st ch 285 50; Holmesburg ch 30	325 50
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Doe Run ch	8 00
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Stewartstown ch 5; Hopewell ch 2	7 00
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Curwensville, ch	11 00
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Mt Paran ch	1 00
<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —Georgetown ch	33 21
<i>Pby of Redations</i> —Connellsville ch	27 00
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Rehoboth ch	6 90
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Wheeling 4th ch	15 00
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Pleasant Valley ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Richland</i> —Fredericksburg ch 2 90; Vermillion Institute 22	30 90
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Jackson ch	14 00
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Kenia 1st ch	15 68
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —College Corner ch, per J D Thorpe 10; Riley ch 7; Hamilton ch 1	18 00
<i>Pby of Vincknes</i> —Mt Vernon ch	2 10
<i>Pby of Madison</i> —Lexington ch	4 50
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Delavan ch	15 00
<i>Pby of Sakine</i> —Shawneetown ch	9 90
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Mt Vernon ch 3; Linn Grove ch 6	9 00
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Ackley ch	2 50
<i>Pby of Leavenworth</i> —Leavenworth ch	17 00
<i>Pby of Missouri River</i> —Brownville ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Iulmura</i> —Shelbyville ch	5 00
<i>Pby of S Minnesota</i> —Stewartville ch 2; Rochester ch 3	5 00
<i>Pby of New Orleans</i> —Sixth st ch Sab-seh	1 00
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Aledo ch	7 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev Saknon Cowles, West Point, Iowa 1 00

\$1,167 21

WINTHROP SARGENT, Treasurer.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Rev. H. I. Cox, *Corresponding Secretary*,
St. Louis, Mo.

The Spring Meetings of Presbyteries.

We hope the brethren will not forget that the Standing Committee of the last General Assembly on the report of the Board of Church Extension presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted by the Assembly, viz: "The Committee would recommend, in order to secure if possible more general collections in the churches for this Board, that the Presbyteries be enjoined to inquire at their regular Spring meetings of all their pastors and stated supplies whether they have taken a collection during the year for the Board, and that the Stated Clerks of Presbyteries be requested to notify the pastors and stated supplies at least one month prior to the meeting of Presbytery, that such inquiry will be made."

Suggestions.

We have been recently urged to give in a condensed form such advice to churches about to build as the experience of the Board would suggest. We therefore, at the risk of repeating some things heretofore written in the *Record*, venture the following suggestions.

FIRST.—*Build for the present and not for the future.* It is a great and common mistake to suppose that because a community is growing you must build for five or ten years to come. It will be no misfortune if your house is full in six months or a year, if you have only built so that you can enlarge easily and cheaply. Peculiarly is this true in these times of high prices. A small house "well crammed" is better than a great array of empty seats. It is not often that people are kept away from a church because it is crowded. It is usually just the reverse in new communities, and those who allege a full sanctuary as their reason for non-attendance will be quite sure to find another excuse when that fails. Above all, beware of the temptation to put up fine churches to please speculators in town lots, whose wild-cat promises of aid will either prove entirely worthless, or fall far short of the increased expenditure they entail upon you.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION IN FEBRUARY, 1867.

<i>Pky of Warren</i> —Altona ch 10; Maiden ch 7 60;	
<i>Young America</i> ch 5	223 60
<i>Pky of Chippewa</i> —Lansing ch, a thankoffering,	20 00
<i>Pky of Baltimore</i> —Twelfth ch, Baltimore, 36 60;	
<i>Mt Paran</i> ch 1	36 60
<i>Pky of Huntingdon</i> —Ansonville ch, 8; Hollidaysburg ch, semi ann coll, 42 81	47 81
<i>Pky of Albany</i> —First ch, Albany, special, 4,784;	
<i>Hamilton Union</i> ch 5	4,760 00
<i>Pky of Winnebago</i> —Newport ch	4 50
<i>Pky of Dane</i> —First ch, Madison, 18; Platteville Ger ch 4 60	22 60
<i>Pky of S Minnesota</i> —Rochester ch 10; Freemont ch 5 50	15 50
<i>Pky of Leavenworth</i> —Spring Hill ch	3 00
<i>Pky of Britsburg</i> —Rural Valley ch	18 70
<i>Pky of Wooster</i> —Wooster ch	24 50
<i>Pky of Redstone</i> —Connellsville ch 27; Spring Hill Furnace ch 7 88	34 88
<i>Pky of Allegheny</i> —Centreville ch	15 71
<i>Pky of Clarion</i> —New Rehoboth ch 8; Clarion, add'l, 7 75	15 75
<i>Pky of Burlington</i> —Tuckerton ch	4 00
<i>Pky of Erie</i> —First ch, Ashland,	30 00
<i>Pky of Peoria</i> —Lewistown ch	50 00
<i>Pky of Muncie</i> —Winchester ch, refunded, 100 00	
<i>Pky of Washington</i> —East Buffalo ch 10; Wheeling 4th ch 15	25 00
<i>Pky of Rock River</i> —Sterling ch	23 25
<i>Pky of Lake</i> —South Bend ch	12 60
<i>Pky of Missouri River</i> —Brownsville ch	10 00
<i>Pky of Zanesville</i> —Cambridge ch	10 00
<i>Pky of Hudson</i> —White Lake ch	1 00
<i>Pky of Genesee River</i> —Moscow ch	8 00
<i>Pky of Painesville</i> —Paterson ch Ger	5 00
<i>Pky of Cedar</i> —Mt Vernon ch 12; Llan Grove ch 14	26 00
<i>Pky of Blairville</i> —Salem ch	9 50
<i>Pky of Fairfield</i> —Kirkville ch 5 30; Eddyville ch 2 55	7 85
<i>Pky of Dubuque</i> —East Friesland ch, Ger	2 50
<i>Pky of St Paul</i> —First ch, Rockford,	3 00
<i>Pky of Connecticut</i> —Rye ch 25; Mt Kisco ch 17	42 00
<i>Pky of Nassau</i> —Ross street ch, Brooklyn	20 00
<i>Pky of New York 2d</i> —Sing Sing ch	50 00
<i>Pky of Passaic</i> —Newark 3d ch	45 38
<i>Pky of Oxford</i> —Hamilton ch 23 50; Reiley 7 61;	
<i>Mrs A O Patterson</i> , Oxford, Ohio 10	41 11
<i>Pky of Sidney</i> —Buck Creek ch	18 00
<i>Pky of Palmyra</i> —Shelbyville ch 5; Clarence ch 5	10 00
<i>Pky of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Chestnut Hill ch 112;	
<i>Neshaminy</i> ch 2 75	114 75
<i>Pky of Susquehanna</i> —Stevensville ch 1; Rushville ch 2; Rome 1; Terrytown 1	5 00
<i>Pky of Putnam</i> —Bridge st ch, Georgetown, 26 12	
<i>Pky of Chippewa</i> —From Missionary field of Rev W R Mercer	4 00
<i>Pky of Vincennes</i> —Mt Vernon ch	2 10
<i>Pky of Miami</i> —Springfield 2d ch, special,	46 48
<i>Pky of New Lisbon</i> —Pleasant Valley ch	4 00
<i>Pky of West Jersey</i> —Hamnonton ch	8 86
<i>Pky of Barrton</i> —Solebury ch	4 00
<i>Pky of Luzerne</i> —Tamaqua ch	5 00
<i>Pky of Donegal</i> —Stewartville ch 7; Hopewell ch 10	17 00
<i>Pky of New Castle</i> —Doe Run ch	7 00
<i>Pky of Monmouth</i> —Tennent ch	30 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev A Steed and wife, Shelbyville, Mo 3 00

Total for February, \$5,882 65

DAVID KEITH, *Treasurer*,
St. Louis, Mo.

FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS, AND THE NEEDY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

The following amounts have been received since last report, viz.

<i>Pky of Albany</i> —State Street ch 50; Hamilton Union ch 6; Schenectady 1st ch 83 78	\$139 73
<i>Pky of Allegheny City</i> —Pine Creek ch	10 50
<i>Pky of Erie</i> —Fairfield ch 5; Cool Spring ch 6	11 00
<i>Pky of Baltimore</i> —Baltimore 1st ch	100 00
<i>Pky of Putnam</i> —New York Av ch 100; Bridge St, Georgetown, ch 33 22	133 22
<i>Pky of Genesee River</i> —Warsaw ch 19; Moscow ch 8	27 00
<i>Pky of Rock River</i> —Scales Mound ch	2 00
<i>Pky of Warren</i> —Young America ch 3; Knoxville ch 8 15	11 15
<i>Pky of Miami</i> —Springfield 1st ch	25 00
<i>Pky of Peoria</i> —Lewistown ch 50; Elmwood ch 9 45	59 45
<i>Pky of Sangamon</i> —Springfield 1st ch. add'l,	10 03
<i>Pky of Indianapolis</i> —Bloomington ch	16 00
<i>Pky of Vincennes</i> —Mount Vernon ch	2 10
<i>Pky of Cedar</i> —Mount Vernon ch 4; Linn Grove ch 3	7 00
<i>Pky of Leavenworth</i> —Spring Hill ch 2; Leavenworth 1st ch 21 15	23 15
<i>Pky of Pulmyra</i> —Shelbyville ch 3; Rev A Steel and wife 3	6 00
<i>Pky of Elizabethtown</i> —Elizabethtown 1st ch 72 05; Elizabethtown 2d ch 58 50; Metuchen ch 1st 14	141 55
<i>Pky of Luzerne</i> —Tamaqua ch	5 00
<i>Pky of Monmouth</i> —Holmansville ch	4 00
<i>Pky of Newton</i> —Upper Mt Bethel ch	6 50
<i>Pky of New Brunswick</i> —Cranberry 1st ch	16 00
<i>Pky of Raritan</i> —Amwell 1st ch 14 25; Solebury ch 4; Forestville ch 2	20 25
<i>Pky of Susquehanna</i> —Rome ch 1; Canton ch 5; Terrytown ch 1; Monroeton ch 7	14 00
<i>Pky of West Jersey</i> —Cape Island ch	10 00
<i>Pky of Connecticut</i> —Port Chester ch 10; South Salem ch 39; Mt Kisco ch 8 36; Rye ch 133	187 36
<i>Pky of Hudson</i> —Cocheecton ch	9 00
<i>Pky of Crawfordsville</i> —Greencastle ch 10; Poplar Spring ch 4	14 00
<i>Pky of Lake</i> —South Bend ch	15 25
<i>Pky of Marion</i> —Badnor ch	2 00
<i>Pky of Zanesville</i> —Canbridge ch 10; Salem ch 4 05	14 65
<i>Pky of Donegal</i> —Stewartsville ch	10 00
<i>Pky of Huntington</i> —Spring Creek ch	20 00
<i>Pky of New Castle</i> —Doe Run ch	7 50
<i>Pky of Northumberland</i> —Jersey Shore ch	30 00
<i>Pky of Philadelphia</i> —Ninth ch 85; Fifteenth ch 13 75; Seventh ch 25	123 75
<i>Pky of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Norristown 1st ch 64 09; Slatington ch 25	80 09
<i>Pky of Clarion</i> —New Rehoboth ch 7; Clarion ch 23 50	30 50
<i>Pky of Saltsburg</i> —Cherrytree ch	21 25
<i>Pky of St Paul</i> —Rockford 1st ch	1 00
<i>Pky of S Minnesota</i> —Rochester ch	5 00
<i>Pky of Missouri River</i> —Brownville ch	6 00
<i>Pky of New Lisbon</i> —Pleasant Valley ch	5 00

<i>Pky of Steubenville</i> —New Philadelphia ch	8 00
<i>Pky of Washington</i> —Pigeon Creek ch 12 35; Cross Creek ch 5	17 35
	\$1,417 33

MISCELLANEOUS.

A mother's thank offering for the conversion of an only son	\$5 00
Herman R Halsey, of New York	24 00
Mrs Dr Cuyler, of Philadelphia	10 00
Rev Geo and M Ainslie, of Rochester, Min	5 00
Mrs A O Patterson, of Oxford, Ohio	10 00
Spring Hill Furnace ch	10 00
Synod of Cincinnati	59 91
Interest on Permanent Funds	147 03
"E. M.," a lady in New York, for Permanent Fund	100 00
	\$2,685 27

GEO. H. VAN GELDER,

Treasurer Trustees of General Assembly,
Office No. 320 Walnut Street,
Philadelphia, March 5th, 1867.

In remitting money to this Fund, the name of the Church and to what Presbytery it belongs, should be distinctly stated, that it may be correctly acknowledged. And where checks or drafts are sent they should be drawn to the order of "GEO. H. VAN GELDER, Treasurer."

Not long since an aged unmarried gentleman of wealth called on the Secretary of the Fund to ascertain the form of a bequest. He said that he was about to make his will, and intended to leave a portion of his property to the Trustees of the General Assembly for Disabled Ministers. About the same time a merchant of Philadelphia informed the Secretary that he highly appreciated this interesting cause, as would be made known to the Trustees after his death. Will not some who read the notes of these benevolent gentlemen copy their example? Large sums are left by many to purchase prayers for the repose of their departed souls. How much better to leave it for the relief of the aged, decrepit, and penniless servants of God, and for the widow and orphan?

FORM OF BEQUEST FOR DISABLED MINISTERS, AND FAMILIES OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

I give and bequeath to my executors herein-after named, ——— dollars, in trust, nevertheless that they shall, within ——— months after my decease, pay the same to George H. Van Gelder, Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, or to his successor for the time being in said office, for the use of such disabled ministers and their families as the said Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America shall or may designate.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

Rev. S. C. LOGAN, *Corresponding Secretary,*

A. CAMERON, Esq., *Treasurer,*

Box 224 Pittsburgh, Pa.

WM. MAIR, Esq., *Receiving Agent,*

907 Arch street, Philadelphia.

News from the Field.

The report of the missionaries labouring among the Freedmen in North Carolina, particularly the western part of the State, is very encouraging. One writes, "Our prospects are very bright. The field now seems to be opening itself wherever a central mission has been established, but we need more help to occupy the territory we have taken possession of. The scarcity of suitable men, and limited income of your treasury compels us to consult the strictest economy." "We have indeed much cause to thank God, and take courage! Since my last report I have organized two new churches, each of them in a better locality than this. At Concord, about six miles above this, we organized a church of thirty-six members, elected four elders, three deacons and three trustees. This church is to be called 'Logan Church.' Another was organized seven miles from Statesville, of thirty-six members, five elders, and two deacons. Thirty-four members were received from the Southern Church, thorough Presbyterians. This church is named for the worthy Treasurer of the Committee on Freedmen, Cameron Church! It was organized in front of a Freedmen's hut. for they have no house of worship, but have secured two acres upon which to build, and now await 'news from Pittsburgh.' We expect to organize a church in Salisbury this month, of about twenty members. The moral power of Presbyterianism in this place is very great, and among our members is the most intelli-

gent, refined, and seemingly pious coloured women I have met in the field.

I expect to visit Macksville next Sabbath, and may organize a church.

At Rocky River, we expect soon to organize, having secured the names of seventy-two good members, but they have no building, cannot yet obtain a foot of land any place near the centre of the congregation, so they have to wait and pray."

A missionary from another station in North Carolina, writes under date February 28. "I organized a church last Sabbath in Gold Hill, consisting of eighteen members. It is a hopeful field. We expect to have nearly a hundred scholars in our day-school when it is started. I have promised them a teacher as soon as possible. They have rented a house, and are paying rent for it, so anxious are they for the teacher. Do send us one as soon as possible, for the people are surrounded by those who tell them we are not reliable, that we will 'fool them.' May the Lord give us the hearts of his people in this work, and enable us to do great things for him."

This is but a small part of the report, and it is all equally encouraging. The harvest is ripe and it is wasting for want of reapers. These labourers, few but faithful, are gathering what sheaves they can for the Master's garner.

The report from Edisto Island, South Carolina, two months ago was discouraging, for it seemed as though both church and school were well nigh dissolved by the emigration of the people. This month the news is more encouraging. The missionary writes, "The people are now fast settling down for the year; the agitation has entirely ceased, and almost everybody is engaged in some business or other. Our school is increasing every day, and in all probability will in a short

time compare favourably with the past, (between two and three hundred.)

"There are, it is thought, as many if not more Freedmen on the island this year than last, notwithstanding so many went away. Our church is moving on gradually. The sacrament was administered last Sabbath, five were baptized and admitted to the church."

While we read the accounts that come to us from all parts of the field, we do "thank God and take courage," but when we look at the receipts from the churches we can only pray the Lord to open the hearts of his people to feel in some degree, the magnitude of this work committed to them. We feel confident if the hearts of Christians were aroused, their substance would follow, and we should have a fuller treasury.

The Rev. J. M. P. Atkinson, D.D., of Hampden Sidney, Va., says:—

The church has no authority to declare that persons of a certain race shall be excluded from the number of her officers. Can she limit the Holy One of Israel in the choice of his ambassadors? Can she determine that he is to call no one of a certain tribe or family to that high office? or when the Almighty has given a call to any son of Adam, can she refuse on the ground of his descent to recognize that call by his ordination to the ministry? Assuredly she cannot, and if very wise men, and very good men, and very devoted friends of the African race suppose that she can, I must still believe them to be in error. Unless I greatly mistake, it has been the rule of the church from the day of her organization by her great Head, to receive into her ministry, men of every nation under heaven. Except in the case of negroes in America, none have been excluded because of lineage or of complexion. At the present day, European and American missionaries in China, Hindostan, and Africa itself, would not hesitate to admit natives of suitable qualification to any grade of the ministry.

RECEIPTS IN FEBRUARY, 1867.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Saratoga ch	\$28 15
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —First ch, Baltimore,	15 00
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Clarion ch, add'l,	8 50
<i>Pby of Crawfordsville</i> —Greencastle ch	9 00
<i>Pby of Chalkicthe</i> —Greenfield ch 28; Hillsboro ch 10	33 00
<i>Pby of Findlay</i> —West Union ch	10 05
<i>Pby of Milwaukee</i> —First ch, Beloit	21 25
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Monroe ch	12 00
<i>Pby of Missouri River</i> —Brownville ch	10 00
<i>Pby of New Albany</i> —New Washington ch	4 00
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —South Amboy ch	11 00
<i>Pby of North River</i> —First ch, Kingston	10 00
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Bethany ch, add'l, 11 50; Bethel ch 47; 1st ch, Pittsburgh 260	318 50
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Lewistown ch	50 00
<i>Pby of Richland</i> —Hayesville ch 7; Chesterville ch 5 25; Savannah ch Sab-sch 10	22 25
<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Brownsville ch	5 75
<i>Pby of Saline</i> —Wabash ch	11 25
<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Elderton ch	6 63
<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Cadiz ch	35 00
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —New Cumberland ch 16; Cross Creek 5; 1st ch, Washington, special for Concord ch, N C, 40 77; do Miss Bause- man 20	81 77
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Apple Creek ch	18 50
<i>Pby of West Virginia</i> —Bethel ch, special for Lincoln Institute	8 00
<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Cambridge ch	15 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

James Boughton, Carlisle, Pa. 3; F Leaming, Romney, Ind. 6; Wm Proctor, Esq, Lewis-town, Ill, 100; Christopher Mills, do, 5; Arthur Mills, do, 6; Amory Rice, do, 5; Mrs Percis Foote, do, 1; R A B 5; J M Johnston, Hills-boro, Ohio, 10; Mrs R H Boyd, Marion, Ohio, 12 50; Miss M E Robinson 10; Rev E C Wines, D.D., New York, 20; Mrs J Platt, Virginia, Ill, 26; Jacob Bergen 5; S McLaughlin, Hooker-town, Pa, 5; J S Brown, Iroquois, Ill, 1 217 50
Received at Philadelphia.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Kingsborough ch 10; D B Jud- son, for Concord ch 50	60 00
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Mt Kisco ch, of which 2 20 from Sab-sch	14 91
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —First ch, Metuchen 19 45; Baskingridge ch 15	34 46
<i>Pby of Hocking</i> —Atheas ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Tamaqua ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Astoria ch Mission sch 5; Par- sonage 12	17 00
<i>Pby of New York</i> —Fifth Av and Nineteenth St ch, a member	25 00
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Chester ch 16; Orange Central ch, a member 10	26 00
<i>Pby of Palmyra</i> —Shelbyville ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Fourth ch, Phila, Sab-sch	40 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Neshaminy ch	7 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Central ch, from W Thompson	5 00
<i>Pby of Raritan</i> —Lambertville ch 22 78; Sole- bury ch 3 30	26 08
<i>Pby of S Minnesota</i> —Rochester ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Vinton</i> —Sand Prairie ch	1 00
<i>Pby of Vincennes</i> —Mt Vernon ch	2 10
<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Williamstown ch	31 50

Total receipts in February, \$1,270 10

1 box clothing and melodeon from 1st ch, Wash-
ington, Pa, for Miss Bauseman

One package of books from ———

A. CAMERON, Treasurer.

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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Good results—God sends the Superstitious to this land, to meet his truth.

Wisconsin.

Dear Brother,—This year has yielded a new proof of the mercy of our faithful Saviour toward his people in this field. He has blessed his word to many precious souls, which have been rescued from the ways of death, and brought into the ark of salvation; and many more have been enlightened to see the errors of papacy, and to behold the glorious light of the gospel, whom, it is to be hoped, will be quickened by its quickening power, and be saved. Besides, his mercy has been apparent in preserving this little flock from the enticing and ruining influence of strong drinks which was threatening it; and by pouring his sanctifying Spirit on many souls, making them to feel how good he is, and to rejoice in his salvation. He has cheered our hearts by causing this little infant church to grow in spiritual life, faith, hope and usefulness, as well as in number.

Also, we have been favoured with a donation of religious books from France, to the amount of over nine

hundred volumes, of which over one-half have been distributed, and three hundred and seventy volumes have been selected for a circulating library. Also, a good amount of religious reading from our Board of Publication, and the American Tract Society has been distributed, with many copies of the word of God; which, besides our own preaching, in season and out of season, makes a great amount of the precious light of life diffused in this dark corner of idolatry, drunkenness, and vice. May God bless this good seed so that a grain may bring forth thirty, another sixty, and another one hundred fold.

The Sabbath-school has been also blessed above all our expectation. Many children have become serious; even Roman Catholic children, who have at home no Christian influence, act and pray as the lambs of the good Shepherd. But to appreciate the astonishing work the Lord hath made among this people, it is necessary to consider the difficulties which are in the way, and which must be overcome before the quickening light can reach these benighted souls. One of the greatest is the

language. They have, most of them, no literary attainments, not one out of ten can read, and they speak a kind of dialect which nobody can understand but themselves. They speak that language at home, and the poor children as well as a majority of the grown people understand French very imperfectly. We have great difficulty to make them understand anything; we must explain the best we can what we have to tell them. This is a great drawback. And the Romish priests have the advantage of us on this account, for while it takes us time to make them to understand anything good, the priest, who speak as they do, keeps them back. Nevertheless, with patient labours and love, this difficulty is overcome, and young and old are conquered to Christ. I have an old woman in my church who could not speak ten words in French three years ago, but now she is a Christian. She loves the Saviour and prays in French as one who has learned from Jesus. She understands the reading of the Bible very well, she has been ever since a regular attendant of the Sabbath-school and the church. Thus we must develop their intellectual and moral faculties in the best way we can. Considering these things it is impossible not to see the hand of the Lord in all that which has been done among this people; it is truly a wonderful work, it has been accomplished in spite of all the devices, and the energy of the priests of Rome, who spare no efforts, setting at work all the means that a cunning malice can devise, and superstition can render successful. And against this powerful opposition and disadvantages we

must dispute the ground inch by inch.

Now the greatest difficulties are mostly overcome, and I hope the Lord will bless the good seed which has been spread with so much labour, so that in the proper season it may bring forth a rich harvest. We may still live to see this wilderness to blossom like a rose. Considering this, I have reason to hope that this church will become a self-sustaining church, with faithful and patient labours. But the work is still great and arduous; it requires a man of much more physical strength and health than I have, and I pray that such a one be found to cultivate this field, for I feel often that the labours are above my strength.

With Christian love, I am in the
Lord,
Truly yours,

**The East gives back to the West
—Converted Heathen aid missions
in America.**

SHANGHAI, January 24th, 1867.

My Dear Dr. Janeway,—I have the pleasure of enclosing the *first* of a bill of exchange for £4, 11s. 6d.,* the amount of the contribution which I have been able to raise here for the cause of Domestic Missions. It may seem strange to some, that we send home money when there are so many and pressing wants here. But I esteem it a privilege, and I would not like to be denied the privilege of contributing as the Lord gives me ability to the several Boards organized by our Church, and representing the several branches of the *one great work*. And I believe

* On which we realised \$20 25 of our currency.

our native church should also have the opportunity of giving to help carry on these several departments of Christian benevolence. And as the Sabbath appointed for the collection returns, it affords an opportunity of laying before these native Christians, but lately from heathenism, a statement of what the Lord is doing in the world through the instrumentality of our Church, and if they have the love of God in their souls, *they will want to give*, they will wish to have a share in this good work. And if I mistake not, we might find an example in the Scriptures. Be that as it may, please accept the enclosed from the native church here, and those who are willing exiles for the cause of our Lord Jesus. And may the Lord bless and prosper you in the great and good work over which the Holy Spirit has made you overseer.

I feel a deep and lively interest in your work, I assure you.

Ever and truly yours,
J. M. W. FARNHAM.

“Another motive for complete domestic evangelization is found in the relations of the American churches to the heathen world. That Pagan lands are to be converted, no Christian doubts who is familiar with the prophecies and promises of God. The only questions the intelligent friends of missions entertain, relate to the means and the period of such a blessed consummation. And the solution of these problems involves other questions like these: What is the standard of piety in the churches at home? Does missionary zeal attest its genuineness by attempting personally, and at its own door, the work of evangelization,

which it sends forth labourers to accomplish abroad? If the foreign missionary enterprise has been nearly stationary for ten years, is it not because we have so much heathenism in our own country? And would not the complete evangelization of America result in such an increase of men and means, as to give promise of the speedy diffusion of the gospel among the heathen?

“The indications of Providence are clear, that the utmost energies and resources of Christendom, and especially of the American churches and institutions, will be called into requisition to give the word of life to the Pagan world. Within a little more than a quarter of a century, that Providence has cast down nearly all the barriers of access to the most benighted nations. British cupidity has been so overruled as to open the door for the gospel into India and China, containing half the population of the globe. A flourishing republic has been founded on the shores of the darkest continent that exists. Papal dynasties have been overthrown. New channels of access to the Catholic nations are opening upon the Pacific; and the gigantic enterprise laid on American Christians must depend under God, on the completeness of the home work.”

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN MARCH, 1867.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Albany 2d ch 344 99; Albany 1st ch 446 66. *Pby of Mohawk*—Durhamville and Oneida Castile chs 5 798 64

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Butler ch 54 40; Clinton ch 5; Sunbury ch 6. *Pby of Allegheny City*—North ch, Allegheny City, 103 20; Manchester German ch 2 83; Bridgewater ch 56. *Pby of Beaver*—West Middlesex ch 6 50; Unity ch 9 50. *Pby of Erie*—Waterloo ch 2; Park ch, Erie, 50; Conneautville ch 9 32; Harmonsburg ch 5 43 309 18

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Carlele*—Paxton ch 36 50, of which Miss Matilda Brown 10; Big Spring ch 182 20; Schellburg ch 7 25; Chambersburg ch 102 75. *Pby of Leves*—Blackwater ch 6; Cool Spring ch 6; Wicomico ch 7 50. *Pby of Potomac*—Capitol Hill ch 22 50; New York Av ch, Washington, 63 24 433 94

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Rochester City*—Port Byron ch 37 78; Phelps ch 24; East Bethany ch 5 30; Rochester 3d ch 120 27 187 85

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Chicago*—Tray Grove

ch 10. *Pby of Rock River*—Rock Run ch 9 50; Shannon ch 3 20. *Pby of Schuyler*—Macomb ch 36 58 70

SNYD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Wilmington ch 8; New Holland ch 4 50; Bloomington ch 27 87; Bainbridge ch 5. *Pby of Cincinnati*—Reading ch 16 50; Pleasant Ridge ch 43 55. *Pby of Miami*—First ch, Dayton, 60; Clifton ch, Ladies Benev Soc, 10. *Pby of Oxford*—New Paris ch 9 13; Hamilton ch 154 15. *Pby of Sidney*—Spring Hill ch 15 70 354 20

SNYD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Kaskaskia*—Hillsboro' ch, in part, 30. *Pby of Palestine*—Hebron ch 4 50; Oakland ch 5 90. *Pby of Peoria*—Elmwood ch 13 55; Henry ch 24 96. *Pby of Saline*—Richland ch 5 30 84 20

SNYD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Indianapolis*—Indianapolis 3d ch 37. *Pby of Vincennes*—Petersburg ch 7 60. *Pby of White Water*—Lawrenceburg ch Sab-sch 8 10; Dunlapsville ch 7 59 75

SNYD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Dubuque*—Lime Spring ch 3 00

SNYD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Transylvania*—Somerset and Pisgah ch 5 00

SNYD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Palmyra*—Macon City ch 3 80

SNYD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Burlington*—Cream Ridge ch 15. *Pby of Elizabethton*—Elizabeth 1st ch 51 50. *Pby of Monmouth*—Egan Village ch 8; Port Washington ch 4 63. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Pennington ch 40; Trenton 3d ch 43 22; Bound Brook ch, (interest from the Steele Legacy), 30. *Pby of Newton*—Lower Mt Bethel ch 12. *Pby of Passaic*—Connecticut Farms ch 40; Chatham Village ch 60. *Pby of Karitan*—Milford ch 23; Amwell 2d ch 16 70; Amwell 1st ch 23. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Troy ch 20; Wysox ch 10. *Pby of West Jersey*—Woodstown ch 16 75 413 90

SNYD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—Red Mills ch 26 02; South East ch 9. *Pby of Nassau*—Newtown ch 36 50; Central ch, Brooklyn, 154 60. *Pby of New York*—University Place ch, New York, 1196 12; West Twenty-third St ch, New York, 217 36; Alexander ch, New York, 4 50; 1st ch, New York, from ES Jaffrey, Esq, 1000. *Pby of New York 2d*—Hamden ch 10. *Pby of North River*—Matteawan ch 44 2098 10

SNYD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Crawfordsville*—Calvary ch 6; Union ch 11 50. *Pby of Fort Wayne*—Eel River ch 10; Ligonier ch 2 83; Warsaw ch 35; 1st ch, Fort Wayne, 22 80. *Pby of Lake*—Millersburg ch 5 03; Bethel ch 3 80; Tassinong ch 1 50; Hebron ch 1 25; Goshen ch 18. *Pby of Muncie*—Bennington ch 15; Rensselaer ch 7 58; Peru ch 11 25; Delphi ch 18. *Pby of Muncie*—Indianapolis 1st ch 16; Hagerstown ch 4 13 189 57

SNYD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Columbus*—Westminster ch, Columbus, 5 50; Blenden ch 6 21; Miffin ch 4 50; Lithopolis ch 7; Columbus 1st ch 162 72, of which Sab-sch 50, less 5 for Record—157 72. *Pby of Marion*—Upper Sandusky ch 13; Cardington ch 2 85; Wyandotte ch 7. *Pby of Wooster*—Wooster ch 28 45. *Pby of Zanesville*—Brownsville ch 18 250 23

SNYD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Lancaster ch 80; Chanceford ch 26 25. *Pby of Huntingdon*—Lewistown ch, semi ann coll 52 48; Bald Eagle and Nittany ch 17 42; Newton Hamilton ch 34 50; Lower Tuscarora ch 105 80. *Pby of New Castle*—New Castle ch, from Mrs A C Kerr, 50; Green Hill ch 22 89, of which Sab-sch 10. *Pby of Northumberland*—Grove ch, SS Missy Assn, 25. *Pby of Philadelphia*—West Spruce St ch, Phila, from Morris Patterson, 12 50; 1st African ch, Phila, 5. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—North ch, Phila, half mo colls 98 11. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Plumsteadville ch 8; Potstown ch 17; Bridesburg ch 68 622 95

SNYD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—Liver-

more ch 12 38; Clarksburg ch 7. *Pby of Clarion*—Brookville ch 18; Mt Tabor ch 9; Mt Pleasant ch 8; Mill Creek ch 5. *Pby of Ohio*—Pittsburg 2d ch 50; Canonsburg ch 25; East Liberty ch, balance, 12. *Pby of Redstone*—Laurel Hill ch 33 15, of which Fem Missy Soc 7 60; Tent ch, Ladies Missy Soc, 5. *Pby of Saltsburg*—Plum Creek ch 29; Parnassus ch 10 14; Curries ch 10 10; Centre ch 6; Saltsburg ch 7 238 77

SNYD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of St Paul*—Andrew ch, St Anthony, 39 10; 1st ch, St Peter, 10. *Pby of St Minnesota*—First ch, Lake City 7 65 56 75

SNYD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Michigan*—Bennington ch 4 50; Zealand ch 3; Woodhull ch 50 cents 8 00

SNYD OF S. IOWA.—*Pby of Des Moines*—Corydon ch 2 50; Indianola ch 10; Hartford ch 16 50

SNYD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of St Clairsville*—Powhattan ch 8 85; Bellair ch Sab-sch 22. *Pby of Steubenville*—Steubenville ch 76 18; New Cumberland ch 5. *Pby of Washington*—Fairview ch 23; West Alexander ch 7; Washington 1st ch 17 95; Waynesburg ch 15; 1st ch, Wheeling, 34 50. *Pby of West Virginia*—Point Pleasant ch 4 15 213 64

SNYD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Oregon ch 5. *Pby of Winnebago*—Cambria ch 11; Depere ch 9 25 00

Total Receipts from churches \$7,031 47

MISCELLANEOUS.—Rev E J Hamilton, Hamilton, O. 1; Rev H F Nelson, Cincinnati, O. 5; "Chas W." Boston, Mass, 100; Rev J G Wilson and family, Ononwa, Iowa, 3; C Gilbert Fowler, Newburg, N. Y., 5; Interest 702 89; Rev R B Abbott, Anoka, Minn, 5; "F. B." Cincinnati, 5; Rev S Cowles, West Point, Iowa, 1 827 89

Total Receipts in March, \$7,859 37

S. D. POWEL, Treasurer,
No. 907 Arch street, Philadelphia.

CLOTHING.

2 boxes from ladies of West Spruce St ch, Phila, valued at \$1,170 25
1 box from ladies of Central ch, Baltimore, Md, valued at, 250 00
1 box from ladies of Copper Hill, N. J, valued at 60 00
1 box from ladies of Saratoga Springs ch, N. Y, valued at 150 00
1 box from ladies of 1st ch, Princeton, N. J, valued at 197 00
1 box from ladies of Huntingdon ch, Pa, valued at 122 00
\$1,949 25

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN THE SNYD OF KENTUCKY AS REPORTED BY L. L. WARREN, ESQ., TREASURER, TO APRIL 1ST, 1867.

J S Graham, Lowell, Ky, 5; A member of Henderson ch, 100; Mrs Lucy E Scott, Lexington, 20; J A Jacob, Danville, 500; Second ch, Lexington, 127; First ch, Lexington, 137; A member of Chestnut St ch, Louisvill, 10; Greenupburg ch 11 10; Columbia ch 37 50; Bethel Union ch 6 50; Harrodsburg ch 180 \$1,777 00

MISSION HOUSE.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end; that ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.—Heb. iv. 10-12.

A Beautiful Life.

A few days ago a French gentleman came to the office of the Board of Education in Philadelphia, who said that he owed his conversion from Romanism to the truth of Christ to an incident which occurred when he was a boy, in one of the northern provinces of his native land. A teacher, with whom he was out upon an excursion of a few miles, proposed that they should go to the house of the Protestant pastor near by, who had the reputation of being very kind and hospitable, and ask him for something to eat. He refused at first to enter the dwelling of a heretic. At length he was persuaded to accompany his friend. They were treated with great kindness, and their wants cheerfully satisfied. This opened the way for him to go again. Then the pastor showed him a picture, so painted upon a board and upon parallel slips of tin, as to present, when viewed from one corner of the room the face of an old man, from the other corner of the room an old woman, from directly in front a young person. The boy was astonished; but the nature of the picture was explained, with this moral: "My young friend, never judge by superficial appearances. Examine thoroughly for yourself." The pastor, by some other devices, tried to teach the boy to look up to God as the blessed fountain of all light. He presented to him a Bible as the book of God. That Bible was blessed to his conversion, and soon to that of his mother. "I can believe in the priests (said she) no more." It has been preserved in the family as a precious memorial. The name of that

French pastor is one that is now spoken in almost every tongue under heaven, one that will be held in everlasting remembrance. Let us give a little sketch of the man.

JOHN FREDERICK OBERLIN was the son of an accomplished literary gentleman in Strasburg, and brother of a celebrated antiquarian and philologist. Chiefly as the result of the influence of a most pious mother, he determined to leave their fascinating pursuits, and study theology, that he might know more of God, and might serve Him more actively. When he had completed his studies he was offered a chaplaincy in a regiment of soldiers; a position delightful to his natural tastes. But while he was preparing for its duties he was informed of a wretched district among the mountains in the northeast of France, in the canton of Ban de la Roche, whose people were so poor, ignorant and rude, that no other minister was willing to live among them. There Oberlin thought he could accomplish the most for his Master; and after having been fully prepared by adding to his other acquisitions a good knowledge of medicine, that he might relieve gratuitously the sufferings of those secluded mountaineers, thither he went to live and die among them. There were immense obstacles to overcome. The people themselves at first neither understood or appreciated his character and efforts for their welfare. At one time some of them placed an ambuscade to beat him, at another time some of them determined to duck him in a cistern. Still he laboured and prayed, and laboured and prayed, in faith and hope.

For fifty years this man continued in his blessed ministry of love. When he approached the close of life how wonderful the changes in the whole of that wild district. A charm of the sweetest religion spread over the entire population, modifying even the habits of the unregenerate. Numerous good schools flourished. The tenderest and most effectual provision had been made for the orphans, and for all forms of suffering; money was given to print the Bible, and for similar charities; missionary societies existed which met on the first Monday of every month to pray, and also offered private prayer on every Sunday and

Wednesday at five o'clock, and contributed liberally of their substance, that the savage and idolatrous nations in all parts of the world might be converted to God. And here it may be remarked, as an evidence that this arose from a genuine love for the cause, that when Oberlin was invited, in the earlier part of his ministry, by those who knew his devotion to Christ, to go as a missionary to Pennsylvania, he and his wife at once resolved to do so, since they supposed the people of those wildernesses were even more needy than those of the Ban de la Roche; and he was only prevented from carrying out his determination by the breaking out of our Revolutionary War. Nor did the interest of Oberlin terminate in the spiritual welfare of his people. He excited them to industry. The bad mountain roads were made easy of ascent even for carriages. Bridges were built; manufactures of cotton and of silk were introduced; fine cattle were brought in; many new species of grain, vegetables, and fruits were cultivated in the gardens. And so great was the entire change in the character and productions of the region, that the Baron de Gerando, the French Counsellor of State, was commissioned by the Royal Agricultural Society to present Oberlin with a gold medal, as a benefactor to mankind.

Was Oberlin's ruling motive the praise of men? No! He commenced his course by going to the poorest parish of which he could hear, when it had been refused by every one else; and he surrendered, in order to do so, honourable offers and appointments elsewhere. In his biography we find the key to his principles and motives. He was, he says, powerfully influenced by these words in the intercessory prayer of Christ, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also who shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one: as Thou, Father, art in me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us." (John xvii. 20, 21.) He remarks: "These words contain the last desire, the last prayer of our gracious Redeemer, His earnest prayer, since it was four times repeated—the union of all his beloved disciples among themselves and with him, as He and the Father are one. As the pastor of a parish, a minister of the gospel, and a servant of Jesus Christ, my aim ought to be to do the will of Jesus Christ; to bring souls to him, and to unite them together in him." This was the three-fold aim of Oberlin's life: 1st, To obey the will of Jesus. 2d, To save souls unto the glory of God. 3d,

To build up the Church of Christ in unity, spirituality, and zeal.

What sustained this devoted man in his multifarious and arduous labours? Was it a dependence on his own strength? No! There is something most touching, and most instructive, in his expressions of great distrust of self, and of his sense of his own weakness. He once said, "I have had all my life a desire, occasionally a very strong one, to die; owing in some degree to the consciousness of my moral infirmities, and of my frequent derelictions. My affection for my wife and children, and my attachment to my parish, have sometimes checked this desire, though for short intervals only." Was it desire for any gain or advantage of a temporal kind; salary, houses, lands? No! His whole salary at its best seems to have been about two hundred dollars a year. He lived upon the plainest fare, and in the humblest way, that he might do all the good possible with all his means of every kind. Out of his small salary, less than the one-third of the smallest in this country, and the sixth to the eighth of the average salary of pastors in America, he contrived to give away annually two-tenths, the first tenth to religious, the other to general useful purposes, and each third year another, or third tenth, which was devoted exclusively to the poor.

What a model is this beautiful life for that of one starting forth as a minister of the gospel of mercy and of beneficence. Let us be imitators of such, as they were imitators of Christ.

"Good Dr. Wood."

On the Sabbath morning, April 7th, there breathed peacefully away his life one of the most truly good men of our country. "Good Dr. Wood!" said one who knew him long and well, "truly a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost." And this was the impression an acquaintance with him gave to every man—he was eminently good! It was this attribute more than any other which led the Church to bestow upon him some of her choicest honours. The people of the town where he had resided only a few months before he was summoned above felt that a man of more than ordinary goodness had been taken from them; and as the funeral train crept through the streets they expressed sympathy by closing their stores and shops, so that on the week-day a Sabbath silence reigned.

Dr. Wood was born July 12th, 1799, near Saratoga Springs, New York; was graduated at Union College in 1822; taught one year at Lawrenceville, N. J.; studied theology at Princeton; preached at Wilkesbarre, Pa., a few months; and was settled at Amsterdam, New York, in 1826. Seven years he served that church. As a shepherd he watched for souls with faithfulness. In the day the drought consumed him, and the frost by night; and his sleep departed from him. They learned by experience that the Lord blessed them for his sake. The little was increased to a multitude by a constant series of revivals of religion. When his health was broken by a fall from a new church edifice which he was superintending, and by the abundance of his labours, he went to New Orleans to spend a winter season. This was the beginning of his connection with the Board of Education. The Rev. Dr. John Breckenridge, secretary of the Board, in the report of May, 1834, states that "the Rev. James Wood laboured for us with much effect" during a portion of the previous season, "in portions of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama." The following two years he spent chiefly in the Southeastern States, in the same service.

In 1839, he was called to the professorship of Biblical literature in the Theological Seminary at New Albany. For twelve years his efforts to establish that institution upon a basis of extended usefulness were attended with considerable success. It owed most of its funds to his zeal. In 1854, he was made Associate Secretary of the Board of Education. His piety, his unobtrusive patient industry, his calm and sound judgment, and his thorough sympathy with the great ends of the Board, are witnessed in his abundant correspondence, which reached over the whole country, in his published writings, and in the extensive and healthful influence he exerted in the Church and over the candidates for the ministry. His excellent tract on the "Call to the Sacred Office" is more often sought for by our pastors to place in the hands of young men than any other production of the kind. He went West in 1859 to engage in the special work of building up Hanover College, Indiana; and left there only last autumn that he might, before his departure from earth, rear a monument, in the Institute called by that name, to his dear and honoured friend Dr. Cortlandt Van Rensselaer, and leave by that act a legacy of blessing to deserving and pious young men in quest of a thorough education. How little we

foresee God's purposes in us! Dr. Wood came to Hightstown not to live, but to die unto the Lord. His family entered their newly furnished home on a Saturday, (March 30th)—the next Wednesday he went down to the door with great difficulty, and then struck with a mortal disease (peritonitis), to welcome his only son and daughter-in-law, who came to take up their abode in his household—on Sabbath before it was yet light, about the fourth watch of the morning, Jesus came to him, walking on the sea, for the the wind was contrary, death by such a disease is naturally accompanied by delirium and suffering. He bade him "Come," and as he was come down, to return to the ship no more, the wind ceased, and immediately they were at the land whither they went. And now he hath entered in through the gates into the city. He is clothed in white raiment. He hath right to the tree of life.

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN MARCH, 1867.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —State St ch 40; Amsterdam ch 9 55; Tribes Hill ch 3 78; Carlisle ch 10; First ch, Albany, 58 84; Campbell Fund 100; Mariaville ch 6	288 17
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Brady's Bend ch	17 00
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Manchester ch 31 80; Ger ch, Manchester, 2 83; Emsworth ch 9	43 63
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Madison ch 2; Westminster ch, Baltimore, 66	68 00
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Neshanook ch 13 75; New Salem ch 33 70; Pulaski ch 8 40; Clarksville ch 11	66 85
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Cross Roads ch	12 45
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Champaign ch 22; Lexington ch 12 73; Waynesville ch 3 10	37 85
<i>Pby of Burlington</i> —Tuckerton ch 6; Camden 1st ch 7 25; Columbus ch 13 61; Bordentown ch 8 30	35 16
<i>Pby of Buffalo City</i> —Calvary ch	74 75
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Arlington ch 3; Woodhull ch 4	7 00
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Tom's Creek ch 15 20; Harri- burg ch 100 20; Middle Spring ch 46; Carlisle 2d ch, 78 47; Lower Path Valley ch 32; Burnt Cabins ch 10, Shippensburg ch 38 75	320 51
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Cedar Rapids ch 20; Fairview ch 5; Muscatine Ger ch 2 55	27 55
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Somerset ch 5 50; Glensdale 1st ch 42 98; Pleasant Ridge ch 23 75; Cummingsville ch 33 50; Fifth ch, Cincinnati, 30 78; Central ch 80 80; Goshen ch 6	234 31
<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Hillsboro' ch 58 10; Eek- mansville ch 10 26; Bloomsburg ch 14 25; Union ch 4; South Salem ch 18 35	102 95
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Bethesda ch 19 50; Middle Creek ch 6 50; Oak Grove ch 4	30 00
<i>Pby of Crawfordsville</i> —Lobanon ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Yorktown ch 38 50; Bridge- port ch 33; Red Mills 6 16; Rye ch 71 30; South East ch 8 37	157 33
<i>Pby of Chicago</i> —Aurora ch 6; Marengo ch 5	11 00
<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Winona ch	11 13
<i>Pby of Columbus</i> —Blendon ch 7 45; Mifflin ch 5 23	12 68
<i>Pby of Dane</i> —Madison ch 16 88; Richland ch 2; Richland Centre ch 1 50; Fancy Creek ch 2 50	22 88
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Chancellor ch	6 15

<i>Pky of Des Moines</i> —Albia ch	7 50
<i>Pky of Dubuque</i> —Sherrill's Mount.ch 8: Pleasant Grove ch 5; Ackley ch 2 50	15 50
<i>Pky of Erie</i> —Oil City ch 30; Waterloo ch 3	33 00
<i>Pky of Ebenezer</i> —Moorfield ch 6 50; Sharpshurg ch 4	10 50
<i>Pky of Elizabethtown</i> —New Providence ch 20; Plainfield ch 20 55	40 55
<i>Pky of Findlay</i> —Rockport ch	2 00
<i>Pky of Fort Wayne</i> —Wabash ch	7 00
<i>Pky of Genesee River</i> —First ch, Caledonia, 13 57; Moscow ch 8; Wyoming ch 17 05	38 62
<i>Pky of Highland</i> —Highland ch	10 00
<i>Pky of Huntingdon</i> —Curweumville ch 11; Lewistown ch 13 85; Bellefonte ch 76 79, Sab-sch 81; Phillipsburg ch 9 05; Morris ch 3 95; Hollidaysburg ch 60; Bald Eagle and Nitany chs 8 37; Birmingham 17; Spring Creek ch 109; Bald Eagle ch 5 58	395 50
<i>Pky of Hudson</i> —Hamptonburg ch 31 24; White Lake ch 4 50; Florida ch. H A Harlow, 25; Monroe First ch 5; 2d ch Middletown, 15 80 74	
<i>Pky of Iowa</i> —Unity ch	7 55
<i>Pky of Indianapolis</i> —Indianapolis 1st ch (of wh 7 25 from Sab-sch)	68 94
<i>Pky of Kuskaskia</i> —Moro ch 5 65; Zion Ger ch 2 10	7 75
<i>Pky of Lake</i> —Valparaiso ch 18 44; Crown Point ch 5	23 44
<i>Pky of Leves</i> —Blackwater ch 5; Cool Spring ch 5	10 00
<i>Pky of Londonderry</i> —Newburyport 2d ch	15 00
<i>Pky of Logansport</i> —Union ch	50
<i>Pky of Long Island</i> —Southampton ch, Ladies' Educ'l Socy 30; Huntington South ch 13. R C Colt 100	143 00
<i>Pky of Luzerne</i> —Mahony City (of wh 2 98 from Sab-sch) 45 42; Scranton ch 2; Pittston ch 20; White Haven ch 5 10; Eckley ch 8; Kingston ch 15	95 52
<i>Pky of Miami</i> —Venice 1st ch 19 92; Duck's Creek ch 8 05	27 97
<i>Pky of Madison</i> —Bethel ch	4 25
<i>Pky of Maumee</i> —Delta ch 4 80; West Bethesda ch 5; Toledo 1st ch 20 05	29 55
<i>Pky of Michigan</i> —Zeeland ch 2; Westminster ch, Detroit, 26 17	28 17
<i>Pky of Milwaukee</i> —Washington ch 8; North ch, Milwaukee 72	80 00
<i>Pky of Muncie</i> —Hagerstown ch 1 70; Tipton ch 6	7 70
<i>Pky of Missouri River</i> —Nebraska City 1st ch 12 25	12 25
<i>Pky of Mohawk</i> —Park Central ch, Syracuse 50 75	50 75
<i>Pky of Monmouth</i> —Matawan ch 20 53; Red Bank ch 10; Manalapan ch 20	50 53
<i>Pky of Nassau</i> —Brooklyn 2d ch 143; Central ch, Brooklyn, 85; Ainsley St ch 5 71; Jamaica ch 16 30; Astoria ch 50; Connecticut Farms ch 10	310 01
<i>Pky of New York</i> —Alexander ch 6 10; Ger ch 10; First ch, N. Y. ES Jaffray 11 00	1016 10
<i>Pky of New York 2d</i> —Westminster, Yonkers ch 50; Washington Heights ch 222 64; Sing Sing ch 80	352 64
<i>Pky of North River</i> —Kingston 1st ch 15; Roundout ch 75; Hughsonville ch 6	96 00
<i>Pky of New Brunswick</i> —Hightstown ch 7 18; New Brunswick 1st ch 26 67; Trenton 3d ch 34 45; South Amboy ch 8 50	76 80
<i>Pky of New Castle</i> —Central ch, Downingtown, 10; Oxford ch 55 01; Green Hill ch 13 21	78 22
<i>Pky of New Albany</i> —Corydon ch 5 80; Ger ch, Jackson Co, 6; Livonia ch 2 25; Paoli ch 3 75	17 80
<i>Pky of New Lisbon</i> —Bethesda ch 7; Hanover ch 4; Deertfield ch 8 75	19 75
<i>Pky of Northumberland</i> —Sunbury ch 23; New Berlin ch 14 10; Mahoning ch 45; Grove ch 31; Millfinburg ch 11 40	124 50
<i>Pky of New Orleans</i> —Sixth ch, N O, 1; New Orleans Ger ch 19	20 00
<i>Pky of Ohio</i> —Central ch, Pittsburg, 79 89; East Liberty ch 168 75; Centre ch 35; North Branch ch 5 75; Forest Grove ch 11; Long Island ch 7 56; Montiers ch 15 45	313 40
<i>Pky of Oxford</i> —Oxford 1st ch 12 21; Reiley ch 5; Seven Mile ch 7 66; Somerville ch 5; College Corner ch 10	39 87
<i>Pky of Ogdensburg</i> —Oswegatchie 2d ch 12 25; Hammond ch 11 35	23 60

<i>Pky of Philadelphia</i> —West Spruce St ch (of wh 100 from Jos Patterson) 247 56; Sixth ch 33; African 1st ch 5; Woodland ch 16 75	302 31
<i>Pky of Philadelphia Central</i> —West Arch St ch 76 31; Spring Garden ch (of wh from Mrs Smith and Miss Greenleaf 50 each) 258; Richmond ch 15; Alexander ch 16 82; North Tenth St ch 21; Second ch, Phila, 66 50	453 58
<i>Pky of Pausan</i> —Morristown 1st ch	447 78
<i>Pky of Peoria</i> —Henry ch	19 70
<i>Pky of Potomac</i> —Alexandria 1st ch 14 31; Seventh St ch, Washington City, 6	20 31
<i>Pky of Palestine</i> —Arcola ch	5 00
<i>Pky of Raritan</i> —Amwell 1st ch 17 85; Milford ch 8; Amwell 2d ch 10; Musconetcong Valley ch 8 10; Lambertville 1st ch 44	87 05
<i>Pky of Redstone</i> —Harmony ch 2 75; Long Run ch 20 15	22 90
<i>Pky of Rochester City</i> —Seneca ch	16 67
<i>Pky of Richland</i> —Ashland ch	26 64
<i>Pky of Rock River</i> —Galena Ger ch 3 60; Newton ch 5; Sterling ch 22 50; Middle Creek ch 9	40 10
<i>Pky of Sangamon</i> —Virginia ch	25 75
<i>Pky of Saltsburgh</i> —Indiana ch 45 60; Ebenezer ch 19 58; West Lebanon ch 6 50; Eldersridge ch 10 60	82 28
<i>Pky of Sidney</i> —Union City ch 10 50; Spring Hills ch 25; Buck Creek ch 17; First ch, Urbana, 7 65; Belle Centre ch 5 65	65 80
<i>Pky of Schuylcr</i> —Pittsfield ch 5; Ipava ch 15	20 00
<i>Pky of Saline</i> —Pisgah ch	3 00
<i>Pky of Susquehanna</i> —Monroeton ch 1; Towanda 1st ch 29 68; Warren ch 6 03; Wyoxx ch 5; Canton ch 10	51 71
<i>Pky of Steubenville</i> —Steubenville 1st ch 27; Richmond ch 9 42; East Springfield ch 13; Bacon Ridge ch 13 58; Island Creek ch 27; Oak Ridge ch 4 50	94 50
<i>Pky of St Paul</i> —Rockford ch	2 00
<i>Pky of Troy</i> —Park ch, Troy,	69 75
<i>Pky of Upper Missouri</i> —Oregon and Graham chs 1; Savannah ch 5 10	6 10
<i>Pky of Vincennes</i> —Evansville ch 34; Upper Indiana ch 5	39 00
<i>Pky of Vinton</i> —Salem ch 7; Newton ch 22 29 00	29 00
<i>Pky of West Jersey</i> —Fislerville ch	27 00
<i>Pky of Warren</i> —Monmouth ch 26; Oneida ch 4; John Knox ch 6 40; Prair e City ch 8 44 40	44 40
<i>Pky of Western Reserve</i> —Guilford ch	13 50
<i>Pky of Washington</i> —Forks of Wheeling ch 47; Lower Buffalo ch 60; Pine Grove ch 1 40; Wheeling 1st ch 50 25; Mt Prospect ch 18 75; Burgettstown ch 22	144 00
<i>Pky of Wooster</i> —Jackson ch 9 64; Congress ch 5 42; Chester ch 6 25	21 31
<i>Pky of Winnebago</i> —Kilbourn City ch 20; Weyan-wega ch 2 50	22 50
<i>Pky of Zanesville</i> —Salt Creek ch 5; Rush Creek ch 6 36; Bethel ch 3 64; Zanesville 2d ch 21; Duncan's Falls ch 3	39 00

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LEGACIES.

Estate of B J Blythe, of Indianapolis, per J M Ruy, Esq., Ex. 167 94

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev B J Bethelheim, Odell, Ill, 5; Rev J P Finley and wife, Palmyra, Mo, 10; Orange 20; Rev S Cowles, West Point, Iowa, 1; "Chas W." Boston, Mass, 25; Rev R G Ross, Champaign, Ill, 2; From two little children, Jimmy and Maggie McLean, Washington, Mo, 1 25; A friend N. Y, 5; C Gilbert Fowler, Newburgh, N. Y, 5; Dr S D Schoolfield, Marrowbone, Ill, 2 50; A lady, Phila, special, 20; "J N T" 234 94; M B W, Phila, 1; Emmet Kent, Chicago, Ill, 11 60; Mrs M Foresman, Glendale, O, 1; Rev J H Aughey, and family Livonia, Ind, 5; B. F., Cincinnati, 5; A Chapinan, M D, Alquina, Ind, 5

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II. FUND FOR SCHOOLS, &c. \$1,418 41

(Particulars next month.)

Total amount acknowledged, \$9,573 52

WILLIAM MAIN, Treasurer.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Annual Meeting of the Board.

The Board of Foreign Missions will hold its Annual Meeting at the Mission House, New York, on Monday, May 6th, at twelve o'clock, M.

A Sermon for the Board will be preached by the Rev. John L. Nevius, of the Ningpo Mission, on the Sabbath evening preceding, in the Scotch Presbyterian Church, and a short abstract of the Annual Report will be presented.

Recent Intelligence.

MISSION HOUSE, New York, }
April 16th, 1867. }

THE LETTERS received, of latest dates, are from,—

Stations in Liberia, to February 11th.
Corisco, January 17th.
Lahor, February 6th.
Lodiana, February 21st.
Saharunpur, February 5th.
Dehra, February 19th.
Sabathu, February 20th.
Futtehgurh, February 22d.
Allahabad, February 23d.
Bangkok, January 14th.
Petchaburi, January 5th.
Canton, January 28th.
Shanghai, January 25th.
Ningpo, January 24th.
Peking, January 2d.
Rio de Janeiro, February 22d.
Bogota, January 31st.
Seminole Agency, March 18th.
Tallahassee, C. N., March 21st.
Omaha, April 1st.

NOTICES OF MISSIONARIES.—The health of the Rev. J. L. Scott, which has long been precarious, has so seriously given way that his immediate return to this country was considered necessary. He was making arrangements to leave India with his family before the hot season commenced. He greatly regretted to leave his work, particularly his Commentary on the New Testament in Urdu, unfinished. The first volume, embracing the Gospels of Matthew and Mark, has been published, and the second volume is nearly ready

for the press. The necessity of his return is a matter of sincere regret, yet we feel thankful that he has been permitted to spend twenty-eight years of faithful missionary labour in that country.—The Rev. D. McGilvary, and his family left Bangkok for Cheang-mai on the 3d of January, to begin the new mission among the Laos. We shall look with much interest for further news of this interesting mission. Mr. McGilvary, his wife, and children, will be far separated at Cheang-mai from American or European society. His work there will be the first missionary labour in the Laos country. The prospect of protection and of access to the people is quite encouraging. We trust this mission will be remembered with special interest in the prayers of many.—The Rev. J. R. Ramsay and his family have removed to the Seminole country. Their journey from the Creek district was a severe one, as they had to “camp out” two nights when the thermometer was near zero. They were glad to be in a house which Mr. Ramsay had succeeded in having made ready, though it was only about fourteen feet square, and he had to saw off one of the joists to enable him to stand upright in it! They were most cordially received by the Indians. We learn these particulars from a letter, which was not written for publication.—The Rev. P. H. Pitkin was at Velez, U. S. Colombia, where he would spend several months enjoying good advantages for the study of the language. There is a college at Velez, and Mr. Pitkin will meet with a kind reception from the professors and students.—Miss Marion Walsh, daughter of the Rev. J. J. Walsh, was married at Allahabad, February 5th, to the Rev. Joseph A. Lambert, of the London Society Mission at Benares.

ORDINATION OF NATIVE MINISTERS.—The Presbytery of Saharunpur has ordained two licentiate preachers, Kanwar Sain

and Gilbert McMasters, the former as an evangelist, and the latter as co-pastor of the church at Dehra. We learn, also, that Ysing Nying-kwe was ordained by the Presbytery of Ningpo; his post of labour is at Hangchow and its vicinity. The Presbytery of Shanghai has ordained the licentiate preacher, Bau, as an evangelist. The dates of these ordination services are not given in the letters before us, but they are all of recent occurrence. Our readers will give thanks to God for them.

CONVERTS RECEIVED.—At Allahabad, a young man of respectable family is mentioned by Mr. Walsh as "received at our last communion." At Canton, we learn from Dr. Happer, that three new converts were admitted to the communion on the 20th of January, one of them a man of sixty years, the others, two young women who had been scholars in the late Mrs. Happer's boarding-school. At Shanghai, Mr. Wherry mentions that one of the scholars in the boy's school was received into the church on the 6th of January. At Corisco two women were admitted to the communion, and at Benita one man and two women, at communion seasons shortly before the dates of the Corisco letters acknowledged above. One of the women at Corisco is the widow of a poor young man, who was lately put to death on a charge of witchcraft. The other was met by her husband one evening when she was returning from the place of worship, and very badly beaten by him; lately they removed to another place, fifteen miles distant, but she was not to be prevented from taking her place among the people of God. At Monrovia, five persons were admitted to the communion of the church during the year; the number of members on the roll is forty-one, but some live at other places, and about twenty-five are usually present.

CHURCH REORGANIZED.—Among the Seminole Indians, the Rev. J. R. Ramsay was permitted in February to reorganize the church. Sixty-six members were enrolled, a number of other mem-

bers and of candidates for admission were prevented from being present by sickness and unfavourable weather. The religious services were attended with much interest.

INTERESTING CASES OF INQUIRY have been reported in some of these letters. Two persons at Shanghai, and three who were met by the brethren on a tour for preaching from Futtehghurh, would probably soon be admitted to the church.

"HOW COULD I HELP loving Jesus, when I heard he had died for my sins?" was the remark of a Hindoo woman to one of the missionaries, "words which," he well adds, "should be embalmed in every heart."

A NEW STATION, at Mozuffurnugger, India, is to be occupied by a native missionary, and to be under the general supervision, we suppose, of the brethren at Saharunpur and Dehra. When the railway is completed, this station will be an hour's journey from Saharunpur.

A NEW CHAPEL has been erected at a cost of four hundred dollars in Peking, on a most eligible site near one of the principal gates of the inner city. Dr. Martin speaks of this neat chapel with feelings of much thankfulness; in these many persons will share.

A NATIVE MINISTER'S SERVICES.—"Yesterday was our little church's communion day," writes the Rev. J. Wherry, at Shanghai, January 7th. "The services were wholly conducted by Bau, Sien Seng, [teacher,] our newly ordained evangelist. This good brother has long been chief among our native helpers; and, possessing a good education, [in the vernacular language,] sufficient fluency of speech, an extensive knowledge of Scripture, good judgment, an earnest heart, desiring the spiritual welfare of his countrymen, he is judged by a fair standard no mean preacher." Mr. Wherry proceeds to speak of the applicants for admission to the church, one of whom was received—see notices above. We quote the preceding paragraph as showing the kind of native

ministers of the gospel who are likely to be very useful among their own people.

FINANCIAL.—After reading such accounts as the foregoing, in regard to the missionary work of our Church abroad, we are sure that our readers will regret to learn that the financial year of the Board is likely to end with a heavy debt. We do not enter into a full statement of the case here, as the Annual Report will so soon be laid before the Church.

The Field in Japan.

A LETTER OF J. C. HEPBURN, M. D.

We insert this letter in full, feeling sure that it will be read with interest. It was written January 25th, 1867, at Shanghai, where Dr. Hepburn was spending some months to superintend the printing of his dictionary.

You have good reasons for complaining about me for being such a poor correspondent. I hope to do better some day, when my hands are not quite so full of work. Just now I have more than usual pressing me. My dictionary is going through the press at the rate of about six pages a day. Besides correcting the proofs, which are very full of errors, I have to write out a second part, of English and Japanese, which I did not at first contemplate. Nearly two hundred and fifty pages of the first part are published. The first part of Japanese and English will be about six hundred pages, the second part perhaps two hundred and fifty or three hundred pages: I hope to have it all done by the 1st of June. What the cost will be is difficult to say. I pay two dollars a page for the composition alone. I expect to pay for this from the sale of the book. Mr. W— kindly advances me the money as I need it; but it is distinctly understood that I am to pay him back all that is received from the sale of it, until the debt is cancelled. It is understood, however, that if the book does not pay for itself, the loss will come on him.

But this is not the topic on which I wish to dwell in this letter. I have another subject on which my mind has been busy for some time, viz: the duty of the Board in sending more men to Japan. I wish I could impress you with the strong convictions I feel that the time has come for working, and that

the men for this should be speedily upon the ground. I have been in Japan since it was opened, and have watched with deep interest the gradual, and astonishingly rapid changes that have been going on. I feel that we are now on the eve of changes that will throw open the country to Christian effort, and if our Church wishes to hold her place in this work she must increase her force. There is enough now to be done for as many as will engage in it. I do hope the Committee will keep this fact in mind, and if they intend to do anything in Japan, they should make it a mission strong in men. We want the right kind of men; how hard it is to find such,—men full of wisdom and the Holy Spirit. When you send more men you must also enlarge your mission houses. One more house could be built on the present lot, at an expense of perhaps \$2,000 or \$2,500. But another plan I have thought of, is to sell our present premises, if it shall be thought best, and buy a lot on the hills, which can now be got by only paying the ground-rent to the Japanese Government,—so I believe. The mission premises are in a most desirable position to merchants, and could be sold at a high price, for more than enough to build two or three comfortable houses on the hills. But I am not able to speak positively on this matter, not being on the ground. The Romanists are making great preparations for carrying on a vigorous work in Japan. Two mails ago fifteen priests left this place for Yokohama. I trust Protestant churches will not be behind in this work.

Mr. Gamble is printing off the tract that I had out in blocks some three years ago. I am going to send them over. Mr. Gamble has made some beautiful type from blocks I had cut in Japan and brought over with me. He has made the matrices, so that we can now print anything in Japanese we wish. The Bible has all to be translated yet, and Christian books prepared.

Any translation of the Bible that the Bible Society should publish, should be the result of joint labour, or come to them recommended by most, if not all, the missionaries on the ground.

I am affectionately yours,
J. C. HEPBURN.

Missionary Labour Spent on Thirteen Chinese Boys.

There is a small boarding-school for boys at Tunghow, China, conducted by

the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Mateer; a similar, though still smaller school for girls will soon be commenced under the care of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Mills, at the same station. These schools, and others of the same class in China, are regarded with special interest as the means in part of training up native missionary labourers. The Ningpo schools have been very useful in this respect. Mr. Mateer, writing under date of November 26th, 1866, gives the following satisfactory account of the boys' school.

I am thankful to be able to say that the lives of all our scholars have been preserved, nor has there been any serious sickness among them. Their general conduct has been decidedly good, and they have made very respectable progress in their studies. One of the boys we first took does not prove to have very much capacity. We fear that by and by we will have to put him to a trade of some kind, instead of keeping him the full term of years. I have continued throughout the year teaching the seven largest arithmetic. They have made nearly, perhaps quite, as good progress as classes do at home. Mrs. Mateer has also continued to carry forward her class in geography. By the new year they will complete the book they have, which will give them a very fair knowledge of geography, far better than the best native scholars in China have. The greater proportion of their time has of course been spent upon the study of their own written language. It requires, as you know, a vast deal of labour to acquire any considerable proficiency in it. Yet the importance of it, to them, is such that it must not be neglected.

They have all made very large progress in their knowledge of the truths of Christianity. We are trying to store their minds with the truth, while at the same time we are trying on every proper occasion to bring it home to their consciences. I spoke in a letter some time ago of the reception of one of them to the church. His conduct is exemplary, and he is evidently growing in grace. I am thankful that I can now say that another has since been baptized. He is the most advanced boy in the school, and is in fact very nearly a man. His conversion was not sudden but gradual, after the manner of almost all the Chinese. We trust, however, that he is a true child of God, and have strong hope that if spared he will make a very useful man. Rejoice with us that we have

received this much as a token of God's blessing upon us, and pray for us that our faith may be strong, that so God's Spirit may be given for the conversion of all our boys. Our whole number at present is thirteen, which is as many as we have room to accommodate at present. We have spent a great deal of labour on the school, but on the whole we feel that it pays, and feel greatly encouraged to go forward.

Shanghai Boys' Boarding-School.

Another Good Report.

The mission year opened with seventeen pupils in this department of our schools. During the latter part of the year we took eight more, at different times, upon trial, and have selected from them five who still remain. One who has completed the course still remains; so at the close of the year we have twenty-one pupils under indenture; but one hardly comes up to our standard, and will likely leave, which will reduce the number to twenty. The average age is thirteen years and a half. None mentioned in our last year's report have left us, though one has been removed by death.

A Scholar Drowned—Hope in his Death.

He was accidentally drowned. He was the son of a native Christian, and from his first coming to us professed his faith in the Lord, and desired to become a church member. His entire life was consistent with this profession. For several months before his death he united with some of the more devout of his school-fellows in holding a little prayer-meeting conducted by themselves. He was about sixteen at the time of his death, and one of our most promising boys. Affectionate, kind, and obliging, and though not a member of the church we have hope that he was prepared for his sudden removal, and has gone to the church of the first born in the kingdom of heaven. His death seemed to produce a deep impression upon the teachers and all the pupils.

The religious interest spoken of in the last report has continued through the year. Nearly all have availed themselves of special meetings for the instruction of those wishing to join the church. Though several have offered themselves as candidates, but one has been admitted to the church, the session wishing to give them ample time to

test the sincerity of their profession by their lives.

A Scholar Baptized.

The one who has been baptized has often been alluded to in these papers, and though a friendless orphan when he came to us he has been a child of much prayer. At one time his course caused us much anxiety. He seemed changing for the worse, growing coarse and disagreeable in his manners, and we feared he was falling into other bad habits. But for some time past there has been a marked change, and we have good evidence that it is a genuine work of grace. He is about sixteen, and expresses his desire to be a minister of the gospel. He has been in the school from the beginning, being one of the three first taken. He is quick to learn, and has already the foundation for a good education both in the Chinese classics and Christian literature.

With reference to the course of studies and the general principles upon which the school is conducted, we beg to refer to former reports, in which they have been fully discussed. With sincere gratitude for the strength and means for carrying on this school another year, the whole is submitted.

J. M. W. FARNHAM, *Sup't.*

Review of a Year's Work on Corisco.

A LETTER OF THE REV. C. DE HEER.

ALONGO, October 1st, 1866.

Dear Brethren,—Through the goodness of God we continue until this day. We have abundant reason for thankfulness for mercies received, that our lives have been preserved, and we still permitted to labour for the Master, and whatever fruit may have resulted from our feeble efforts, to him, in whose strength we went forward, we would humbly ascribe all the glory.

The public services have been continued throughout the year without interruption on account of ill-health on the part of the missionary, and undisturbed by influences from without; these services have been conducted exclusively in the Benga language. The congregation has been comparatively good, attendance unusually regular, and interest and attention manifest. Our labours on the Sabbath have been as heretofore, preaching morning and evening, Sabbath-school in the afternoon, besides a catechumen class. I have also presented the word, on every fitting occasion during the

week, striving to set forth Christ and him crucified, as the only hope of salvation. Our weekly prayer-meetings are stately held every Wednesday evening at the station, and Tuesday afternoon among the females in the towns. These are very well attended and engaged in by our young Christians with much earnestness. Our converts also frequently attend the prayer-meetings at the other stations, and thus a social feeling is kept up, strengthening and mutually beneficial to the few who stand up for Jesus in opposition to the mass.

Converts Received.

Ten from the catechumen class have united with our little church during the year, one of these the wife of our native teacher. The class at present numbers six; three females from town have recently joined it, abandoned their fetiches and declared themselves in search of the truth.

Liberality of Converts.

I may mention that the chapel referred to before, has been built wholly by our young Christians with the exception of eleven dollars from my appropriation; and they have not on this account withheld aught from their monthly contribution.

Boarding School.

At the beginning of the year twenty-nine were connected with the school, of this number seven have been dismissed as unpromising; one taken away by her father with the promise that she should return, which has not been fulfilled; two young men have been sent forth as Bible readers; and ten have been received; making the present number twenty-nine.

The pupils have nearly all had the measles, which, together with the frequent temptations to go home, afforded by the passing of boats to and fro to the new station on the mainland, has made it difficult to keep them together, five being now absent on account of illness. The studies have been conducted with little variation as during last year, and commendable progress has been made. The religious condition of the school has been highly satisfactory; seven of the pupils have been baptized, others are inquiring and give evidence of sincerity. Those before mentioned as studying with a view to becoming assistants in the work on the mainland continue steadfast. Little prayer-meetings have been frequently held among the pupils, and not a few are in the habit of secret prayer.

We earnestly hope that the good leaven existing may pervade the whole.

Opposition.

In contrast to these bright spots, rifts in the clouds, we have our trials. To our great grief one of our young men of whom we hoped better things, after displaying a very abusive spirit, was dismissed and as yet shows no signs of repentance. So far as the masses of the people are concerned, heathenism still reigns, with decided repugnance to the light.

Rum, brought by European traders, exerts a potent influence for evil; violence, theft, fraud, lying, disrespect for the missionaries, with a long train of evils prevail, from which only God's grace can deliver.

Varied Work.

My time during the year has been occupied as usual in preaching, including the building of the chapel, in addition to which, as far as other duties would permit, I have been engaged in translating portions of the Scriptures, which I use in manuscript.

Earnest Thoughts.

We are much encouraged as news comes to us of the extensive revivals in America, knowing, as we do, how intimately the state of the work in foreign lands is connected with that of the church at home. In view of the wants of the multitudes perishing around us for lack of the bread of life, we trust some of those whom God is now calling into the light and liberty of the gospel, constrained by the love of Jesus, may consecrate themselves and their efforts to the great work, and so enter more and more fully into sympathy with the Great Head, as they become co-workers with him. As we look upon the magnitude of the work, we ask who is sufficient for these things? But in view of God's promises, we take courage, and labour on in hope. The work is the Lord's; the glorious gospel is spreading and shall spread. The day of Zion's enlargement draweth nearer. God shows that he can save by few; and though we long for helpers, we feel that his strength can be made perfect in our weakness.

With Christian salutations, your brother in Christ, CORNELIUS DE HEER.

The Welcome of a New Missionary.

The Rev. T. F. Wallace, writing at Bogota, United States of Colombia,

December 15th, 1866, thus refers to the arrival of the Rev. P. H. Pitkin, as a fellow-labourer in his missionary work.

Mr. Pitkin arrived here the last day of last month, and has been with us a little more than two weeks. Only those who have been alone, as we have been, for some time in a foreign field can know anything of our joy at meeting him. Although we had never seen his face, I think we welcomed him just as cordially almost as we would an old friend. Thus far we are much pleased with him, and have good reason to hope that he will be a pleasant companion. He is in good health, and is delighted with the climate. He is fortunate in arriving here at the finest time of the year. But I need not say more on this point, as Brother Pitkin will probably give you some account of his trip and impressions, only to say that we give thanks to the "Lord of the harvest" for answering our prayers, sending us a fellow-labourer. May God make us faithful, and put it into the hearts of his people to help us with their prayers and free-will offerings for the building up of the kingdom of our common Lord.

In the same letter, under date of December 17th, Mr. Wallace gives some particulars of interest, concerning the missionary work. He says: "We had Spanish services yesterday, and although I had only given a notice to a few native friends, the room was filled, and more than half the number, eighteen or twenty, were natives. This was the first time we have sung Spanish hymns. Mr. Pitkin brought ten or fifteen prepared by Mr. R—— in New York, which are better suited to our tunes than any we have. Mr. R—— also sent us ten dollars' worth of two new tracts, which are very good. Mr. Pitkin brought a few tracts of the *Noches*, [Nights with Romanists, translated by the Rev. H. B. Pratt, formerly of this mission,] each tract having one chapter, and they are in great demand. This is the best way to publish this work."

Think of the Hindus.

The Rev. J. Warren, D.D., in a letter to children, which was published in the *Foreign Missionary*, January, 1847,

speaks of the character of the Brahmans, or religious teachers of the Hindus, and then proceeds as follows;—

“And so these Brahmans are noted all over India for the lowest vice. Many of them live in great splendour, too. The Hindus know their character, but this makes no difference to them; they never care how wicked a Brahman is, if he has neither eaten anything forbidden to his caste, nor done anything wrong about his ceremonies. A pryagwal may steal, fight, curse, lie, rob—no matter: if he has washed himself, put his fingers in his ears, &c., all is right, then he is holy. This is a very shocking idea of holiness. They do not think that what we call sin makes a man unholy; but little, little things, such as not washing the teeth when it is customary, and the like—these make a man unholy. They are like the Greek pirate, who could rob and murder any day, but would not for the world eat meat on a fast day. I have seen Hindus worshipping a convicted thief, who was working in chains on the road, because he was a Brahman. Since I have been here a man was hung at Mirzapore, the next station below Allahabad, for a great numbers of murders, who showed no signs of repentance; but the people praised him as a very holy man, because he had not neglected any of the ceremonies of his religion. They said that he was a very bad man—shockingly cruel; but so holy that no doubt he was almost a god. In Benares they worship a man of this kind, simply because he was almost inconceivably bold and wicked. This is their notion of holiness. How much, then, ought you to pity them, and to labour and pray for the spread of Christianity amongst them. There is no religion but Christianity, which gives people anything like a proper notion of what sin is, or what holiness consists in. J. W.

“Allahabad, February, 1846.”

DONATIONS

TO THE

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS,

IN MARCH, 1867.

SYND OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Troy*—First ch. Stillwater, 42 33. *Pby of Albany*—First ch. Albany, 42 59, Sab-sch for Tungchow sch 100; 2d ch. Albany, 314 37; Kingsboro ch 8; Saratoga Springs Sab-sch 20 39. *Pby of Mohawk*—Oneida ch 88 1,006 68

SYND OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Genesee River*—Bath ch 10 64; Portageville ch 9 06. *Pby of Buffalo City*—Central ch Sab-sch Buffalo, Mills Missy Socy 17 36 09

SYND OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Hudson*—White Lake Sab-sch to ed child at Lodians 2. *Pby of North River*—Calvary ch. Newburgh, mo con, 41. *Pby of Connecticut*—Rye ch, mo con, 20 24; South East ch 7 07; South East Centre ch 18 26; Croton Falls ch 11 60; Red Mills ch 38 34. *Pby of Long Island*—Amagansett ch 11 30; Middletown ch 61 85; Islip ch 14 50; Amityville Sab-sch 5 73. *Pby of New York*—First ch, N Y, mo con, 237 26; E 8 Jaffray 1,000. Jas Donaldson 60; Fifth Av and Nineteenth St ch, add'l 2,000; Brick ch 2,682 98, mo con 125 75; Forty-second St ch, mo con, 36 80; Alexander ch, mo con, 4 50; Westminster ch 45; 1st ch, Jersey City, mo con, 103 06; Specie for China: University Place ch, mo con, 26 85; Fifteenth St ch, mo con, 56 11; W Twenty-third St ch, mo con, 25; Chelsea ch, mo con, 38; Eighty-fourth St ch, mo con, 21 65. *Pby of New York 2d*—Scotch ch, Mrs Ferguson 30; Peekskill ch 23 85; Westminster ch, Yonkers, mo con, 50; South Greenburgh ch 38 20; Hamden ch 10. *Pby of Nassau*—First ch, Brooklyn, mo con, 49 24; Central ch, Brooklyn, 200, W M Piersen 5; Astoria ch, mo con, 27 38, mission sch for Shantung schs 25; 8 Third St ch, Williamsburg, mo con, 38 25, Sab-sch for two Indian schs 50, two Corisco schs 40, one school each, Futtgehurh 25; Ningpo 25, Shanghai 35 7,568 00

SYND OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Elizabethtown*—First ch, Elizabeth 100; 1st ch, Metuchen, mo con, 6 40; Lamington ch 70; New Providence ch 40. *Pby of Passaic*—Wickliffe ch mo con, 7 94, Sab-sch 20; 1st ch, Morristown, mo con, 100 21, Inf't sch 34 50; Annie's Legacy 7 30; 2d ch, Newark, mo con, 28 29; Lyons Farms ch 53 38; Connecticut Farms ch 40; Central ch, Orange, mo con, 98 40; Boiling Spring ch 20 52. *Pby of New Brunswick*—First ch, New Brunswick Sab-sch, to support Chie Kyng-Sing 50; Witherspoon St Sab-sch, Princeton, for Corisco 35; Kingston ch 8 50; Lawrenceville ch 170 25; 2d ch, Trenton Sab-sch for sch at Dehra 50; 3d ch, Trenton 67 90; 2d ch, Cranberry 10. *Pby of Newton*—Newton ch 261, Sab-sch for sch in China 37 50; Stewartville ch 66 24; Blairstown ch 45 25. *Pby of Easton*—Arnwell 2d ch 16, Sab-sch mission box 16 40; Little Bennie's box 40 cts; Frenchtown ch 45; Kingwood ch 39 48; Musoonctong Valley ch 8 03; Fox Hill ch 10; Milford ch 20. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Monroetown ch 9; Wysox ch 10. *Pby of Luzerne*—Pittsboro ch 75, Sab-sch 23 61; German ch, Scranton 2. *Pby of Burlington*—First ch Camden 129 98; Allentown ch 24 03; Cream Ridge ch 8 75. *Pby of Monmouth*—Tennent ch 200; Squan Village ch 5, Sab-sch 5, Manalapan ch 30 2,106 28

SYND OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Philadelphia*—6th ch, Phila 138 28; 10th ch add'l two mo coll, 127 70; Mrs. F A Scott 20; West Spruce St ch Morris Patterson 12 50; 1st African ch 5; Mariner's ch 10. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Kensington ch 167 06; Richmond ch 11 26; North ch, mo con, 98 12; Spring Garden Sab-sch to sup Rev C W Mateer 64 86; 2d ch Sab-sch 50; North 10th St ch 25 75. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Abington ch mo coll, 45 10; Pottstown ch 16; Bridesburg ch 22; Newtown ch 48 04. *Pby of New Castle*—New Castle church, Mrs A C Kerr 50; Central ch, Downingtown 15; Forks of Brandywine ch 68 75; Penningtonville ch 13 75, Sab-sch 4; Glen Run Sab-sch 2 25. *Pby of Donegal*—Lancaster ch 80. *Pby of Huntingdon*—Huntingdon ch 150; Sinking Valley ch 66 37; Lewistown ch 41 17; Shirleysburg and Mt Union ch 10; Mifflintown and Lost Creek ch 100; Hollidaysburg Sab-sch 13; Birmingham ch 20. *Pby of Northumberland*—Great Island ch 85; Lycoming ch, 14; Lycoming Centre ch 20; Linden ch 5; Bald Eagle and Nittany ch 24 06 1,644 01

SYND OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Westminster ch, Baltimore, 606; Sally Hall, for Siam, 40, a lady, gold 10, friends, coin 2, premium 3 88, little Grace Lee 1 06, Sab-sch 125,

- mission sch 46; 12th ch Sab-sch, Baltimore, 26; Central ch, Baltimore, 88 83; Mission ch 6; Sab-sch 26; Govane Sab-sch 7. *Pby of Carlisle*—Paxton ch 72 75; Middletown ch 17 02; Bedford ch 52; Frostburg ch 6; Mechanicsburg ch 32; Williamsport ch 15. *Pby of Lanes*—Snow Hill ch 20; Dover ch 33. *Pby of Potomac*—New York Av ch, Washington, 63 24, Youths' Miss'y Soc'y 100, Dr P Parker, for Chinese nat missionaries 100; Capitol Hill Sab-sch 22 50 1,068 28
- SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.**—*Pby of Redstone*—Sewickley ch 18 81; Tent ch 18 50; Brownsville Sab-sch 10; New Providence ch 7, Sab-sch 13. *Pby of Ohio*—Second ch, Pittsburgh, 808 94; East Liberty ch 561 58, of wh. D Negley 50, to con Mrs Catharine Negley *Life member*. *Pby of Blairsville*—New Alexandria ch 39; Congruity ch 16 68; Livermore ch 18 58. *Pby of Clarion*—Perry ch 5 25; Leatherwood ch 18; Licking ch 20. *Pby of Saltsburg*—Centre ch 5 16 1,068 40
- SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.**—*Pby of Allegheny*—New Salem ch 13. *Pby of Allegheny City*—First ch, Allegheny City, 260 38, of wh. 95 for N A Indians; Bridgewater ch 76 80; Manchester Ger ch 3 40, Sab-sch to ed child in India 46. *Pby of Beaver*—New Castle ch 99 for Dehra sch 14; Unity ch 39; West Middlesex ch 20; Mt Pleasant ch 22 43. *Pby of Erie*—Second ch, Mercer, 17, Sab-sch 3; Fairfield ch 4 30; Conneautville ch 10; Oil City ch 20 617 31
- SYNOD OF WHEELING.**—*Pby of Washington*—First ch, Washington, 17 96; Allen Grove ch 16 56; Burgetstown ch 38 90. *Pby of Staubenville*—New Hagerstown ch 40; Cross Creek ch 9 13; Centre ch 5 87; Two Ridges ch 113 28. *Pby of St Clairsville*—Bealsville ch 14 60; Rookhill ch 31. *Pby of West Virginia*—Parkersburg ch 25; Clarksburg Sab-sch for Rio chapel 5 15; French Creek ch 6 323 44
- SYNOD OF OHIO.**—*Pby of Columbus*—Westminster ch, Columbus, no con, 46 58; Lithopolis ch 23; Mifflin ch 8 93; Truro ch 9 07; Groveport ch 12 20; London ch 10; Westerville Sab-sch 36. *Pby of Marion*—Wyandott ch, no con, 5, Mrs E C Junkin 5. *Pby of Zanesville*—Salt Creek ch 56. *Pby of Richland*—Lexington Sab-sch 11 83, Master Finley Ritchie 1 17; Waterford ch 6; Savanah ch 37; Millford ch 14; Hayseville ch 1. *Pby of Wooster*—Orville ch 6. *Pby of Hocking*—Barlow ch 7 65; Decatur ch 2 85 807 28
- SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.**—*Pby of Michigan*—Zoeland ch 3; Woodhull ch 5 83. *Pby of Maumee*—Bryan ch 11 25; Union ch 6, Sab-sch 2 27 08
- SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.**—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Union ch 23 50; South Salem ch 191 11; Bainbridge ch 7 25. *Pby of Miami*—First ch, Dayton, 90; South Charleston ch 7 18; Clifton ch, to con Rev Dr R Colmery *Life Director*, 94; L'ds Benev Soc'y 10. *Pby of Cincinnati*—Seventh ch, Cincinnati, (in part) 120 70, no con, 14 32; 6th ch, Cincinnati 42 98; Pleasant Run ch 8; Pleasant Ridge ch 36 10; Hopewell Sab-sch 15; Reading ch 16 50; 1st ch, Glendale, 38 37; Lebanon ch 48. *Pby of Oxford*—Hamilton ch 100 23; 1st ch, Oxford, Sab-sch for Lahor sch, 10. *Pby of Sidney*—Piqua ch 49 29; Zanesfield Sab-sch 3 895 93
- SYNOD OF INDIANA.**—*Pby of New Albany*—First ch, New Albany, 280. *Pby of Madison*—Hopewell ch 6 18. *Pby of Indianapolis*—Bothany ch 6 50. *Pby of Waste Water*—Dunlapville ch 16 227 66
- SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.**—*Pby of Logansport*—Rock Creek ch 7. *Pby of Lake*—Valparaiso ch 60 83; Crown Point ch 12 50, Sab-sch 2 50; Goshen ch 37. *Pby of Crawfordsville*—Lebanon ch 4. *Pby of Muncie*—Union ch 2; Hopewell ch 1; Hartford ch 1 126 83
- SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.**—*Pby of Kaskaskia*—Greenville ch 28 80; Mrs P. for India 2; Zion Ger ch 3 55; St John's Ger ch 6. *Pby of Palestine*—Hetron ch 1 40; Oakland ch 3. *Pby of Sangamon*—First ch, Springfield 123 31; West Okaw ch 3; Farmington ch 84 10; Middletown ch 28 50. *Pby of Peoria*—Henry ch 150. *Pby of Bloomington*—Lexington ch 50; Mackinaw ch 20; Low Point ch 9; Metamora ch 5; Waynesville ch 13 60 466 26
- SYNOD OF CHICAGO.**—*Pby of Rock River*—Albany ch 7; Shannon ch 3 20. *Pby of Chicago*—Victor ch 10; St Anne ch 2 25. *Pby of Bureau*—Arlington ch 3; Pleasant Ridge ch 2 25 87 70
- SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.**—*Pby of Dane*—Cambridge Sab-sch 3; Oregon ch 3; Belleville ch 3; Dayton ch 2. *Pby of Winnebago*—Depere ch 4; Beaver Dam ch 7; Robinsonville ch 10 60 32 60
- SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.**—*Pby of St Paul*—Hudson Sab-sch 2 25. *Pby of S Minnesota*—Lake City ch 8 50, Sab-sch 1 50; Preston ch 5 17 25
- SYNOD OF IOWA.**—*Pby of Cedar*—First ch, Muscatine 46 50. *Pby of Vinton*—Vinton Sab-sch 6 75; Big Creek ch 3 25; Ackley ch 2 50. *Pby of Dubuque*—First ch, Dubuque 12 65; Scotch Grove ch 17 88 65
- SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.**—*Pby of Iowa*—Round Prairie ch 10; 1st ch, Burlington 19. *Pby of Des Moines*—Des Moines ch 11; Corydon ch 3 50. *Pby of Missouri River*—Belleville ch 13; Nebraska City Sab-sch 10; Muddy Creek ch 11, John Derks 1; Nemaha River ch 9 35 86 86
- SYNOD OF MISSOURI.**—*Pby of Upper Missouri*—First ch, Chillicothe 10; Oregon and Graham ch 1. *Pby of St. Louis*—Troy ch, Francis Parker 16; Emanuel ch 32 70; Zoar ch 44; Carondelet ch 12. *Pby of Potosi*—Ironton ch 28 142 70
- SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.**—*Pby of Louisville*—Shiloh and Olivet ch 11 80 00
- Total received from churches, \$18,429 85
- LEGACIES.**—Legacy of Maria Rose, dec'd, Cherry Valley, N Y, less exp 144 30; Estate of B J Bythe, dec'd, Indianapolis, Ind, 167 94 312 24
- MISCELLANEOUS.**—Rev M C Sutphen 50; Samuel Miller, to con Elizabeth Miller *Life Member*, 18; Rev W S Rogers and family, for girls' sch at Lahor, 10; Wm Wray, for sch in China, 1; E, a Thank-offering, 10; Mrs Caroline Couze 10; Ida, Willie, and Laura Couze 1 50; A friend 10; Little Belle 15 cts; Mrs Mary Cowan, Urbana, O, 5; Mrs M E Drake 5; Mrs Sarah M Kittridge, bal *Life Member*, 10; A Sister's Gift for Rio chapel 10; Mrs E C Platt, Virginia, Ills, 100; New Brunswick 25; A friend, Cambridge, O, 25; For Gold 2 000; J F Bergen, Virginia, Ills, gold 34 29, premium 11 30; Sarah A Rea, Andesville, Pa, 1; L B Ward, Morristown, N J, 150; Jas A Webb 50; Jeremiah Baker 50; A friend 10; Oxford St Sab-sch Miss'y Ass'n, Phila, 20; Rev H W McKee 5; Two boys, Wabash, 60 cts; Mrs Jennie A Forbes, Waukesha, Wis, 50; L F M Brussels 5; Nannie S C Moore, Tiffin, O, 10; Friends for China 6700; Central Presbyterian ch, Hamilton, C W, 293 75; 1st Portuguese Sab-sch, Jacksonville, Ills, to ed boy in Brasil, 20; R Case Clarke, Phila, for 2d ch, Brasil, 50; Rev S Cowles, West Point, Iowa, 2; Rev J G Wilson and family, Ononwa, Iowa, 3; John Gilbert Fowler, Newburgh, N Y, 5; John Schmidt, Muscatine, Iowa, 2 75; R, Oxford, O, 5; F B, Cincinnati, O, 5 9,774 34
- Total receipts in March, 1867, \$28,516 48
- WM. RANKIN, Jr., Treasurer.
- LETTERS relating to the Missions, or other operations of the Board, may be addressed to WALTER LOWELL, Esq., Rev. JOHN C. LEWIS, or Rev. DAVID LIVING, Secretaries, Mission House, Centre street, New York.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

PUBLISHING HOUSE, 821 CHESTNUT STREET,
PHILADELPHIA.

Letters relating to agencies, donations of books and tracts, the appointment of Colporteurs, manuscripts and books offered for publication, the editorial department of the *Sabbath-School Visitor*, and the general interests of the Board, to be addressed to the Rev. WILLIAM E. SCHENCK, D.D., Corresponding Secretary and Editor, No. 821 Chestnut street.

All communications, reports, remittances of money, donations, and orders for books, to be addressed to Mr. WINTHROP SARGENT, Superintendent of Colportage, Business Correspondent, and Treasurer.

Subscriptions to the *Home and Foreign Record*, and the *Sabbath-School Visitor*, and payments for the same, to be addressed to Mr. PETER WALKER.

Our Annual Collection.

The General Assembly has appointed the **FIRST SABBATH IN MAY** as the time for an annual and simultaneous collection to be taken in all the churches, for the Colportage Fund of the Board of Publication. It has also recommended that when the annual collection in any church *cannot* be taken on that day, it shall be taken *as soon thereafter as possible*.

As the day specified is now again near at hand, the Board hereby reminds the pastors of the fact, and earnestly solicits their co-operation in the plan of the Assembly. In order to aid them in making such statements as may draw forth the sympathies and contributions of their people towards this cause, the following facts are furnished in regard to the work of Colportage, as it has been carried forward during the past year.

The Work of the Year.

During the year ending March 1st, 1867, the Board has had one

hundred and forty-five colporteurs in commission. But in addition to these, many pastors, domestic missionaries, teachers of Freedmen's schools, and other voluntary distributors have been engaged in scattering among the needy the publications of the Board.

Reports received from regular colporteurs show that 9122 days' work have been performed by them; that they have sold 70,905 volumes, and distributed gratuitously 45,995 volumes, and 1,043,180 pages of tracts. They have also visited 322,870 persons, with a large proportion of whom, as opportunity offered, they have held religious conversation and prayer. All colporteurs of the Board are instructed never, if possible, to leave a house without putting at least a few pages of tracts into the hands of the occupants.

Besides the above, the Executive Committee has granted, in answer to special appeals, 14,697 volumes, and 169,054 pages of tracts. These have been given mainly to mission and needy Sabbath-schools, to Freedmen's schools, ships of war, needy ministers and feeble churches, and to individuals for gratuitous distribution by them.

During the year, the Board's colporteurs have laboured in twenty-five States and British Provinces. They have performed more or less work in nearly every State where it has been found practicable for them to labour, including several of the Southern States. The Board

now has one or more in each of the following States, viz:—Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Missouri. One is recently appointed for New Mexico. Several are at work in California and Oregon. The greater portion of them, however, have been labouring in the Middle, Western, and Northwestern States.

The South.

In regard to the work of the Board in the South, it may be said that the prevalent scarcity of money there is the main, if not the only obstacle, that is worthy to be named. The people generally exhibit not only a readiness, but a great eagerness to possess and read the Board's publications. The Publication Committee of the Southern General Assembly has placed the names of a large proportion of our books on its select catalogue, and has thus expressed its readiness to co-operate in circulating them in the South. The Board is in receipt of letters weekly and almost daily, from nearly every part of the South, soliciting donations for all classes, but more frequently for the use of the children in the Sabbath-schools, and as aids to those who are engaged in instructing the Freedmen. The Board's colporteurs are directed to give with a liberal hand, so long as the resources furnished by the Church for this use will permit. And in answer to the numerous direct applications for donations, the Executive Committee has never turned away unaided any who have sought its help. The great scarcity of religious reading in the South,

and especially the utter destitution and impoverishment of the Sabbath-schools in many places, give them a strong claim upon the Christian sympathies of our Church.

As exhibiting the feeling with which such donations are received, we venture to quote a few sentences from letters that have just come to hand, and which are similar to great numbers received during the year from every part of the South.

A letter from South Carolina, acknowledging a donation of books, catechisms, Visitors, &c., &c., sent to a Sabbath-school in that State, says: "It is with extreme pleasure I return to you the cordial thanks of our Sabbath-school for your very liberal donation of books. It is, indeed, enough to prove to us that you are not our enemies, and far exceeded our anticipations. The papers are a world of delight to the little ones. Please extend our grateful thanks to the Board for their liberality towards us. Such acts of kindness would very soon win back the love of the South."

A letter from Virginia, says: "Your Board was kind enough to grant us a donation for our church and Sabbath-schools. I can report that they were of great assistance to us. You may feel assured that books given to churches and Sabbath-schools in the South will do much good. The war seems to have drained off the reading matter of the country wherever the armies went."

An acknowledgment from Arkansas says: "Please accept my sincere thanks, as also the heartfelt

gratitude of the scholars for your very valuable gift. Oh, if you could have seen the bright eyes and happy faces that were gathered around me in the school-room this afternoon while I read to them your letter, it would have made your heart glad. And then to have heard the hearty expression of thanks to the kind friends who sent us those nice books and papers. I pray God they may be the means of leading many to Christ."

A letter from the Superintendent of a coloured Sabbath-school in South Carolina, says: "On Friday last I received from the Board of Publication a package containing library books, primers, catechisms, hymn books, tracts, Sabbath-school Visitors, &c., for the use of our Sabbath-school. I wish that Christian friends at the North could see with what unbounded gratitude these poor creatures receive their books; I feel assured they would realize that it is more blessed to give than to receive." Inclosed in this letter is a resolution of this coloured school, sending "sincere and hearty thanks," adding, "and for this act of kindness in this our day of ignorance, poverty, and need, we will ever cherish the most lively gratitude."

Tens of thousands of volumes could now be sent as donations to the South with the happiest effect. The Board will gladly receive any special donations for this object, and will faithfully carry out any expressed wishes of donors. Let all who desire to bless and benefit the South, send their gifts to the Board as soon as possible, to be used in sending thither abundantly its publications.

Results Accomplished.

During the year large numbers of Presbyterian churches have been supplied with a sound religious literature. Many waste places have been traversed, where the scattered sheep of the flock, living without sanctuary privileges, have been strengthened by religious conversa-

tion, and by a supply of good books. Large numbers of wholly irreligious persons and families have received expostulations, entreaties, and invitations to come to Christ for salvation. In every family visited, at least a few pages of tracts, and in very many, one or more religious volumes have been left. And the Divine Spirit has accompanied the colporteurs in their work, and in many instances given tokens of his approbation by using the truth thus imparted as his instrument to bring souls to embrace the precious offers of the gospel.

In a day when such vast quantities of reading are issuing from the press; some of it directly infidel in its teachings; very much of it profane and licentious in its character; and a still larger proportion composed of merely imaginative and irreligious works, how unspeakably important is it that the Church should be found continually striving to sow broadcast over the land, books and tracts full of the savour of vital godliness!

And at a time when so large a proportion of the avowedly religious issues of the press are of a kind to unsettle the minds of the members of our own communion upon important points of doctrine and practice, how important is it that such works should be placed in the hands of the members and youth of the Church, as are adapted to settle and confirm them in right views upon those subjects!

Work to be Done.

The Board is now commissioning additional colporteurs, and putting them into new fields. And it hopes ere long to be able to tell you of wider efforts put forth in this direction than in any past year. Wide sections of the Church, and yet wider fields of destitution are calling for additional colporteurs on our Atlantic seaboard, among our mountain ranges and their valleys, in our Western States and Territories, and on our vast Pacific

slope. Into all these wide fields, and among all classes of their heterogeneous population, it is the desire of the Board, as rapidly as possible, to send men to scatter the pages of pure and complete gospel truth.

Large classes of our heterogeneous population are yet to be evangelized. The millions of Southern Freedmen, the immense numbers of German, Irish, Norwegian and other immigrants; our sailors, soldiers, and other portions of the inhabitants of this land must have the gospel, and in order to this the aid of books and tracts, freely distributed among them, must be called in.

Our Sabbath-schools, great numbers of them, in the North and West as well as in the South, need to be encouraged and helped to supply themselves with good books, catechisms, hymn books, papers, &c., &c. If the Board had the means to give freely such books and papers to every struggling and feeble Sabbath-school, untold blessings might be conferred upon the children in many a neighbourhood, and both the schools and the churches to which they belong might be greatly strengthened thereby.

In fact, it is impossible even to hint at all the open channels through which good may be done in the use of religious books and tracts, channels through which the Board can always pour an ample tide of benefactions over the land, if the churches will only furnish the requisite means.

What is Asked.

But enough has been said about the great and growing work which the Head of the Church has spread before the Board of Publication, to convince every reader that large sums will be needed to carry it on, much larger indeed than in former years. In order that the work may go forward, we beg every pastor and every vacant church to give us aid according to the ability

which God may have given to each. Let an annual collection be taken on the **FIRST SABBATH IN MAY**, or if it be not possible to take it on that day, then on the earliest practicable Sabbath afterwards. Let the children in the Sabbath-school, according to the recommendation of the General Assembly, be also invited to send *their* contributions to the Board. It is appropriate work for them to help mission and feeble Sabbath-schools.

And when this has been done, let the contribution be remitted, as soon as convenient, to **WINTHROP SARGENT, Esq., No. 821 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.**

DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE COLPORTAGE AND DISTRIBUTION FUNDS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION, SINCE LAST ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Pleasant Valley ch per Rev Jas Allison	\$7 36
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Highland ch 8 70; Manchester ch, Ger 1 70	10 40
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Westminster ch, John N. Brown Esq 75; D. Courtney Esq 10; Sab-seh 125	210 00
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Middletown ch	6 50
<i>Pby of Columbus</i> —Lithopolis ch	11 80
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Red Mills ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Elizabeth 1st ch	71 27
<i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —Wabash ch	7 00
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Moscow ch	4 00
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Lewistown ch	22 35
<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —Islip ch	6 00
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Monroe ch	13 00
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Ainslie st Ger ch, Williamsburg	5 17
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Trenton 3d ch	25 85
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Kennet Sq ch	2 00
<i>Pby of New Orleans</i> —German ch, N O	20 00
<i>Pby of New York</i> —Fifth av and Nineteenth st ch 2702 78; New York 1st ch, a member 500	3202 78
<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Bald Eagle and Nittany ch	20 60
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Connecticut Farms ch 16; Patterson 1st ch 54 25	70 25
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Henry ch	20 70
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —West Spruce St ch, Morris Patterson 12 50; African 1st ch 5	17 50
<i>Pby of Raritan</i> —Milford ch	4 00
<i>Pby of Saugamon</i> —West Okaw ch, Dr. S D Schoolfield	2 50
<i>Pby of Saline</i> —Pisgah ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Schuyler</i> —Carthage ch	20 00
<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Mt Pleasant ch	14 00
<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Wysox ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Troy</i> —Troy 2d ch 12 50; Waterford ch Sab-seh 17 34	29 84
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Claysville ch 5; Washington 1st ch 39 88	44 88
<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Cambridge ch	10 00
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Chas W. "Boston" 25; O G Fowler, N Y 5;	
W Hunting, Plainfield, N J 60 cts; Col W Reynolds, U S A, Detroit, 2; Anonymous, Oberlin, P O, 734, 25; Faunce Bent 6 50; a member of 1st ch, N Y, 500; E S Jaffray Esq 500	1039 36

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WINTHROP SARGENT, Treasurer.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Rev. H. L. Cox, Corresponding Secretary,

St. Louis, Mo.

Another Year.

Another fiscal year of the Board of Church Extension was on the first day of April, 1867, added to the record of the past. By the good hand of God upon us it was a year of unusual progress. While the total receipts were but \$1,753 in advance of the previous year, the gifts from churches were nearly \$5,800 larger and in advance of those of any year of the existence of the Board. In but one of the preceding eleven years since its organization did the entire income of the Board surpass that of the twelve months just closed; and during that year legacies were received to the amount of \$10,756 17, while from April 1st, 1866, to April 1st, 1867, but a single legacy of ten dollars found its way into our treasury. About fifty more churches than were ever before reported appear to have contributed to our funds. This year 149 churches sought \$80,000 aid. Last year 96 churches asked for \$65,000. Appropriations amounting to \$47,463 72 this year gladdened 102 churches, while the year before but 69 churches were aided to the amount of \$34,122 33. The total disbursements of the year were \$14,213 30, and its total receipts were \$37,623 28. Its predecessor witnessed receipts amounting to \$35,870 28 and disbursements aggregating \$28,390 89. We closed the year with applications on file exceeding our means fully \$30,000, while a year ago the excess of such applications was but a little over \$9,000. Yet with strengthened faith in the Redeemer, and his blood-bought church we gird ourselves for the toils and perplexities of another year. Will not the people of God in their closets and in their purses remember their needy brethren who have no holy house of prayer.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION IN MARCH, 1867.

<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Monroe ch	\$13 00
<i>Pby of New Orleans</i> —Second German ch	5 00
<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —First ch, Bridgeton, special, 550; Williamstown ch, special, 183; Blackwoodtown ch, special, 250; Cape Island ch, special, 56; Pittsgrove ch, special, 22; 2d ch, Bridgeton, special, 87; Greenwich ch, special, 85; Fislerville ch, special, 33; Deerfield ch, special, 38 17; Cold Spring ch, special, 85	1859 17
<i>Pby of Burlington</i> —First ch, Camden, special, 150; Cream Ridge, special, 4	154 00
<i>Pby of Raritan</i> —Flemington ch, special, 107; Milford ch 3	110 00
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —First ch Paterson, special, 125; Third ch, Newark, special, 72; Connecticut Farms ch 16	213 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Sixth ch, Philadelphia, special, 50; First African ch 5	55 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Bridesburg ch 32 60; Frankford ch 35	67 60
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Wilkesbarre ch, special	80 00
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Oxford ch, special, 30; Green Hill ch 17	47 00
<i>Pby of St Louis</i> —Second ch, St Louis, special, 1,361; Emanuel ch 3 10	1,364 10
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Murraysville ch 10; Poke Run ch 10	20 00
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Manchester ch	3 40
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Bethany ch	46 50
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Rockland ch	10 50
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Warsaw ch	20 00
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Lewistown ch 13 89; Bald Eagle and Nitany ch 18 25	32 14
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Waterloo ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Palestine</i> —Mattoon ch 12; Grandview ch 7	19 00
<i>Pby of Vinton</i> —Blairtown ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Charlton ch	8 60
<i>Pby of Columbus</i> —Lithopolis ch 2; Midway ch 5; Blendon ch 10 08	17 08
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Princeton ch 3; Le Clair ch 4 7 00	10 00
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Harmony ch	17 45
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Henry ch	17 20
<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —First ch, Bellaire	31 00
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Red Bank ch	3 75
<i>Pby of Madison</i> —Donaldson ch	8 25
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Pleasant Ridge ch 6 25; Pleasant Run 2	8 25
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Seven Mile ch 3 84; Somerville ch 2; College Corner ch 8	13 84
<i>Pby of Benicia</i> —Vallejo ch	27 00
<i>Pby of Kaskaskia</i> —Hillsboro ch	6 75
<i>Pby of Michigan</i> —Zeeland ch	2 60
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Lower Ten Mile ch 7 50; Washington ch 40	47 50
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Lower Mt Bethel ch	6 00
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Chambersburg ch	46 80
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Third ch, Trenton	23 78
<i>Pby of Polkmac</i> —New York Av ch, Washington	50 35
<i>Pby of Mohawk</i> —Durhamville and Oneida Castle chs	3 00
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Pleasant Grove ch	5 00
<i>Pby of New York 2d</i> —South Greenbush ch	19 10

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev Salmon Cowles, Iowa, 1; Charles W, Boston, 25; C Gilbert Fowler, Newburg, N Y 5

31 00

Total for March, \$4,017 96

DAVID KEITH, Treasurer,
St. Louis, Mo.

FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS, AND THE NEEDY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

The following amounts have been received since last report, viz.

<i>Pky of Allegheny—Ebenezer ch</i>	\$5 50
<i>Pky of Erie—Salem ch</i>	4 00
<i>Pky of Baltimore—Harmony ch 10; Westminster ch 139</i>	149 00
<i>Pky of Rochester City—Rochester 3d ch 29 48; Phelps ch 12 50</i>	41 98
<i>Pky of Rock River—Freeport 2d ch</i>	19 00
<i>Pky of Chillicothe—Chillicothe 1st ch</i>	69 00
<i>Pky of Oxford—Camden ch 5; College Corner ch 8; Reiley ch 7 50; Seven Mile ch 7 66; Sommerville ch 4</i>	32 16
<i>Pky of Kaskaskia—Richview ch 10; Hillsboro' ch 8 80</i>	18 80
<i>Pky of Palestine—Mattoon ch</i>	90 00
<i>Pky of Peoria—Henry ch</i>	22 20
<i>Pky of St Louis—St Louis 2d ch</i>	216 70
<i>Pky of Burlington—Cream Ridge ch</i>	3 50
<i>Pky of Luzerne—Port Carbon ch 10; Mrs R T Turner dying gift 5; Pittston ch 20</i>	35 00
<i>Pky of Monmouth—Tennent ch 30; Port Washington ch 3 32</i>	33 32
<i>Pky of Newton—Stewartsville ch</i>	40 48
<i>Pky of New Brunswick—Trenton 3d ch 16 60; Dutch Neek ch 11</i>	27 60
<i>Pky of Passaic—Connecticut Farms ch</i>	17 00
<i>Pky of Baritan—Milford ch</i>	4 00
<i>Pky of Susquehanna—Wysox ch</i>	5 00
<i>Pky of Connecticut—Bye ch</i>	45 21
<i>Pky of Nassau—Wallabout ch</i>	15 88
<i>Pky of New York—Chelsea ch 64; Fifth av and Nineteenth St ch 1770 86, of which 1000 from R L & A Stuart; do for Permanent Fund 1000</i>	2834 86
<i>Pky of Nassau—Sing Sing ch</i>	100 00
<i>Pky of Fort Wayne—Fort Wayne ch</i>	85 00
<i>Pky of Columbus—Mifflin ch 2 88; Lithopolis ch 17 65; London ch 7; Dublin ch 7 51; Rev Thos Woodrow 5</i>	40 04
<i>Pky of Zanesville—Washington ch 28 40; Muskingum ch 10</i>	38 40
<i>Pky of Huntingdon—Bald Eagle and Nittany chs</i>	16 93
<i>Pky of Saltsburg—Indiana ch 35; Saltsburg ch 42 98</i>	77 98
<i>Pky of Philadelphia—1st African ch</i>	10 00
<i>Pky of Philadelphia 2d—Doylestown ch 39; Inf't school of do 15; Germantown 1st ch 225; Bridesburg ch 28 42</i>	305 42
<i>Pky of Blairsville—Livermore ch 12 45; Poke Run ch 10; New Salem ch 6 65</i>	29 10
<i>Pky of Ohio—Bethel ch 43; East Liberty ch 35;</i>	78 00
<i>Pky of Redstone—Harmony ch</i>	3 00
<i>Pky of St Paul—Stillwater 2d ch</i>	6 00
<i>Pky of Michigan—Zeeland ch</i>	3 00
<i>Pky of Fairfield—Summit ch</i>	4 15
<i>Pky of Iowa—Burlington ch</i>	23 00
<i>Pky of Steubenville—Annapolis ch</i>	15 00
<i>Pky of St Clairsville—Nottingham ch</i>	26 50
<i>Pky of Washington—Waynesburg ch</i>	19 00
<i>Pky of Shanghai—Shanghai 1st ch</i>	23 68

\$4,514 24

Presbyterian Church. New Orleans	\$15 00
Presbyterian 2d ch, New Orleans,	6 00
Mrs A C Kerr of New Castle, Del.	20 00
"L M," of New York	50 00
"A" of Doylestown, Pa.	3 00
"Col H P V," of St Anthony, Minn.	10 00
"Chas W," of Boston, Mass.	25 00
"W H," of Plainfield, N J.	1 00
"Rev R B M," of Tiffin, Ohio,	20 00
Rev R F Patterson, of Sardinia, Ind.	5 00
Mrs I G Gregg, of Sardinia, Ind.	1 00

\$4,670 24

GEO. H. VAN GELDER,
Treasurer Trustees of General Assembly,
Office No. 320 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, April 5th, 1867.

In remitting money to this Fund, the name of the Church and Presbytery to which it belongs, should be distinctly stated, that it may be correctly acknowledged. And where checks or drafts are sent they should be drawn to the order of "GEO. H. VAN GELDER, Treasurer."

APPLICATIONS for aid from this Fund must be made on the recommendation of a Presbytery and addressed to Rev. JOSEPH H. JONES, D.D., Chairman and Secretary of the Committee, No. 524 Spruce street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The appropriations from the Fund for Disabled Ministers has been sometimes misunderstood. They are like those made by the Boards of Missions, with only this difference: In the latter case the money is paid to sustain the labourer while in active service, in the former it is the pension as a "servant emeritus," or a stipend continued when he can labour no longer. There is nothing eleemosynary in what is given to either. The heroic officers of our army and navy, when disabled by disease or age, are honourably released and go into retirement. Having devoted so much of their life to their country, they are now maintained, not as beneficiaries, but as benefactors. Their liberal pensions are deemed as only a merited reward which they receive without humiliation or a mortifying sense of obligation. The funds disbursed by the trustees is at once an expression of the gratitude of the Church to the receivers, and an acknowledgment of their claim. If they have spent so much of their life, have become old and disabled "in sowing to others spiritual things," is it a great thing that, for the remnant of their days they "should reap their carnal things?" What an unhappy mistake to classify our gifts to such a cause among our charities!

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

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News from the Field.

The report of the missionaries brings cheering news from the whole field.

The schools at Clarksville and Columbia, Tennessee, have both had a large attendance and the pupils are making rapid advancement. A few additions have been made to both the churches, and there is a general confidence of the freedmen in the success of the churches. Both these schools have been highly commended by the assistant Superintendent of Education, who has recently visited them, and attended the closing exercises of the term at Clarksville. This mission the superintendent represents to us as the most successful one in the State. Brother McKinney has laboured hard and successfully. We are sorry to learn that Mrs. McKinney and Mrs. Dennis are both compelled to leave the school, the one on account of failing health and the other in order to care for her fatherless children.

Virginia.

Rev. S. G. Murphy reports an increasing interest in the whole region of his missions in the establishment of schools and churches. He has begun a school at Burksville, which is self-sustaining, and is taught by a coloured man. At two other points the people have houses for school and worship almost completed, in the hope that the Committee will be able to assist them in sustaining a minister and teachers. The "Big Oak" congregation have begun to build their house of worship, and hope to have it completed within two months. This church has worshipped in an old wheelwright shop, where their school has been conducted by Mrs. Neil for a year. A cheerless, open building, with cotton cloth stretched across the windows for glass; yet we found no more successful church and school among the Freedmen than this.

North Carolina,

The missions in middle and western

North Carolina give great encouragement. The church at Franklinton still enjoys tokens of the presence of the Spirit. Five have been added by baptism since the last report. Special efforts are being made by the freedmen at Louisburg and Warrenton to raise money to build houses of worship. Churches will soon be organized in both places.

At four new points in that field the people have built school-houses and have asked for teachers with the promise to pay all expenses. We have furnished teachers for three of them. These teachers are pupils from the school at Franklinton, whose whole education has been obtained within the last two years. Of course they are not thoroughly fitted for their work, but are prepared to teach a primary school. There are between twenty and thirty candidates for baptism awaiting the visit of the ordained minister in the Franklinton congregation.

In western North Carolina the Presbytery of Catawba has recently held its spring meeting at Charlotte, and they have sent cheering accounts of their work to the Committee. They have organized since their meeting in October fifteen churches, all of which are prospering, and some of which have enjoyed special evidences of the presence of the Holy Spirit. The church of Statesville enjoyed a revival in which twenty-six were added to the church. Petitions were before the Presbytery for the organization of ten more churches.

The church at Charlotte was organized on the 13th of March. Two elders and two deacons were ordained. On the last Sabbath of the month the sacraments were administered by Mr. Alexander, and the church numbered forty-three members. Ten applicants for admission were taken under care of the session. Their house of worship has been completed and a school organized with Misses Brown and Russell as teachers, which promises to be successful.

The Presbytery called a convention of elders and deacons to meet in Statesville in order to afford opportunity for special instruction to these officers touching their duties in the church. Great interest is manifested in this meeting, and we trust much good will result to the cause of church-order from it.

Light begins to dawn.

The perplexing question has constantly pressed itself upon both the Committee and the brethren in the field,—How shall we be able to supply these churches organized? The field is almost unlimited, and it will be impossible to send men from the North to supply them all. But the Lord seems to be opening the way. A large number of coloured men are found who are leaders of the people, possessing many qualifications of the missionary teacher and catechist. Some of them have been preaching without church authority for thirty years. With instruction in the rudiments of education, and more particularly in Bible truth and doctrine, these men will be prepared to supply the vacant churches until a more thoroughly educated ministry can be provided. In view of this state of the case the Presbytery determined to organize at once a theological class, and appointed Rev. S. C. Alexander to have charge of such a class at Charlotte.

A lady of Philadelphia learning the wants of the brethren, has sent to the Committee a donation of fourteen hundred dollars to furnish a building for this seminary at Charlotte. And the Committee in accepting the donation named the institution in honour of her lamented husband, who gave his life for his country in the great rebellion, "The Henry J. Biddle Memorial Institute." A building committee has been appointed, and in a few months the house will be ready. It will require from one hundred to two hundred dollars a year to support each student, while during his whole course he will spend three days in the week in the work among the churches. Will not the friends of the freedmen to whom God has given the ability, consider this part of the work, and send us special donations to meet this case.

Darkness also Visible.

The donations to the work among the freedmen are falling off almost in proportion to the success which attends the work in the field. The last three months the contributions of the churches have fallen behind the collections of the same months last year about three-fourths. What shall we do? The Committee cannot carry on the work for six weeks longer with the amount now in the treasury. We are now about seven thousand dollars behind the collections of last year. Will not the churches that have neglected to help us to preach the gospel to the poor thus far, now consider the call of these perishing souls,

and send speedily relief to the perplexed Committee, for it grows very dark on our path.

The Committee acknowledge the receipt of the following boxes, which have been forwarded as desired:

From the 1st Presbyterian church of Washington, Pa., 1 box clothing and books value, \$40 00, for Concord church, N.C.

1 box clothing from Park church, Erie, Pa., not valued.

RECEIPTS IN MARCH, 1867.

<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Manchester ch, add'l	\$3 40
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Westminster ch, add'l	133 00
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Murrysville ch	13 74
<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Hixton ch	3 75
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Plea-ant Ridge ch	42 75
<i>Pby of Columbus</i> —Lithopolis ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —South Salem ch, "Birthday Memorials."	20 00
<i>Pby of Findlay</i> —Truro ch, add'l	12 00
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Moscow ch	8 06
<i>Pby of Highland</i> —Atcheson ch	7 70
<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Round Prairie ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Indianapolis</i> —3d ch, Indianapolis	61 50
<i>Pby of Michigan</i> —Westminster ch, Detroit	32 17
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Red Bank ch	10 00
<i>Pby of New Orleans</i> —Rev J H Hollander's ch	7 00
5; Rev Paulus Henser's ch 2	
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —West Elizabeth ch 15; East Liberty ch, add'l, 30	45 00
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Camden ch 5; Bethel ch 5; Ridley ch 5; Somerville ch 7	22 00
<i>Pby of Palestine</i> —Charleston ch	20 00
<i>Pby of Raritan</i> —Clinton ch 7 23; N W V	10 17 28
<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —New Providence ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Salisbury</i> —West Lebanon ch 12 36; Eldersridge ch 10 33; Society of Inquiry 3 60	26 28
<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —Spring Hills ch	14 35
<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Cadiz ch Sab-sch	21 25
<i>Pby of White Water</i> —Dunlapville ch	6 00
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Holmesville ch	30 00
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Washington ch, add'l	6 42
<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Coshocton ch	10 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev J H Byers, Somerset, Ky, 4; Jane McDowell, Carlisle, Pa, 1; Rev John S Howell, Elm Point, Ill, 10; L M, New York, 50; Rev J D Paxton, Princeton, Ind, 50; Miss F Bausman, one of our Teachers, 15; Rent for part of office, 45

Received at Philadelphia.

<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Red Mills ch	11 00
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Union ch	20 18
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Oakland ch	7 00
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Bald Eagle and Nittany chs 18 48; Perryville ch, in part, 50 50, less ex 50 cts	77 48
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Pittston ch	20 00
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Wallabout ch	18 75
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Stillwater ch	6 00
<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Muncy ch	20 50
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —West Spruce St ch, from Mrs Sarah F Orne,	10 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Holmesburg ch Sab-sch 9 50; Doylestown ch 39	47 50
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Kensington ch, from Miss McGretty	5 00
<i>Pby of Pottsville</i> —Connecticut Farms ch	28 75
<i>Pby of Troy</i> —Cambridge ch	17 45

MISCELLANEOUS.

"Chas W" Boston, Mass, 25; Mrs Ellen J Welles, of Wyalusing, Pa, 500

Total receipts in March, \$1,682 90
A. CAMERON, Treasurer.

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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Inside view—A Missionary's wife speaks for many others—self-denials.

Minnesota.

You are probably as well aware as I can be, that the great staple of Minnesota is *wheat*. You probably know, too, that last year's crop was a great failure, but *how* great no one can realize who does not live here. It is enough to say, that some of our church members, who needed two thousand dollars to meet their taxes, support their families, and make promised payments on their farms, did not harvest enough to give them one bushel of seed wheat, and some not enough for their own bread. Indeed, in some of the counties, the destitution is so great that the governor has seen best to call attention to the necessity for assisting the inhabitants to procure not only seed, but *subsistence*, until the ingathering of the next fall.

Last winter, Mr. ———, in writing to an Eastern church, I think said, "In these circumstances, I cannot urge my people to give largely to my support, as I would, were they in different circumstances." As they had no harvest, they had

nothing to sell, consequently no money.

An excellent member of the R—— Church, said to us a few weeks since, "We *ought* to do something for you in our neighbourhood, we *owe* it to you, but I don't know that we can raise a dollar, until after harvest. Instead of old wheat to *sell*, most will have seed wheat to *buy*." There was the will, but with an empty purse. What shall the good man do? Shall he say, "Brother, you *must* give me, for my support, whether or no—seed or no seed; it is not right to cheat the minister." Oh, no, he could not say it,—Dr. Janeway himself, had he been here, could not have had the heart to have "urged" the man.

The streets of R——, two years since so "lively" with the "wheat teams," and "trade," are now almost as quiet as a Sabbath day; and where I once counted thirty-five loaded wagons going to market with their grain, I only see now and then a team returning home, having been to buy a few bushels of seed. The people have their farms, they have their teams, but

they have scarce a dollar in their pockets, and heavy interests, or unpaid mortgages to meet—*Can they give largely just now? And yet, I so often find on the shelf, a receipt from one of our Boards, and then from another, for one dollar, two dollars, or five dollars, from these little churches, that I not long ago said to Mr. A—, "It seems to me that your little out-station churches give a great deal, or rather they give often, to the Boards, considering how small and poor they are," and he said, I think they do. And here, dear Dr., let me whisper a word to you. When the little church has given seventy-five cents, the pastor makes it a dollar. If they give three dollars and-a-half, he makes it five dollars, and so on. If "example is better than precept," he certainly gives them the benefit of that, as well as the preaching.*

"Where is your husband preaching, to-day?" said a good man to me, one winter day. "At the school-house in ——" "Well, *I'm not going to preach just anywhere, any more,*" was the reply; "I've taken colds enough, by roasting in the hot school-houses, and then coming out into the wind. I thought he might as well have added, "but *your husband may, for all that I care,*" for my husband was there, *because this same brother having made appointments there, failed to keep them. You may scold him for shouldering the heavy end of the yoke, and giving his brothers the easy end, as much as you like, for I think he deserves it. If he don't wear out soon, it won't be for lack of hard work, and plenty of it, too.*

Not long since, a Methodist asked me if "Mr. — was not turning Methodist." I opened my eyes in astonishment. "Why," said he, "one Sabbath he is sixteen miles away at Stewartville, and the next, twenty miles in another direction, and the third Sabbath, thirty miles off somewhere else; and the next week gone for three days, nobody knows how far, in these roaring, freezing winds. Why don't you make him presiding elder at once?" And that I suppose is the way in which he has earned his commission for — —, a place seven miles distant, where he has gone on week days, as a sort of recreation, after the long, weary wearing Sabbath services.

As to *support, salary, &c.*, I know no mission family that do not send their children to school. *Our two sons, twelve and ten years old, have never attended school one day in their lives. Over the bread board, or at the ironing-table, I have heard their lessons, and when the racking pain of chill fever has prevented, their father, wearied with these tedious rides, has lent a hand. Not a penny of the church's money has been paid for their tuition. Once, a stranger lady, hundreds of miles away, sent me five dollars, and I expended it in music lessons for them, that they might help the Sabbath-school singing, and they have done more to sustain it than any other twenty scholars in the schools. Last fall, when other mission boys were at school, or out for a holiday, they were turned into the cornfield to gather fodder to keep the little red cow in winter. The Good Man*

has taken care of her, and I have made and sold seventy dollars' worth of butter, to help on in the household. I'm glad we have done it. I'm willing to do all I can—I wish I could do more. *One* thing I might do, that I have not done; twenty-three years ago, when I was a merry, romping school-girl, a *very small* portion fell to me. I vowed one-fifth of it to the Lord, and I always felt it right to expend a part of it upon Home Missions. Some of it was only paid me a few weeks since. As I stood with it in my hand, I said to myself, "If I were not married to this man, I should think it a just keeping of my promise to expend this on him and his children;" but being his wife, I knew he would say I ought not—so it was divided among the Boards of the Church. I kept my promise, but I think I should *just as much* have kept it, had I used it in our household.

So to do my part in what I thought an *honest* way, in weakness, and much sickness, I have *earned* with my pen, by story writing, two hundred and seventy-three dollars, every cent of which has been paid to the Church.

Word from the South.

Missouri.

My fourth quarter as a missionary of the Board expired with April ult. It is again my duty to send forward a report of my labours and results. Without wishing to appear vain, or in any manner to boast of what little I may have been able to effect, I think I am safe in saying to you that our present prospects are decidedly good

for a strong, self-sustaining church at this point at a very early day. It is not necessary to give you in detail, all the facts and reasons for saying so. Suffice it to say, that myself and the few loyal Presbyterians who were here at the close of the war feel very grateful to your Board for its assistance, and, Providence permitting, you shall yet see that that aid was not lost to the good old Presbyterian Church. Times are very hard with us yet, owing to the short crops of the past season, so that we have not been able to make any contribution to the Boards, our efforts being entirely taken up in replenishing our Sabbath-school library, repairing church, &c. The war left us very poor, indeed; but our prospects are now good in every sense. I have nothing especial to report. We have kept up all our services, have good congregations, numbers constantly increasing. I am devoting special attention to the children and youth of my congregation, looking to them mainly for our future strength and support. Again thanking you and the Board for your kindness and prayers, during the past year,

I am, dear brother, yours in gospel bonds.

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN APRIL, 1867.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Mohawk*—Smithville 1st ch 10. *Pby of Troy*—Second ch, Troy, 285 40 285 40

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Beaver ch 20 08; Portersville ch 15 25. *Pby of Allegheny City*—Concord ch 2. *Pby of Beaver*—Beaver Falls ch 44. *Pby of Erie*—Mill Creek ch 7; Neillsburg ch 10; Park ch, Erie 134 232 30

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Fredrick ch 20; Baltimore 2d ch 74 40; Harmony ch 73 31; South ch Sab-sch, Baltimore, 10. *Pby of Carlisle*—Fayetteville ch 7 10; Middletown ch 17 46. *Pby of Lewes*—Lewes ch 16, 217 27

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Buffalo City*—Black Rock ch 5; Bethany ch 12 80. *Pby of Genesee River*—Portageville ch 8; Central ch, Genesee, 18 25; Bath ch 30, of wh Sab-sch 25. *Pby of Ogdensburg*—Roesie ch 6 80

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Bureau*—Aledo ch 18. *Pby of Chicago*—Oswego ch 5 50. *Pby of Rock River*—White Rock ch 5. *Pby of Schuyler*—Presbyterial coll'n 11 50. *Pby of Warren*—Altona ch 10; Prairie City ch 4 54 00

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Union

ch 11 35. *Pby of Sidney*—Troy ch 24 85; West Liberty ch 10 46 20

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Bloomington*—Heyworth ch 7 35. *Pby of Kaaskaskia*—Hillsboro' ch, add'l 27 25; Pleasant Ridge ch 5 35. *Pby of Palestine*—Mattoon ch 15. *Pby of Saline*—Flora ch 2 25; Herman ch 3 40; Oden ch 7 13. *Pby of Sangamon*—Petersburg ch 70 25 187 98

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Vincennes*—Indiana ch 21; Evansville ch, Sab-sch 35 56 00

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—Iowa City 1st ch, 25. *Pby of Dubuque*—McGregor Ger ch 12 50; Dubuque 1st ch 25, of wh Sab-sch 15. *Pby of Fort Dodge*—Clarksville ch 5; Coll'd in Boon River Valley 3. *Pby of Vinton*—Vinton ch, Bible class, 3 25 73 75

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Leavenworth*—Olathe ch 2 65; Oskaloosa ch 4 35. *Pby of Topeka*—Mapleton ch 10 25 17 25

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Palmyra*—Clarence ch 5. *Pby of St. Louis*—Pacific City ch 18 75; Union ch 8 50; Bethany ch 25; Emanuel ch 10; Zoar Ger ch 8 55 75 80

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Elizabethtown*—Pluckamin ch 20; Perth Amboy ch 7 21; Woodbridge ch 80. *Pby of Luzerne*—Port Carbon ch 25; Tunkhannock ch 29 35. *Pby of Monmouth*—Manchester ch 6; Millstone 1st ch 5. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Trenton 3d ch, add'l, 5. *Pby of Newton*—Stroudsburg ch 8; Stillwater ch 28; Shawnee ch 9; Oxford 2d ch 50; Hackettstown ch 76 50. *Pby of Passaic*—Mt Freedom ch 30; Mt Olive ch 10. *Pby of Raritan*—Fox Hill ch 12; Clinton ch 40 73. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Wyalusing ch 5. *Pby of West Jersey*—Cold Spring ch 30 426 82

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—First ch, Bridgeport, Connecticut, 150; White Plains ch 5; Hartford 1st ch 10. *Pby of Hudson*—Youngville and Jeffersonville chs 8 25; Centerville ch 6 50; Cohecton ch 6 25; Mt Hope ch 27; Middletown 2d ch 80. *Pby of Long Island*—Sag Harbor ch 43. *Pby of Nassau*—Williamsburg Ger ch 5. *Pby of New York*—Jersey City 1st ch 1000; 4th ch, N Y, 100; Rutgers st ch, N Y, 185; Alexander ch 4 54; Clarkstown Ger ch 5; Nyaok ch 14; Throgs Neck ch 32. *Pby of New York 2d*—Peekskill ch 75 83. *Pby of North River*—Bethlehem ch 36 1193 37

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Crawfordville*—Thorntown ch 5; Waveland ch 18 23 00

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Columbus*—Blenden ch 6 04; *Pby of Hocking*—Portsmouth ch, Ger, 7 75. *Pby of Marion*—Nevada ch 3; Kingston ch 3; Brown ch 5. *Pby of Richland*—Mt Vernon ch Sab-sch 30. *Pby of Wooster*—Apple Creek ch 11 50. *Pby of Zanesville*—Newark ch 16; Senecaville ch 10; Beulah ch 12; Norwich ch 5 50 109 79

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of Oregon*—Clatsop ch 10 00

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Slate Ridge ch 24 11; Cedar Grove ch 8. *Pby of Huntington*—East Freedom ch 5; Alexandria ch 58 05; Moshannon ch 20; Shavers Creek ch 9 25; Milroy ch, add'l, 5 50, Presbyterial collection 27 50. *Pby of New Castle*—Kennett Square ch 10; Rock and Zion chs 29; Upper West Nottingham ch 16. *Pby of Northumberland*—Williamsport ch 100; Key J Thomas 5. *Pby of Philadelphia*—Chester ch Sab-sch 20; Woodland ch 60. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Spring Garden ch, mo coll's, 26 53; Second ch, half-mo coll, 14 50; Princeton ch 89 49, of wh 62 56 from Sab-sch, less 8 75 for Record—80 74. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Bridesburg ch Sab-sch 20. *Pby of Shanghai*—Shanghai ch, China, 29 38 568 65

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Obarion*—Tylersburg ch 5; Richardsville ch 2 50; Beechwoods ch 20. *Pby of Ohio*—Mansfield ch 25; Lebanon ch 52; Pittsburgh 1st ch, from Mrs E G Glattingford, 106 59. *Pby of Redstone*—

Uniontown ch 170; Mt Washington ch 2 43; Dunlap's Creek and New Salem chs 25 50. *Pby of Salisbury*—Mt Pleasant ch 5; Plumville ch 5; Smicksburg ch 3 418 99

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—Galeville ch 3. *Pby of S Minnesota*—Fremont ch 3; Stewartville ch, for the work among the Freedmen, 4 10 00

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Findlay*—Van Wert ch 8 00

SYNOD OF S. IOWA.—*Pby of Fairfield*—Lafayette ch 4; Liberty ch 6. *Pby of Iowa*—Burlington ch 18 20. *Pby of Missouri River*—Pawnee City ch 8 25 34 45

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of St Clairsville*—Mt Pleasant ch 21; Kirkwood 1st ch 16; Cadiz 1st ch Sab-sch 50. *Pby of Steubenville*—Pleasant Hill ch 8. *Pby of Washington*—Wolf Run ch 5 50; Fairview ch, add'l, 20; Washington 1st ch, from Mrs Mary Woods 10; Wheeling 4th ch 25; Wellsburg ch 10 23; Mt Prospect ch 19 60; Moundsville ch 11 25 196 58

Total Receipts from churches \$4,590 45

MISCELLANEOUS.—Mrs Ellen J Welles, Wyalusing, Pa, 500; Henry Brewster, Esq, Shireleysburg, Pa, 5; James Bayard, Esq, Phila, 50; Rev W E Boardman, N Y, 14 53; Interest 121 65; Six months interest on the permanent missionary fund from the Trustees of General Assembly 441 43; C Gilbert Fowler, Esq, Newburg, N Y, 4; James T Williams, Burkesville, Ky, 1; James Lenox, Esq, N Y, 1000; Miss McCulloch, Tenaply, N Y, 10; Rev J N Swan, Glasgow, Ohio, 4; Rev W S Tweed, Glasgow, O, 4; Mrs Barthena J Harvey, Somerset, Ky, 2 80; Mrs Mary Richardson, Somerset, Ky, 1; Part contents of Jimmie Gordon's missionary box, Fannettsburg, Pa, 50 cts; Religious contribution society of Princeton Theological Seminary 98; Rowland McCawley, Milton, Pa, 5; Jno P Jones, Portland, W Va, 20; Wm Shear, Augusta, Georgia, 10; North Congregational ch, Enfield, Connecticut, 58 54; Miss Sarah E Oliver, Oxford, Ohio, 50; "S F" 5; Dr N L Hatfield, Philadelphia, 10 2418 15

LEGACIES.—Estate of B J Blythe, dec'd, late of Indianapolis, Ind, 167 94; Patterson estate, Pittsburg, 96 88 + 264 82

Total Receipts in April, \$7,573 42

S. D. POWEL, Treasurer,
No. 907 Arch street, Philadelphia.

CLOTHING.

- 1 box from Ladies' Missy Soc'y of Newtown, Pa, valued at 150 00
 - 2 boxes from ladies of University Place ch, N Y, valued at 556 00
 - 1 box from ladies of 1st ch, Rahway, N J, valued at 425 60
 - 1 box from ladies of 1st ch Morristown, N J, valued at 200 00
 - 6 boxes from Ladies' Missy Soc'y of 10th ch, Phila, valued at 1500 00
 - 1 box from ladies of 1st ch, Allegheny City, Pa, valued at 90 00
 - 1 box from ladies of Meadville ch, Pa, valued at 120 00
- \$3041 00

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Treasurer—SAMUEL D. POWEL.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself:

It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.

O Lord, correct me, but with judgment:

Not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.

Pour out thy fury upon the heathen that know thee not,

And upon the families that call not on thy name.

Jer. x. 23-25.

The Sun behind the Cloud.

The noble hearted Christian men who, with great self-denial, and amidst great trials, are pressing forward the interests of institutions for the education of the youth of their churches and regions, may learn a lesson of great comfort and of encouragement to patient waiting upon God, from the lessons that dropped from the lips of fathers of the work of education, at the funeral of the beloved Dr. James Wood.

As he stood in the pulpit over-looking the mortal remains of Dr. Wood, the Rev. Dr. Hodge remarked to the audience assembled: The world affords no more impressive spectacle than an aged minister of the gospel lying in his coffin. His withered countenance, his hoary locks, tell of labour, and of conflicts. Now these are ended. The living are never known till they are dead. Such a spectacle brings their character and life all to view at once. They are understood as they never were before. If the coffins of great men of the world were ranged together, the successful merchant, the successful man of science, the successful statesman, the successful warrior, which would you wish to occupy? "*Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. Their works do follow them.*" Blessed is the man whom God hath chosen to be what Dr. Wood was; useful, honoured, "a man of God." Old friends can look back over his course from early manhood to his last hour, and find nothing over which to weep. There is nothing they would wish blotted out. It may to some appear strange that he was called just when he was; his wisdom so much

needed; from an important enterprise; and so suddenly. The people of this community will feel the disappointment. This important Institute needed him. But he had laid out for himself only a preparatory work, and that work is done. Much has been performed upon which others can go on to build. Let us learn the lesson of God. Work while it is called to-day. We should resolve, during the brief remainder of our time to do with our might what is appointed for us.

"Tis not the whole of life to live;
Nor all of death to die."

In our common language we say, "he has died," but Dr. Wood has only *begun to live*.

The Rev. Dr. John Maclean spoke of his long intimacy with the deceased, and Dr. Wood's admirable character. He dwelt upon the precious lessons of the catechism we have been taught us, of the saints who have gone before us: "The souls of believers are, at their death, made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory." It will be said to be "mysterious" that Dr. Wood should be called here, to be immediately cut off. But let us judge by the analogous cases of other institutions. It is not mysterious, as we now understand it, that perhaps the greatest intellect of America, Jonathan Edwards, should have been called to Princeton College, though he protested against coming on account of his feeble health, and had doubts of the course of duty, there to be inoculated by a physician with the virus of a deadly disease, and to be laid in the grave within a few short months. No! Edwards left the powerful influence of his character there. And Princeton is nowhere named but there is called up the remembrance that there Jonathan Edwards died and is buried. His character is an inheritance of Princeton College. And, again, it is not mysterious that the most eloquent orator of his day, (Samuel Davies) was called to succeed Edwards, and in less than two years also died, in only the thirty-eighth year of his age. Thus he bequeathed his name to Princeton for coming time. There is infinite wisdom in such casualties. So it is with the death of Dr. James Wood. *He dies here*. He leaves his name, his

character, his influence, to this Institute. That helps to form its character. That will tend to shape the spirit of its future students. Dr. Wood's labour is not lost. A quaint writer has said, "God never put a good thought into the heart of a servant, and allowed it to be lost." No plan of good can be lost. This institution will be cared for by God. But it should be our wish, not that our plans, as such, should be carried out, but that God would so inspire and shape our plans, and so order our labours, that he may be glorified.

It will further aid to revive the zeal of those interested in this movement, to state that in connection with the funeral services, the Rev. Mr. Shriver, pastor of the church at Hightstown, read a brief sketch of Dr. Wood's life, and especially an account of what he had planned and done for the Cortlandt Van Rensselaer Institute. He said it was the declaration of Dr. Wood: "I only came here to do a certain preparatory work. My age and infirmities forbid much more. I will try to finish the buildings, and obtain an endowment fund. Then I will hand over the work to another." He at once, on his arrival here, surveyed the surrounding region, examined the grounds, and said, "It is right." Then, fully satisfied as to the location, he went on to lay his plans. He passed many sleepless nights. His great anxiety no doubt hastened his end. And now, after such a sacrifice for its advancement, we cannot let this institution fall. The information Dr. Wood communicated to many who are able to give money, and the sympathy which his self-devotion must excite, will aid to secure to it the twenty thousand dollars it needs for buildings and its primary necessities. And of this we have an assurance in a contribution of five hundred dollars sent to it since his death, through the Board of Education, by a Christian lady in Northern Pennsylvania.

We repeat for the assurance of those who have it in their hearts to do anything for good, in behalf of the kingdom of God, that as it is proved by modern science he never lets a drop of dew, or a ray of sunlight, or an atom of anything in all the world of matter be lost, so in His moral dominion, He forgets not one act or purpose of good. It is absolutely imperishable! And in His time the object of many in every trial will be manifest. Now "with clouds he covereth the light; and commandeth it not to shine by the cloud that cometh betwixt." But in the end "things too

wonderful for us, which we knew not," shall appear, and "the latter end" be abundant in blessings that shall more than compensate all our toil, and all we suffered for such a master.

A Noble Resolution.

A young gentleman about commencing the study of the law went out recently on a tour to the West. A friend writes, "he was so powerfully impressed with the abounding errors and wickedness that he resolved to dedicate himself to the service of God in the ministry." He is now assisted in his noble purpose by an appropriation from the Board of Education.

Testimony from an African Student.

A gentleman left a few years ago the sum of a thousand dollars to be dispensed for the benefit of students of theology destined for Africa. There has been a portion of it sent to young men there. One of them, who will soon be licensed to preach by the Presbytery of West Africa (where we hope it will not be long till they shall amount to a Synod), says:—

"I desire with heartfelt gratitude to acknowledge the liberal support which I have been and am now receiving through your Board. And I sincerely hope that, by divine grace, I shall be able to meet your reasonable expectations. In looking forward to this great work, I think I have not been influenced by the love of gain, but have been called thereunto by Him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own holy will; and I trust I am not unmindful that my present and future success and usefulness depend upon the divine blessing."

Lacked ye anything?

A pious student in Lincoln University, a candidate for the ministry, recently said to one of the professors of that institution: "I have learned, while here, to take all my wants to Jesus, and to trust in him in every time of need. Several times, I have been brought to the sharpest necessity, and upon prayer to Christ have always been relieved in a surprising manner. I am now going to ———, to take charge of the church to which I am just now invited, with nine dollars in my purse, just enough to pay my passage. Yesterday I had no known human resources from which I could expect this necessary sum. The

pleasure of depending upon Christ is better than the possession of abundance of this world's goods."

"He Prayed a great deal."

This was the thoughtful remark of a member of the household of one of the most useful, and one of the most honoured, ministers of the present age.

We stood surveying the large and well-selected library. He had mastered its treasures. But that was not the secret of his wisdom. It was this: "he prayed a great deal."

He possessed in an extraordinary degree the love and the confidence of the Church. Was it because of his noble, affectionate, generous character? Not so much as because God gave it, for he kept near the heart of the Redeemer. He tried to be like Jesus. "He prayed a great deal."

He lavished time, and money, and health, and strength, with a consuming zeal to serve the Church; and the Church honoured him as few have been honoured. But its deepest reverence was the tribute to his unfeigned piety, for "he prayed a great deal."

Great obstacles did not arrest his course. The blandishments of cultivated society did not seduce him from his arduous labours. He persevered even when his exhausted bodily powers besought for repose. For by faith his eyes were opened to the glories and the terrors of the world invisible to sense: "he prayed a great deal."

For him to live was Christ; "he prayed a great deal," because prayer was simply the talk of a holy soul with that ONE who is infinitely able to strengthen, to enlighten, to fill full with heavenly peace. But to him to die was gain. He has gotten all he sought or hoped for, in glory; and now he praises "a great deal." So shall it be in time and in eternity; they that pray a great deal shall praise a great deal. "Lord, teach us how to pray."

Carroll College.

The devoted ministers of our Church, and the friends of Christian education, who have spent so many labours, and lifted so many prayers, for the success of Carroll College (at Waukesha, Wisconsin), will be rejoiced to hear that the trustees of the institution have succeeded in raising the funds necessary to pay off its debts, amounting to several thousand dollars. A small portion of the amount has been granted from the

treasury of the Board of Education to meet obligations on the score of teaching, upon the ground of a statement from the trustees that this would entirely liquidate all known claims against the college, and enable it to start forward in a course of increased usefulness; and a few hundred dollars have been contributed through our treasury. The present principal, the Rev. Walter L. Rankin, has secured the confidence of students and patrons. Carroll College should be remembered faithfully in the prayers and sympathies of Christians in that portion of our country, with the expectation that God will make it a fountain of healthful influences to the Church, and to the various populations crowding into that new region from all parts of this, and from other lands.

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN MARCH, 1867.

(Receipts omitted in May No.)

II. FUND FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, &c.

<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Westminster ch, Baltimore,	24 00
<i>Pby of New York</i> —First ch, N Y. 1186 94;	
Union Meeting, at N Y, (day of prayer) 136 65	
	1322 59
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Tenth ch, Phila, special,	
	49 50
<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Towanda ch	14 32

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev B J Bettelheim, Odell, Ill, 5; Rev L P Potter, Glendale, O, 2; Mrs L P Potter 1	8 00
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FOR APRIL, 1867.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Amity ch 12; Scrub Grass ch 6; New Salem ch 8; Bridgewater ch 35; Centre ch 25 40; Slate Lick ch 18 82	\$106 22
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Leetsdale ch 22 47; Central ch 63 01; Sewickley ch 105; Emsworth ch 5 25; Beaver 12 35; Sharpburg ch 32 28; Concord ch 4; Highland ch 12 96	257 32
<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Amsterdam Village ch 15 50; Saratoga Springs ch 37 68; Johnstown ch 30	83 18
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Central ch 47 24; Govane ch 15; 2d ch, Baltimore, 50 65	112 89
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Mahonington ch 28 52; Westfield ch 10; Little Beaver ch 14; Hopewell ch 4	62 52
<i>Pby of Benicia</i> —Vallejo ch 21; Napa City ch 20	41 00
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Salem ch 5; Chatsworth ch 9	14 00
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Geneseo ch 5; Edwards ch 2 85	7 85
<i>Pby of Burlington</i> —Mt Holly ch 18 78; 2d ch, Camden 12; Providence ch 5; Burlington ch 2	37 78
<i>Pby of Chicago</i> —St Ann ch, Kankakee	2 00
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Upper Path Valley ch	29 75
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Summit ch 7 50; Long Grove ch 6 40; Marion ch 12; Tipton ch 20; Muscatine ch 19	64 70
<i>Pby of Columbus</i> —Westminster ch 28; Truro ch 3; Columbus 1st ch 63 23	94 23
<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Gar ch, Chillicothe	2 00
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Port Chester ch	1 25
<i>Pby of Crawfordsville</i> —Rockville ch 6; Waverland ch 10	16 00
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Richardsville ch 7; Beechwood ch 10; Academia 5 50; Rockland ch 4;	

Emlenton ch 5 87; Licking ch 20; Leatherwood ch 17 69 37
Pby of Donegal—Slate Ridge ch 17; Cedar Grove ch 5; Marietta ch 17 39 06
Pby of Des Moines—Chariton ch 2 43; Oskaloosa ch 7 30 9 73
Pby of Dubuque—Sootch Grove ch 7; Prairie ch 2; Epworth ch 2; 1st Ger ch, Dubuque 10 21 00
Pby of Elizabethtown—Liberty Corners ch 15; Metuchen ch 12 50; Woodbury ch 20 47 50
Pby of Erie—Park ch. Erie 91; Sturgeonville ch 9; Georgetown ch 7; Greenfield ch 3 110 00
Pby of Fort Wayne—La Grange ch 7 50
Pby of Fort Dodge—Fort Dodge ch 4 55
P. y of Genesee River—Central ch, Genesee 12 10; Tuscarora ch 6 18 10
Pby of Highland—Salem ch, Nebraska 1 30
Pby of Huntington—Upper Tuscarora ch 14 25; Alexander ch 33; Logan Valley ch 30; Sinking Valley ch 31 50 108 75
Pby of Hudson—Jeffersonville ch 5; Goshen ch 76 25 81 25
Pby of Indianapolis—Franklin ch 22 00
Pby of Kaskaska—Elm Point ch 5; Hillboro' ch 17 80; Chester ch 5; Greenville ch 18 50 46 10
Pby of Logansport—Indian Creek ch (of which 5 from Rev D M Williamson) 7 35; Lexington ch 2 65 10 00
Pby of Luzerne—Wyoming ch 10; Luzerne ch 4 04; Newton ch 4; Eckley ch 12; Wilkesbarre ch 50 80 04
Pby of Londonderry—Newburyport 1st ch 42 50; 1st ch, Boston 18 58 50
Pby of Long Island—Middletown ch 17 99; Smithtown ch 10 45 28 44
Pby of Louisville—Shiloh and Olivet ch 10 00
Pby of Maumee—Bryan ch 7 30; Hicksville ch 3 80; Union ch 3 20 14 30
Pby of Marion—York ch 3; La Rue ch 1; Liberty ch 7; Mt Gilead ch 5; 1st ch, Delaware, (of which 5 from Rev M Miller) 17; Marion ch 13 70; Kingston ch 3 49 70
Pby of Miami—Monroe ch 10; 2d ch, Springfield 52 43 62 43
Pby of Mohawk—Oswego ch 65; Smithville Flats ch 9 74 00
Pby of S Minnesota—Freemont ch 4 00
Pby of Monmouth—Shrewsbury ch 30; Manchester ch 9; Millstone ch 10; Village ch, Freehold 55 104 00
Pby of New Albany—Sharon ch 8 00
Pby of New Lisbon—Rehoboth ch 3 40; Newton ch 3 75; Canfield ch 7 14 15
Pby of Newton—Stillwater ch, (of which from the Parochial sch 11 58.) 30; 2d ch, Oxford 20; Bloomsburg ch 13 78; Harmony ch 33 10; Pleasant Grove ch 10 106 88
Pby of Northumberland—Chilisque ch 13 33; Rev John Thomas 5; Mooresburgh ch 8 77; McEwensville ch 8; Buffalo ch 18; Lyecoming ch 11 54; Lyecoming Centre ch 8 60; Lunden ch 3 36; Milton ch 25 96 60
Pby of New Castle—Upper Octorara ch 53 75; Rock and Zion ch 40; Fagg's Manor ch 31 20 124 95
Pby of North River—Marlboro' ch 13 27; Middle Hope ch 7 25 20 52
Pby of New Brunswick—Second ch 74; Lawrenceville ch 89; Trenton 3d ch 5; 1st ch, Princeton ch 21 60; 4th ch, Trenton 145, (of which for this Fund,) 45 234 60
Pby of New York—Forty-second st ch, N Y 45 50
Pby of Oregon—Corvallis ch 10 00
Pby of Ohio—Mt Carmel ch 5 75; Bethel ch 40; Mingo ch 32; Mansfield ch 50; Racoon ch 30 167 75
Pby of Philadelphia—Chester ch 30, Sab-sch 13; Ridley ch 3 60; Mariners ch 5; 10th ch, Phila, add'l, 250 301 80
Pby of Philadelphia 2d—Manch Chunk ch 97 20; Newtown ch 39 50; Ladies Mite Soc'y 18 38; Easton 1st ch 40; Norristown 1st ch 67 52; Bridesburg ch, (of which from Sab-sch 20), 80 25; Bensalem ch 8; Port Kennedy ch 2 352 85
Pby of Philadelphia Central—Trinity ch 17; Spring Garden ch 67 62; 2d ch Phila, from a lady, 5 89 62
Pby of Palmyra—Shelbyville ch 5; Clarence ch 2; Kirksville ch 2 9 00

Pby of Peoria—Mansfield ch, (of which from Rev W B Faris and wife 5,) 11 40; Delevan ch 15; Princeville ch 15 41 40
Pby of Passaic—Mt Freedom ch 10 00
Pby of Perrin—Clinton ch 18 71; Ger Valley ch 15; Frenchtown ch 20; Kingwood ch 15 68 71
Pby of Rock River—Sterling ch, add'l, 11 00
Pby of Retolone—First ch McKeesport 10; George Creek ch 10; Sewickley ch 8 02; West Newton ch 10 38 02
Pby of Richland—Waterford ch 2 06; Chester-ville ch 8 20; Martinsburg ch 8 75; Savannah ch 11 30 01
Pby of Sidney—Bellefontaine ch 30 50; West Liberty ch 5 35 50
Pby of Steubenville—Cross Creek ch 6 43; Centre ch 5 55; Waynesburgh and Bethlehem chs 11; Big Spring ch 5 25 00
Pby of Sangamon—Farmington ch 10; Third ch, Springfield, 65 63; Petersburg ch, of which 15 to con R D Frackelton an Hon mem. 58; Providence ch 15 148 73
Pby of St Paul—Westminster ch, Minneapolis, 35 58; Vermillion ch 2; Farmington ch 3 40 58
Pby of St Clairsville—Kirkwood ch 19 05; Martinsville ch 10 29 06
Pby of Saline—Salem ch 5 00
Pby of Schuyler—Chili ch 5; Camp Creek ch 8 45; Ebenezer ch 17; Doddsville ch 8 38 45
Pby of Susquehanna—Rushville ch 2; Stevensville ch 2; Orwell ch 5 45; Wyalusing 2d ch 5 14 45
Pby of St Louis—Emanuel ch 5 00
Pby of Salisbury—East Union ch 2 83
Pby of Vincennes—Indiana ch 6 00
Pby of Wooster—Chippewa ch 16 25; Wayne ch 9 51; Wooster ch 27 81; Apple Creek ch 11 50; Unity ch 53 118 07
Pby of Warren—Young America ch 3 00
Pby of West Virginia—Fairmount ch 6 00
Pby of White Water—Ebenezer ch 6 50
Pby of West Jersey—Williamstown ch 20; Abscon ch 5; Leeds Point ch 1 25; Deerfield ch 3; Cold Spring ch 30; Greenwich ch (Ladies' mite soc of) 23 46 82 71
Pby of Winnebago—Winneconne ch 3 25; Plover ch 5; De Pere ch 15 23 25
Pby of Washington—Claysville ch 5; Washington 1st ch 10; East Buffalo ch 15 75; West Liberty ch 11; Fairview ch 5 10; Cross Roads ch 8 25; Cross Creek ch 53 59 108 69
Pby of Western Reserve—Westminster ch, Cleveland, 20 90; 1st ch, Lafayette, 7 75 28 65
Pby of Zanesville—Beulah ch 1 70; Norwich ch 50 cts; 1st ch, Zanesville, 10; Senecaville ch 3 15 20

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REFUNDED.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev R B M, Tiffin, O, 10; C Gilbert Fowler 4; Kentucky 5; Mary Vance, Washington, D C, 5; James Lenox, Esq, N Y, 1000; Part of Jimmie Gordon's Missy's box, Fannettsburg, Pa, 50 cts; Miss Sarah E Oliver, Oxford, O, 45; Patterson estate 95 38; Wm Shea, Augusta, Ga, 10; Occident 5 1181 38

\$5,802 65

II. FUND FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, &c.

Pby of Bloomington—Towanda ch, special, \$15 00
Pby of Elizabethtown—Liberty Corners ch 10 00
Pby of New Brunswick—Fourth ch, Trenton, from E B Fuller and wife, 100 00
Pby of West Jersey—Tuckahoe ch 1 00

\$126 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs Ellen J Welles, Wyalusing, Bradford co, 500 00

\$626 00

Total amount acknowledged, \$6,428 65
 WILLIAM MAIN, Treasurer.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Recent Intelligence.

MISSION HOUSE, NEW YORK, }
 May 14th, 1867. }

THE LETTERS received, of latest dates, are from,—

Chippewa Mission, April 2d;
 Creek, April 9th;
 Omaha, May 2d;
 San Francisco, March 29th;
 Tungchow, January 21st;
 Shanghai, February 21st;
 Canton, March 14th;
 Bangkok, February 9th;
 Raheng, Siam, February 2d;
 Futehgurh, March 21st;
 Dehra, March 4th;
 Lodiana, 22d;
 Corisco, February 17th.
 Rio de Janeiro, March 26th;
 Bogota, March 20th;
 Socorro, April 15th.

DEATH OF REV. JAMES L. MACKAY.

—It is with great regret that we have to report the death of this devoted and able missionary. He died at his home in New London, Pa., April 30th. He was the founder of the Corisco Mission, gave many years of his life to its service, and was permitted to see blessed fruits from the labours of himself and other brethren. His health having given way, he returned again to this country about two years ago, with the purpose of going back to Corisco on its recovery; but such was not the will of the Lord. He has entered into his rest. Deeply will his loss be felt, but "as for God his way is perfect." We hope a biographical sketch of Mr. Mackey will be prepared by one of his friends. Few men have deserved to be held in higher regard by the Church.

ARRIVALS OF MISSIONARIES.—The Rev. Charles W. Forman and his family, of the Lodiana Mission, arrived at Boston on the 25th of April, after a good voyage from Calcutta. Mr. Forman's health is somewhat better, but still far from being restored. It is hoped that this visit will result in his recovery, so that he may be able to return to his

work in India. Mrs. Wallace, wife of the Rev. T. F. Wallace, of the mission in New Granada, and their children arrived here on the 1st of May, partly for reasons of health, and on a visit to her friends. Mr. Wallace remains at his post. Miss Green had reached Shanghai, and would make the rest of the journey to Shantung, with the Rev. H. Corbett, who was at Shanghai on a visit. Mr. Corbett had made a voyage on a U. S. ship of war to Corea, and thence to Shanghai. Interesting notices of his visit to Corea may be given hereafter. The Rev. D. McGilvary and his family had reached Raheng, on the Menam river, a frontier town of Siam, on his journey to the Laos country, himself and family all well. The Rev. P. H. Pitkin had removed from Velez to Sorocco, U. S. of Colombia, and he was still engaged in studying the language, and making preparation for his work. The Rev. S. Reutlinger and his wife arrived at Corisco in January, where they met with a warm welcome from the other missionaries.

CONVERTS ADMITTED TO THE CHURCH.

—At Rio de Janeiro, two young men and a married woman were received on the first Sabbath in March. At Bangkok three young men were received in February. At Chefoo six more members were received in January. One of these was a man, seventy-three years of age, whose home was about a hundred miles in the interior, but who had made a visit to his son in Chefoo, and was there brought to the knowledge of Christ as his Saviour. At Tungchow, two women and an aged man were baptized in January. A notice of this man's conversion will be found in the *Foreign Missionary*.

Annual Meeting of the Board.

This meeting was held at the Mission House, New York, on the 6th of May.

The attendance of members was larger than usual. The Minutes and the Report of the Executive Committee were considered and approved. The executive officers were re-elected. Earnest consideration was given to the financial situation of the Board. The large debt, occurring at a time when several new missionaries are under appointment to different missions where they are greatly needed, was not regarded as a sufficient reason for making any retrograde movement in this work, but rather as a plea for enlarged liberality on the part of our Christian people. A statement of the case was directed to be prepared and laid before the General Assembly in connection with the Annual Report,—this statement to be laid also before the churches. The general progress of the missionary work was recognized as a reason of devout thankfulness to God.

A sermon for the Board was preached in the Scotch Presbyterian Church on the Sabbath evening preceding, by the Rev. John L. Nevius before a large congregation. This sermon will be printed in the *Foreign Missionary* of this month.

The Annual Report goes up to the General Assembly, and upon its approval will be published. We make a few extracts from it elsewhere.

Finances of the Board

The receipts from all sources have been \$244,667.80; the expenditures, \$277,290.75; leaving, with the debt of last year of \$2,849.93, a balance against the Treasury of \$35,472.88.

A large amount of the funds in the Treasury has been expended in payment of extra exchange on bills remitted for the support of the missions in Asia. The sums paid for the support of missions in Europe, South America, and California, have been subject to a like increase of cost—making the whole amount paid on this account over \$49,000. This sum represents the difference between the currency received by the Board and the

payments on a gold standard, which are necessary for the support of the missionary work in these countries. Were the moneys received by the Board paid in a currency convertible at par into specie, instead of the year ending in debt, there would be a considerable balance in the Treasury.

The Committee could no longer delay in giving their consent to the erection of mission premises at Canton, Chefoo, Tungchow, Peking, and Petchaburi, requiring a considerable outlay of funds; they were also encouraged to enter again on the work of missions among the Creek and Seminole Indians, which is necessarily attended with heavy expense. With these exceptions, the expenditure of the Board has been on the same general scale as in preceding years. . . . The Committee will only add here, that in considering the receipts of the mission treasury from churches, Sunday-schools, and individual donors, they have been greatly encouraged by examples of noble liberality, often accompanied with great self-denial. The Lord will reward his people for their liberal gifts, the fruits at once and the proofs of his rich grace bestowed upon them. If all the members of our communion would but imitate these examples, if all would but give to the support of this cause as the Lord has prospered them, there would be no want of funds for the support and the great enlargement of the efforts which are made to send the gospel to them that sit in darkness and in the region and shadow of death.—*Annual Report, May 1, 1867.*

Missionaries and Assistant Missionaries Sent Out.

To the *Omaha Mission*, Miss Mary Bower.

To the *Creek and Seminole Missions*, Rev. J. Ross Ramsay and his wife, Rev. William S. Robertson and his wife.

To the *Chinese in California*, Rev. Augustus W. Loomis, on his return.

To the Mission in the U. S. of Colombia, Rev. Paul H. Pitkin.

To the Mission in Brazil, Rev. Emanuel N. Pires.

To the Mission in Liberia, Rev. Edward Boeklen, licentiate preacher; Mr. B. V. R. James, and the Rev. H. W. Erskine, on their return.

To the Corisco Mission, Rev. Solomon Reutlinger and his wife.

To the Shantung Mission, Miss M. J. Brown.

To the Mission in Siam, Rev. S. R. House, M. D., and his wife, on their return.—*Ibid.*

Under Appointment as Missionaries.

One minister and four candidates for the ministry were under appointment as new missionaries at the beginning of the year. Of these, all have reached their fields of labour excepting one, who expects soon to go out. During the year seven candidates for the ministry have been appointed as missionaries, and one minister formerly in the missionary field has been re-appointed and has reached his field of labour. The others hope to proceed to their several stations in a few months.—*Ibid.*

Questions and Answers.

(Continued from page 82.)

NO. 32. AS TO NOT SENDING OUT A MISSIONARY, &c.—Our paragraph on this matter in the April number of the *Record* has called forth a long article in reply, impugning its correctness. The reply has a show of argument in its reference to the abundant labours of the missionary here, as if these proved that he would have good health in India; but many examples might be cited, showing that such proof is of little worth. Our letter is described as a "miserable dodge," a "Jesuitical letter,"—a style of remark that pervades the reply, and which should perhaps preclude further notice on our part; but we repeat that the letter gave

the true reason. We add that no reference was made in the Committee to any public question of the times, when the missionary's return was before them, and that the writer of the letter was under the impression, until a considerably later period, that the missionary was on "the other side" of these public questions.

In his reply the newspaper editor brings forward several other matters, with apparently a vindictive purpose. Though these matters were not particularly in our charge, we know well the merits of the case in each instance specified; and his allegations, whether made or suggested, are equally untrue with the one above refuted.

We think that it is greatly wrong to visit a sacred cause with injury, through dislike of individuals who may be connected with it. Our church system provides, moreover, a better way of redressing evils, or supposed evils, in the administration of our benevolent work, than that of first denouncing them in the newspapers.

Hopeful Converts at Corisco.

Two Women received as Church-members.

The Rev. C. De Heer writes on the 15th of January;

In reference to our labour at this station, it has pleased the Lord to show us again some token of his presence among us. Our last communion season I was providentially detained at home by illness. On that occasion two females from town, were admitted into our church on profession of their faith. One of them is the wife of a young man recently put to death on the charge of witchcraft. Both had been under my instruction for some time, and gave satisfactory evidence of a change of heart. Instead of meeting as in a Christian land with everything to encourage, they were much opposed. One of them when returning from one of our evening meetings was met by her husband and most severely beaten. Yet this did not prevent her from continuing on her course. Her husband had recently removed to Ilobi, fifteen miles from Corisco; on the Friday preceding our communion, she arrived on the

island, came to me, expressing a desire to be baptized, saying that all was light in her heart, came before the session on Saturday, was accepted, and on the Sabbath received the sealing ordinance. The following week she returned to her home where there is but one Christian besides herself.

Our catechumen class numbers seven, and the state of feeling among the young Christians is most satisfactory.

One promising young man who joined the church a year ago, and who has been under my instruction since that time, was recently set apart as an assistant in the work on the mainland, in which he is now engaged.

Evangelization in India.

"Happy features" of a Missionary Tour.

The Rev. S. H. Kellogg, under date of February 22d, 1867, at Futtehgurh, sends us the following notices:—

Brother Wikoff and I have just returned from a three weeks' tour in the southern part of this district, which has been attended with unwonted marks of the presence and favour of God. As I hope, if the Lord permit, to embody the leading incidents of interest in an article for the *Foreign Missionary* ere long, I will only make a few general remarks, which will be additional evidence to you as to us, that the Spirit of God is working among these multitudes.

You may remember Chilramow, about twenty miles south-west of this: we spent three days there; it is a large *kasba*; the people in and around there urgently petitioned us to send a teacher to live with them, and tell them more of the religion of Christ. Brahmin and Sudra, Pundit and peasant joined in this request, which was made repeatedly while we were there. I trust ere many weeks a man will be stationed there.

A second happy feature of our tour was the unusual number of inquirers we met; commonly among the respectable middle class. Of these three gave such singular evidence of the saving teaching of the Spirit, that I think we shall shortly give the baptism they ask. On one occasion, in the *mela*, the question was repeatedly put to me, in the way of silencing a disputatious Musselman, "Let these things be, and tell us how we may be saved from sin! That is what we want to know." What is this but the grand Pentecostal question!

A third feature of our work was the number of women through the villages who dared to listen to our preaching. On one occasion, out of two hundred, I had forty women, who heard with close attention the whole story of the cross. One woman who came with her husband twenty miles to talk with us, said in answer to a question of mine, "How could I help loving Jesus, when I heard he had died for my sins!"—words which should be embalmed in every heart. How can we, how can any one "help it," when they hear! How easy to the Lord to open the heart of many such a Lydia, and what a fruit would it be! It is a sign of blessing, that for some months past the Lord has awakened in many of us here, an unwonted *desire* for the blessing of the Spirit, and some degree of faith and expectation in the matter. This is perhaps the brightest sign of all. May God save us from relapsing into the tread-mill life of routine labour, and cause our hearts to glow with love to Christ and souls till we shall to the world appear "beside ourselves."

Interesting "Inquirers" at Shanghai.

Applications for admission to the Church.

The Rev. John Wherry, writing on the 7th of January, 1867, says:—

. . . One youth, a school boy, son of a church member, was baptized and several others applied to the session for this rite, among them, one from an island in the great lake, beyond Suchow, who, visiting Shanghai, came to us regularly for instruction. But recently, we had another candidate from same the neighbourhood, and though the session did not think proper to admit them, we are not without hope that they are sincere in their desire to be found with Christ. Another candidate is a neighbour, a young woman of considerable education, and of more, perhaps, than the ordinary degree of intelligence, who has been attending the Sabbath services of the South Gate chapel, and receiving also instruction from the native Christians. The truth seems to have made a deep impression upon her heart, but she is exceedingly distrustful of her ability to live up to the requirements of the Christian life in the midst of the temptations to which she will inevitably be exposed, and she has not yet learned sufficiently to cast her burdens upon

Him who is able to succour those who are tempted. We hope that the same Spirit who has aroused her conscience to a knowledge of her sins will carry on the work to the end.

In the May number of the *Record* we quoted Mr. Wherry's remarks concerning Mr. Bau, the native evangelist at Shanghai. Here we give his remarks about Mr. Yang, another native brother:—

The services in the afternoon were conducted by another native brother who has been but recently received by the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry, Yang, sien seng [teacher.] He is a young man of an excellent spirit and of fair talents. I have been exceedingly pleased with the beauty and force of his preaching. I have seldom heard a more appropriate introduction to a sermon than he gave us yesterday in his discourse on the words of the thief on the cross.

Mission to the Chinese in California.

It is evident from this brief narrative that the last year has been one of trial to this mission, a year marked by changes, one of which [the death of Mrs. Loomis,] was greatly afflicting, and yet also a year marked by tokens of the Divine blessing. The work itself remains, and grows in interest. The Chinese are becoming better appreciated in California, and are likely to form an important part of its permanent population. Many of them will become citizens; their habits of industry and economy will give them wealth and influence. But they cannot be safely entrusted with the rights of citizenship, nor will they rightly wield the influence of their worldly gains, unless they are brought out of the darkness of their natural state and the bondage of their pagan religion into the light and liberty of the gospel. Large numbers of them will still return to their native country, to be replaced by others seeking their fortune in the West, and this intercourse will be largely promoted by the regular and frequent voyages of the new line of steamships from San Francisco to Hong Kong. This flow and ebb of emigration should, of course, be turned to account for the benefit of the emigrants themselves, and also of their friends and neighbours at home, by the use of such means as this mission

employs for spreading amongst them a knowledge of the one living and true God, and of Jesus Christ, his Son, as the only Saviour of sinful and lost men. Herein is the duty and the work of the Church, calling for earnest labour, much prayer, and for both in the exercise of faith and hope.—*Annual Report, May 1, 1867.*

Work of Church Members—The Chinese and the Irish.

Under date of March 29th, 1867, at San Francisco, the Rev. A. W. Loomis writes as follows:

Sabbath before last, in the morning, while the assistant was visiting and talking in one part of the town, I took Ah Lum to another place, where we spent an hour and a half. Last Sabbath morning, I put Ah Lum and an old gentleman at the same work, and after the P. M. service asked the church members to remain, and suggested that next Sabbath I should want them all to engage in missionary work in some form, and they might think about it till Saturday evening, or Sabbath morning, when we would fix the plan for that Sabbath,—to go two together in one street, another two in another street, and so on,—that is, for such as are not needed where they are servants in families; but this is not inaugurated yet; when it is we will report.

I have begun the work of visiting with the teacher for reading and conversing. Have sent books to Oregon, and to different places in this State. The work is more than enough to fill my hands, even were I well prepared to do all that is needed in the way of talking, explaining, and preparing discourses.

The Chinese school, supported by the public school funds, has not been reopened and will not be, at least, for two months. . . . You doubtless heard of the attack of the Irish upon the Chinese employed in excavating the hills, and filling in the docks of the China and Pacific Mail Steamship Company; also on a set of labourers employed on a rail road near the city. Some of the rioters were identified and fined in the sum of \$500; with three months' imprisonment. The Board of Supervisors afterwards passed resolutions, and made out a petition asking the government to remit the sentences. (We are to have an election sometime again, when the Chinese question will affect the votes. This may be why the supervisors feel so much sympathy for people who burn houses, and threaten to kill other foreigners who do the

work which they allege belongs only to Hibernian foreigners.)

In my walks about town, and as yet I have taken but few, I find Chinamen engaged in new branches of industry. At a wood sawing and splitting establishment, steam works, Chinese do the work and tend the engines. Pass the lead works and you see them there. In several shops you will see where Chinamen are busy making slippers. Six thousand labourers at the present time are employed on our Pacific end of the Great Western Railroad, and half of the six thousand are Chinamen; and when the weather improves the number will be greatly increased. The overseers speak strongly in praise of the Chinese labourers. There is no department of the work for which they are not as competent as those who once had the monopoly of digging, drilling, blasting, wheeling, and shovelling. They have no gossip, no long yarns, no blue Mondays, but are always on hand when the hour for work arrives, and jog on steadily till the horn blows.

Missions in Papal Europe.

The efforts of Christian brethren in Italy, Geneva, France and Belgium, to extend a knowledge of the gospel among Roman Catholics, have been carried forward with unabated vigour. They support ministers, evangelists, teachers and colporteurs, chapels and schools, and they employ the press for this purpose. Probably more than three hundred stations are occupied in the midst of the followers of the Church of Rome in these countries, and as many labourers of different grades, of whom more than one-third are ministers of the gospel. At least three important Theological Schools impart evangelical instruction to candidates for the ministry, which were attended last year by about a hundred young men; these institutions are at Florence, Geneva, and Paris. Many of the labourers thus employed in this great harvest are converts from Popery, and not a few of the churches, in Belgium almost all, are composed of members who were formerly Romanists.

The least consideration of these facts will show that a really great work for Christ and the gospel is in good progress in these Roman Catholic countries. The

letters and reports of the brethren during the last year evince that this work of evangelization has advanced in very much the same quiet, steady way as in preceding years. The great events of the last year will all in the end promote the success of the missionary labours of our Protestant friends. These events have materially weakened the political power and prestige of Roman Catholic Austria, increased the power and influence of Prussia, extended still further the sway of liberal views in Italy, circumscribed within very narrow limits the temporal power of the Pope, and reduced the relative importance of France as the protector of Roman Catholicism in foreign countries. These political events, moreover, add much to the interest with which our churches contemplate the evangelistic labours of Protestants in Europe; it is only the leaven of gospel truth that can make these over-turnings among the nations safe and beneficial to the people, while as a happy result of these events the door will be more widely open than before for the preaching of the gospel.

To the aid of missionary efforts in Europe, through Committees of Evangelization at Brussels, Paris, Geneva, and Florence, remittances have been made, as will appear in the Treasurer's report. The greater part of these funds was given specially for this purpose; the Committee are happy to be almoners of Christian friends in this manner, and they are well assured that the gifts thus sent forward will be of great service; at the same time they would gladly have remitted a larger amount of moneys from the general funds of the Board, if the state of the mission treasury had permitted this to be done, in response to urgent requests received for enlarged support. As usual, they have sent the interest of the funds invested for the support of professors in the Waldensian school of theology.—*Annual Report, May 1, 1867.*

DONATIONS

TO THE

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN APRIL, 1867.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Londonderry*—First ch, Newburyport, 76 98; Windham ch 61. *Pby of Troy*—Second ch, Troy 231 40; Cambridge ch 123 43, Sab-sch, 14 43; Waterford ch 182 21, mo con 120 44, Sab-sch for Siam 17 35. *Pby of Albany*—Kingsboro ch 33 64. *Pby of Mohawk*—First ch, Smithville 10 849 83

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Genesee River*—Central ch, Genesee 36 38; Warsaw ch 42 50,

Sab-sch 36 50; Groveland ch 30, Sab-sch 6; Bath Sab-sch 25. *Pky of Rochester City*—Port Bryon ch mo con 7 31 173 69

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pky of Hudson*—Goehen ch 32 80; Florida ch 8, Sab-sch 2 60; Mt Hope ch mo con 12 26. *Pky of North River*—Matewan ch 102; Calvary ch, Newburgh mo con 17 83. *Pky of Connecticut*—South Salem ch 145, mo con 87. Sab-sch 15, one dollar a week 52; Bedford ch mo con 109 10; Port Chester ch 5; Rye ch mo con 13 05; 1st ch Bridgeport 150; North Salem Sab-sch 6. *Pky of Long Island*—Sag Harbor ch 96; Bridge Hampton ch 45. *Pky of New York*—University Place ch mo con 22 15; 1st ch, N. Y., mo con 223 61; Brick ch mo con 24 84; Fifteenth st ch mo con 20 58; Chelsea ch mo con 42; Forder-second st ch mo con 30 82; Alexander ch mo con 4 54; Westminster ch 10; 1st ch, Jersey City mo con 53; Nyack ch 14; North Haverstraw Sab-sch 7; Throgs Neck ch 32; 4th ch, N. Y., 150; Yorkville ch 22; Waldberg ch 27 50, Sab-sch 22 50. *Pky of New York 2d*—Westminster ch, Yonkers, mo con 30 41; Washington Heights ch mo con 20; Peekskill ch mo con 22 17; Mt Washington ch, for Seminole mission 100; Sing Sing ch mo con 50. *Pky of Nassau*—First ch, Brooklyn mo con 68 14, Sab-sch for Corisco 150; Astoria ch mo con 27 30, John W Scott 65; Geneva ch, Brooklyn mo con 23 50; South Third st ch, Williamsburg mo con 40 69; Ger ch Williamsburg 6, Sab-sch 4; Lawrence st ch, Brooklyn 15, Sab-sch 20, Aged widow's two mites 1 50; Thrope Ave mission Sab-sch, Brooklyn, for Shanghai sch 87 29 2,312 17

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pky of Elizabethtown*—Perth Amboy ch 18; 1st ch, Metuchin mo con 12 35; Westfield ch 40; 1st ch, Woodbridge 35. *Pky of Passaic*—Wickliffe ch mo con 13 62; 3d ch, Newark mo con 26 91; Mt Freedom ch 30; 1st ch, Morristown 1800, mo con 73 46, Sab-sch 25, to sup child in China 75; Central ch, Orange mo con 73 85; Mt Olive ch 10. *Pky of New Brunswick*—First ch, New Brunswick 36 81; Witherspoon st ch, Princeton, a member for Rio chapel 16, Sab-sch for Corisco 16; 1st ch, Princeton 276; Dutch Neck ch mo con 43 83, M A Duncan 17, A A Duncan 6, J B Perrine 5, Alice E and Sarah H Grover 3 17; 1st ch, Cranberry, little Mary Stella Dey's savings 2; Lawrenceville ch, a friend 100. *Pky of West Jersey*—First ch, Bridgeton 50; Mays Landing ch 7; Tuckahoe ch 2, Sab-sch 3, Rev R P Dunn 15; Deerfield ch 50; Williamsstown ch 54; Absecon ch 15; Cedarville ch 17 29; Cold Spring ch 20, Sab-sch 24. *Pky of Newton*—Oxford 2d ch 50; Stewartville Sab-sch 24; Harmony ch 62; 1st ch, Hackettstown 46; Knowlton ch 12; Pleasant Grove ch 25; Stillwater ch 28. *Pky of Baritan*—Clinton ch 41 50; Ger Valley ch 30; Amwell 1st ch 22 50. *Pky of Susquehanna*—Orwell ch 10; Wyalusing ch 12 50; Barclay ch 6 25. *Pky of Luzerne*—Newton ch 37 56, Sab-sch 6 12; 2d ch, Pottsville, for Hang Chow 40; 1st ch, Scranton 450, Sab-sch 75; Wilkesbarre ch 200; Port Carbon ch 25; Kingston ch 70 88, Sab-sch 25; Tunkhannock ch 6. *Pky of Burlington*—Burlington ch 46 32; 1st ch, Camden Sab-sch 25. *Pky of Monmouth*—Manchester ch 6; 1st ch, Millstone 15; Village ch, Freehold 96, Sab-sch 100; Toms River Sab-sch 12 41 4,075 12

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pky of Philadelphia*—Chester ch 30, Sab-sch 30; 10th ch mo coll 58; Woodland ch 50. *Pky of Philadelphia Central*—Great Valley ch 30; Phoenixville ch 2; North ch 62 75; Spring Garden ch mo coll 19 90; 2d ch half mo coll 14 50; West Arch st ch, Miss Snyder 5; Central ch 614 14; Kensington ch 203 44; Princeton ch 134 50, Sab-sch 62 57. *Pky of Philadelphia 2d*—Bridgesburg Sab-sch 20; Abington ch mo coll 17 70; Conshohocken ch 9; Holmesburg ch 23 32; 2d ch, Norristown 11; Providence ch 9 50; Huntingdon Valley ch 10 38; 1st ch, Germantown 529 18, Sab-sch 18 40, In'tl class 10; 1st ch, Easton 130. *Pky of Donegal*—Columbia

ch 200; Slate Ridge ch 30. *Pky of New Castle*—Green Hill ch 17, Sab-sch 10; Upper Octorara ch 46 25; Rock and Zion chs 40; Faggo Manor ch 79 64. *Pky of Huntington*—Presbyterial coll 27 50; Alexander ch 75 70; Fruit Hill ch 17 87; Shavers Creek ch 8 64; Warriors Mark Sab-sch 24; Milroy ch 77 80; Williamsburg ch 57, Mrs Wilson's Sab-sch class 3. *Pky of Northumberland*—Bloomburg ch mo con 175; Muncy ch 11; Derry ch Female Missy Soc'y to con Mrs Nancy Harrison *Life's member*, 40 Hartleton ch 7 50; Rev John Thomas 5 3,067 97

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pky of Baltimore*—Second ch, Baltimore 131 40; Westminster ch, Baltimore 28, little Grace Lee (blind) 5; Charlie, gold dollar 1 37; 1st ch, Baltimore, Miss M 10; Broadway ch Sab-sch, Baltimore 25. *Pky of Carlisle*—Chambersburg ch 170 75, Sab-sch 142 05; Piney Creek ch 12 88; McConnellsburg ch 42; Green Hill ch 19; Wells Valley ch 14; Millerstown ch 25 25; Buffalo ch 24; Greencastle ch 53 44, mo coll 15 56, Sab-sch 33 752 70

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pky of Redstone*—First ch, McKeesport Sab-sch for Siam 3 50, Savings Alex C Miller 1 50; Brownsville ch 20. *Pky of Ohio*—Mt Washington ch 2 44; West Elizabeth ch 21; Central ch, Pittsburgh mo con 96 26; 2d ch, Pittsburgh, Robt Martin 6; 4th ch, Pittsburgh Sab-sch 38 64; Raccoon ch 70, Sab-sch 30; Bethel ch Fem Missy Soc'y 103; Valley ch 29 03, Sab-sch 3 55; Mansfield ch 25; Chartiers ch 74 50. *Pky of Blairsville*—Unity ch 73. *Pky of Clarion*—Richardsville ch 2 50; Beechwood ch 20. *Pky of Sallataugh*—Bethesda ch 8 90; Plumville ch 8; Smicksburg ch 6; Leechburg ch 48 78; Boiling Spring ch 15 30; Rayne ch 5; Harmony ch 11 50; Saltsburg ch 7 724 40

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pky of Allegheny*—Tarentum ch 13 68; Pleasant Valley ch, a friend 5; Slate Lick ch 29 04; Natrona ch 3; Amity ch 12. *Pky of Allegheny City*—Beaver ch 20 85; Fairmount ch 21; Concord ch 6. *Pky of Beaver*—Sharon ch 16; Beaver Falls ch 98 25, to con Mrs Ann Eliza Winans and Mrs Eleanor H Wells *Life members*, Sab-sch 90, to con Jas H Stokes and Misses Elizabeth Tucker and Emma Critchlow *Life members*; Neshannock ch 29. *Pky of Erie*—Park ch, Erie 146 41, Sab-sch for Shanghai sch 25; Mt Pleasant ch 5 515 23

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pky of Washington*—First ch, Washington, Mrs Mary Woods 10; 1st ch, Wheeling Sab-sch for Corisco 75; Clayeville Sab-sch 5 46; Waynesburg ch 10; West Alexander ch 10; Mill Creek ch 13 65; Hooks-town ch 36, Sab-sch 10 05; Cross Roads ch 34 20. *Pky of Steubenville*—Second ch, Steubenville 137 57, Sab-sch for Alahabad sch 31 85; Island Creek ch 52; Harlem ch 18. *Pky of New Lisbon*—Salem ch 48 50, Sab-sch 10; Bethel ch 24 43. *Pky of St Clairsville*—Kirkwood ch 23 83; Concord ch 19; Bethel ch 6 50; Martinsville ch 25; Bellair Sab-sch 19 50; Powhatan ch 10 629 83

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pky of Marion*—Milford Centre ch 9 30; Kingston ch 3; Wyandot ch 10; Plogah ch 8. *Pky of Zanesville*—Senecaville ch 23; Newark ch 20; Beulah ch 5; Coxhokton Sab-sch 9; Norwich ch 6; Duncans Falls ch 13 75; 2d ch, Zanesville 23. *Pky of Wooster*—Apple Creek ch 16 25, Sab-sch 19; Wooster ch 40 54, Sab-sch 42 55; Unity ch 85, Sab-sch 39; Jackson ch 8 23; Mt Hope ch 8; Congress ch 12 80; Wayne ch 22; Canal Fulton ch 4 426 92

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pky of Findlay*—Lima Sab-sch 5 70; Shanesville ch 6 19; Delphos ch 5; Harrison ch 3; Blanchard ch 7; Pleasantville ch 5 50 32 39

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pky of Chillicothe*—West Union ch 4 15. *Pky of Miami*—Second ch, Springfield 112 24, Sab-sch 77 71; Carrollton ch 6 50; 1st ch, Springfield 100. *Pky of Oxford*—First ch, Oxford Sab-sch for Lahore 6 18. *Pky of Sidney*—West Liberty ch 13 80. *Pky*

- of Cincinnati*—First ch, Walnut Hills 37 33, mo con 18 55, Sab-sch 15 35; 7th ch, Cincinnati 81 30, mo con 12 25; Monroe ch 6 491 45
- SYNOD OF INDIANA.**—*Pby of Vincennes*—First ch, Evansville Sab-sch 35; Washington Sab-sch 6 80. *Pby of White Water*—Liberty ch 15; 1st ch, Richland 30 86 80
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- SYNOD OF CHICAGO.**—*Pby of Schuyler*—First ch, Carthage 5 00
- SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.**—*Pby of Winnebago*—Oxford ch 7 75; Horicon ch 9; 1st ch, Plover 5 21 75
- SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.**—*Pby of St Paul*—Vermilion ch 2 Sab-sch 1; Farmington ch 1, Sab-sch 1. *Pby of Chippewa*—Black River Falls ch 3; Chippewa Falls Sab-sch 1. *Pby of S. Minnesota*—Fremont ch 4 13 00
- SYNOD OF IOWA.**—*Pby of Cedar*—First ch, Iowa City 25. *Pby of Vinton*—Newton Sab-sch 6. *Pby of Dubuque*—First ch, Dubuque Sab-sch 15; Prairie ch 2; Frankville Sab-sch 6 55; McGregor Ger ch 8, 62 55
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- SYNOD OF MISSOURI.**—*Pby of St Louis*—Second ch, St Louis for Ningpo 200. *Pby of Palmyra*—Clarence ch 2 202 00
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The Tract by the Wayside.

A minister was entertaining at his table a zealous minister of God, a young man now very useful in France. He was desirous of knowing how his young friend had been led to Christ, as he had said that both his feelings and studies had kept him, for many years, far from the way of peace.

"The first impression made on my soul," said the young minister, "was, under God's grace, the effect of a small tract which I picked up from the highway side, near the village of Faong, in the Canton of Vaud, when I was returning from Germany."

"Did that happen," asked the master of the house, "in 1826, and in the last week of October?"

"Precisely," answered the minister, with astonishment: "how do you know it?"

"Pray, were you dressed in a common travelling garb, with a knapsack on your shoulders, and a white cap?"

"Such was, indeed, my dress; but, again, how do you know it?"

"It was perhaps, also, that tract entitled 'L'épi Glané sur la Grande Route?'"

"It was really: but I beg you to explain how——"

"I will tell you, dear brother," said the minister. "I remember distinctly that at the foot of Faong Hill, that very year, and the very week you speak of, as I was returning from Berne, I placed purposely, and with a prayer, the very tract mentioned on the left side of the road, hoping that a young man, whom I saw coming at some distance, would find it, and receive a benefit from it. And I remember that, as I was on the top of the ascent, I looked back, and saw the traveller bending, taking, and immediately reading the tract, and that I prayed again to the Lord that he would bless the reading."

"Wonderful!" exclaimed the young man. "How good is our Lord, who prepared for us those spiritual ties; who has been pleased to show me my first unknown benefactor, and to encourage us to cast our bread upon the waters!"

A Colporteur's Work.

A colporteur writes as follows from the interior of Illinois:

"I am happy to inform you that I am everywhere well received. So far, all classes receive tracts with gratitude and thankfulness. I have found but one exception, the circumstances of which I will now relate.

"I called at a house and found the mother and children at home. I sat down and had religious conversation with her. I found she had no religious books, and no money with which to buy, so I left her a little book and two tracts, for which she seemed very thankful. Soon after I left, her husband, a wild, hard-swearing, godless man, came in and found her reading one of the tracts. Being intoxicated, he took the tract from her and burned it. She told me this herself. I intend to call again soon and leave more. May the Almighty so guide and direct me that I may find the key to that husband's heart. "J. D."

A Truth well told.

The superintendent of a Sabbath-school which is about to purchase a new library writes to us as follows:

"Your suggestion that we purchase the books of our own Board, will certainly be complied with, for two reasons: first, we have sufficient Presbyterian spirit to prefer our own Board to any other publishing concern; and again, we have tried the publications of our Board, and find them superior to any others. They are better printed and better bound, and the matter is intrinsically more excellent. The children of our school instinctively give them the preference in their choice of books."

What a blessing it would be to our whole Church if there were more of this "Presbyterian spirit" abroad among our people, our Sabbath schools, and our office bearers.

The Sunday-school Library Book.

The *Sunday-school Times* recently contained an article in which many important remarks were made in regard to library books for Sabbath-schools. The following extract from it contains views upon which the Board of Publication has endeavoured to act for years past, in the selection and publication of volumes for this use.

"No book should find its way into the Sunday-school library, which does not make the reader better acquainted with some important portion of scriptural truth, or some clear example of religious experience. No book should be there which depends for its main attraction upon mere personal adventure, having no meaning or object, except that of stimulating the curiosity; no book, which contains scenes and incidents of such thrilling and absorbing excitement as to create a distaste for ordinary study and the sober experiences of ordinary life; no book, which depends to any degree for its interest upon a love-story and matrimony; no book which is not written in good English."

Books in Virginia.

In answer to an urgent request, the Board recently sent a donation of books, catechisms, and *Sabbath-school Visitors* to a village in Virginia. The following extract of a letter from the applicant will show the feelings with which the donation was received.

"A few days since I received your very kind letter with the accompanying package of books, tracts, and *Sabbath-school Visitors*. I

hardly know how to thank you sufficiently for the very prompt manner in which you have sent gratuitously so many good and beautiful books and papers to our Sunday-school. I think you would be compensated, could you see how perfectly delighted both teachers and scholars are at the sight of them. They will put new life into the entire school, be the means of bringing many other children into it, and prove a great blessing to our whole church. Please accept our most sincere thanks for them, as also for the books and tracts you sent for gratuitous distribution among the poor and destitute. The want of religious reading here is very great,—indeed not only here, but through the whole South from the Potomac to the Rio Grande.

“After I asked for the donation, I was applied to by a poor widow for a little catechism. She said she had a little daughter, whom she was obliged to put out at service, as she had no means to support her, and she wished to teach her the catechism before she parted with her. I was very sorry to have to tell her that I had none, but promised to try to get one for her. And behold, when I looked over your package, I found the very thing needed! It seemed to me a very striking providence of God, in behalf of this poor widow and her little daughter. And perhaps there are cases of like kind waiting for the other things you have sent me.

“I will try to make the best possible use of the books, and will scatter them among the destitute at once.”

Companions—Books.

Friends and associates should be chosen with care. In this matter all have need of caution, prudence, and wisdom. Yet there are some who should be especially cautious and prudent, for they readily assimilate to those with whom they associate; and almost all descend more easily than they ascend. We need friends and associates who will elevate and improve us. Such we should seek, but it may not always be convenient, or even possible, to have such around us. Our circumstances may cut us off from congenial society. We may be so situated as to render it impossible to have at all times such friends and associates as our best interests require. The living may not be near, but the dead are ever at hand. Good books are companions which will elevate and improve us. They abound, and are accessible. Let us choose them for companions; let us have them with us, and let us try to scatter them abroad for the instruction and edification of others.

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NEW PUBLICATIONS.

Children's Praise, by C. C. Converse, Esq., and W. E. Schenck, D.D. Pp. 176. Price 30 cts. In stiff covers 35 cts.

This is a new and beautiful collection of hymns and tunes suitable for use in Sabbath-schools and among young people anywhere. In paper, typography, arrangement, and other matters relating to external appearance, it surpasses most of the similar books in use in Sabbath-schools. Both the hymns and the tunes have been selected with great care, and we trust will generally become favourites wherever used. The following extract from the preface will give a suitable idea of the design of the book:

"Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee."—Psalm lxvii. 3. The children are a large and important part of 'the people,' and should be encouraged and taught to sing God's praise. Moreover, the only way to get grown people generally to do this, is to teach them while they are yet young.

"The title of this little volume clearly expresses its design. We deem it necessary only to state in presenting it to the youth and Sabbath-schools of the Church, that our purpose in its compilation has been most sincere, to exclude from it all those objectionable pieces which have found their way into so large a proportion of similar collections; and to comprise the best among the great number of popular hymns and tunes in present use in our Sabbath-schools. In order to prevent an entire divorce of the singing of our Sabbath-schools from that of our churches, we have inserted a considerable number of old and standard tunes and hymns in common use in our congregations."

A single copy of any publication of the Board will be sent by mail, prepaid, on receipt of the catalogue price, by WINTHROP SARGENT, Esq., 821 Chestnut Street, Phila.

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Invide competition in building your house. It is astonishing what a difference there is in the bids of contractors. We have known a difference of more than one-third in the bids for a building costing less than fifteen hundred dollars, and the cheapest builder was, as is often the case, the best. Make a full carefully written contract with your builder, and see to it that he gives ample security for the faithful performance of its stipulations.

Raise your money before you spend it. It is dishonest to do otherwise, and you will suffer for your dishonesty. Churches running recklessly in debt have brought incalculable disgrace on the Christian name. The end does not justify bringing reproach on the Name dear to every true believer. Even ordinary worldly wisdom teaches that it is easier to raise two dollars to accomplish what is desirable before it is done than one dollar to pay for it when accomplished. In almost every case it is better to stop in the midst of your work, than to assume obligations you cannot promptly meet.

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<i>Pky of Newton</i> —Stillwater ch 8; Pleasant Grove ch 10; 2d ch, Oxford 10	28 00
<i>Pky of Elizabethtown</i> —Liberty Corner ch 10; Backingridge ch 5; 1st ch Plainfield 18; Pluckarmin ch 10; Lamington ch 5; Woodbrdge ch 15	68 00

<i>Pky of Huntington</i> —Altoona 1st ch 40; Perryville ch 42 50	82 50
<i>Pky of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Bridesburg Sab-sch 20; Port Kennedy ch 2	22 00
<i>Pky of New Castle</i> —Rock and Zion ch	44 00
<i>Pky of Dubuque</i> —McGregor ch 6; Independence ch 10	16 00
<i>Pky of Warren</i> —Prairie City ch	4 00
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<i>Pky of Washington</i> —Mt Prospect ch	8 20
<i>Pky of Allegheny City</i> —Concord ch	4 00
<i>Pky of Redstone</i> —West Newton ch 10; Mt Pleasant ch 12 50	23 50
<i>Pky of Upper Missouri</i> —Chillicothe ch	4 25
<i>Pky of Carlisle</i> —Fayetteville ch	11 00
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<i>Pky of Baltimore</i> —Second Baltimore ch 24 90; Frederick ch 10	34 90
<i>Pky of Zanesville</i> —Senecaville ch 6; Coshocton ch 15 80	21 80
<i>Pky of Monmouth</i> —Manalapan ch 10; Mill Stone ch 7	17 00
<i>Pky of Troy</i> —Second ch, Troy	67 85
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<i>Pky of Sangamon</i> —Petersburg ch	42 00
<i>Pky of Vincennes</i> —Indiana ch 5; Washington ch 5	10 00
<i>Pky of Wooster</i> —Holmesville ch	15 00
<i>Pky of Potomac</i> —Capitol Hill ch	19 50
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<i>Pky of Indianapolis</i> —Bloomington ch	10 00
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<i>Pky of Chillicothe</i> —Bloomburg ch	16 00
<i>Pky of West Jersey</i> —First ch, Cedarville	55 35
<i>Pky of White Water</i> —First ch, Richmond	26 00
<i>Pky of Cedar</i> —Davenport ch	20 00

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Total for March, \$6,554 58
DAVID KEITH, Treasurer,
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FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS, AND THE NEEDY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

The following amounts have been received since last report, viz.

<i>Pky of Troy</i> —Fifth st 2d ch	\$67 85
<i>Pky of Allegheny</i> —Plain Grove ch 4 50; Butler ch 14 25	18 75
<i>Pky of Allegheny City</i> —Concord ch	4 00
<i>Pky of Erie</i> —Park ch	32 00
<i>Pky of Baltimore</i> —Baltimore 2d ch 59 15; Baltimore 12th ch 10 88; South, ch 7 02	77 06
<i>Pky of Chicago</i> —Manteno ch	5 00
<i>Pky of Chillicothe</i> —Pisgah ch 7; Bloomsbury ch 16 09	23 09
<i>Pky of Cincinnati</i> —Cincinnati 7th ch	77 88
<i>Pky of Miami</i> —Miami 1st ch	50 00
<i>Pky of Sidney</i> —West Liberty ch 5; Degraff 2 50	7 50
<i>Pky of Salina</i> —Pisgah ch	3 00
<i>Pky of Madison</i> —Madison 1st ch	37 50
<i>Pky of New Albany</i> —Jacksonville ch 26 95; Jackson co Ger ch 4	30 95
<i>Pky of Vincennes</i> —Washington ch	10 00
<i>Pky of White Water</i> —Richmond 1st ch	27 00
<i>Pky of West Lexington</i> —Hopewell ch	10 00
<i>Pky of Putmyra</i> —Shelbyville ch 2; Clarence ch 2	4 00
<i>Pky of Burlington</i> —Camden 2d ch	10 00
<i>Pky of Elizabethtown</i> —Perth Amboy ch 5; Woodbridge ch 15; Plainfield ch 27	47 00
<i>Pky of Luzerne</i> —Wilkesbarre ch	137 93
<i>Pky of Monmouth</i> —Manalapan ch	12 00
<i>Pky of Newton</i> —Stillwater ch 10; Oxford 2d ch 10; Pleasant Grove ch 11; Bloomsburg ch 21	52 00
<i>Pky of New Brunswick</i> —Bound Brook ch 50; Ewingville ch 8	58 00
<i>Pky of Pussaic</i> —Chester ch 5; Mt Freedom ch 3; Budds Lake ch 10	18 00
<i>Pky of Raritan</i> —Clinton ch	13 28
<i>Pky of Susquehanna</i> —Wyalusing 2d ch	5 00
<i>Pky of West Jersey</i> —Bridgeton 1st ch 160; Cold Spring ch 10; Weerfeld ch 5	165 00
<i>Pky of Connecticut</i> —White Plains ch 31; Hartford 1st ch 10	41 00
<i>Pky of Hudson</i> —Florida ch 1; Monroe ch 4; Scotchtown ch 19 28; Middletown 2d ch 21	45 28
<i>Pky of Long Island</i> —Southampton ch	25 84
<i>Pky of Nassau</i> —Jamaica ch 32 40; Lawrence st ch, Brooklyn 5	37 40
<i>Pky of New York</i> —Brick ch	150 00
<i>Pky of Logansport</i> —Delphi ch	10 00
<i>Pky of Marion</i> —Radnor ch 3; Pisgah ch 2 4 00	4 00
<i>Pky of Wooster</i> —Holmesville ch 5; Keene ch 8	13 00
<i>Pky of Huntington</i> —Alexandria ch 45 40; Fruit Hill ch 17 88; Milroy ch 59	122 28
<i>Pky of New Castle</i> —Oxford ch 2; Coatesville ch 17; Rock and Zion ch 40	59 00
<i>Pky of Northumberland</i> —Milton ch 25; Buffalo ch 40; Thos Beaver, of Mahoning ch 50	115 00
<i>Pky of Philadelphia</i> —Sab-ach of Chester ch	10 00
<i>Pky of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Chestnut Hill ch	137 00
<i>Pky of Blairsville</i> —Murraysville ch 5; Johnstown ch 10; Congruity ch 11; Blairsville ch 30	56 00

<i>Pky of Ohio</i> —Bethany ch 17; Raccoon ch 30; Bethel ch, add'l, 1; Mansfield ch 25; Hopewell ch 5 50	78 00
<i>Pky of Redstone</i> —Mt Pleasant ch 12 50; West Newton ch 10	22 50
<i>Pky of Saltsburg</i> —Plumville ch 8; Smicksburg ch 2; Leechburg ch 8 38; Boiling Spring ch 6	19 38
<i>Pky of Des Moines</i> —Albia ch	2 50
<i>Pky of New Lisbon</i> —Bethel ch	4 64
<i>Pky of Steubenville</i> —Centre Unity ch 7; New Hagerstown ch 18; Bloomfield ch 7	27 00
<i>Pky of St Clairsville</i> —Cadua ch	33 00
<i>Pky of Washington</i> —Lower Ten Mile ch 7 50; West Alexander ch 36; Clayville ch 5; Mt Prospect ch 8 20	56 70
<i>Pky of Minnesota</i> —Fremont ch	2 85
<i>Pky of Oregon</i> —Clatsop ch	3 00

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Rev B J Bettleheim, of Ordell, Ills,	\$5 00
Mrs Ellen J Welles, Wyalusing, Bradford co, Pa,	500 00
Mr Courtland, of Baltimore, Md,	10 00
Mr Ira Canfield, do do	5 00
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GEO. H. VAN GELDER,

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In remitting money to this Fund, the name of the Church and Presbytery to which it belongs should be distinctly stated, that it may be correctly acknowledged. And where checks or drafts are sent they should be drawn to the order of "GEO. H. VAN GELDER, Treasurer."

APPLICATIONS for aid from this Fund must be made on the recommendation of a Presbytery and addressed to Rev. JOSEPH H. JONES, D.D., Chairman and Secretary of the Committee, No. 524 Spruce street, Philadelphia, Pa.

FORM OF BEQUEST FOR DISABLED MINISTERS, AND FAMILIES OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

I give and bequeath to my executors herein-after named, _____ dollars, in trust, nevertheless that they shall, within _____ months after my decease, pay the same to George H. Van Gelder, Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, or to his successor for the time being in said office, for the use of such disabled ministers and their families as the said the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America shall or may designate.

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Annual Report.

The Assembly's Committee held its annual meeting on the 24th April, 1867. The annual report was adopted and forwarded to the Assembly, in which the work of the Committee is presented under three heads, all of which demand careful attention. They are, 1 Funds, 2 Labourers, 3 Missions and schools.

I. FUNDS.

The Committee, during the year, have had control of the following amounts, viz:

Balance from last year,	\$5,498 94
Collections from Churches,	19,656 33
Individual donations,	8,130 70
Board of Church Extension to aid in building Churches,	3,400 00
Board of Domestic Missions, to May 1st, 1867,	5,850 00
Freedmen's Bureau, in transportation of teachers,	625 00

Making a total of money appropriated for the work under direction of Committee since May 1st, 1866, of	40,160 97
The amount expended, as reported last year,	\$24,316 55
Amount contributed to the Committee last year,	25,357 76
Amount contributed directly this year,	27,757 03
No. of Churches contributing last year,	528
No. of Presbyteries contributing last year,	100
No. of Churches contributing this year,	626
No. of Presbyteries contributing this year,	107

II. LABOURERS.

The Committee report one Presbytery formed, which now consists of seven Ministers—four white and three coloured men, and has under its care, and in commission from the Committee, seven Licentiates—two white and five coloured; also, seven Catechists—one white and six coloured. It has enrolled twenty-

eight Churches, all of which have enjoyed a good degree of prosperity.

There have been in commission since the last Report, *One Hundred and four Missionaries*, who have performed up to May 1st, 1867, seven hundred and sixteen months, or *fifty-nine years and eight months of service*, at a cost to the Church of \$21,804.49, or at an average annual salary of \$365 to each missionary.

Of these Missionaries there were:—

Ordained Ministers,	16
Licentiates,	7
Catechists,	8
Male Teachers,	17
Female “	56

Forty-seven of them belong to the coloured race, viz:—

Ministers,	5
Licentiates,	6
Catechists,	6
Teachers,	30

This will show that there have been twenty-seven more labourers in the field this year than last, and twenty-two years and four months more labour performed.

The number of Missionaries in commission, May 1st, 1867, is seventy-two, viz:—

Ministers,	14
Licentiates,	7
Catechists,	6
Teachers, (males, 8; females, 37,)	45

Of these teachers, twenty-four are white, and twenty-one are coloured. Four of these are in self-sustaining schools, one serves without salary, and one coloured man, a licentiate, has served a year, supporting himself by his own labour.

III. MISSIONS AND SCHOOLS.

Stations occupied by Schools, since May 1, 1866,	37
Schools abandoned because affording no prospect for a Presb. ch.	5
Transferred to the care of other denominations who have planted churches,	6
Schools in operation May 1, 1867,	26
Pupils enrolled May 1, 1867,	2929
Average daily attendance,	2046
Number of Sunday-schools,	32
Number of Pupils,	2357
Night Schools,	20

Whole number of Churches under care of Committee,	36
Church Members,	2456
Baptisms, reported,	360
Marriages,	60
Money contributed by the Freedmen for the support of Schools and Churches, and for building the same,	\$3697.04
Number of Church buildings completed,	9
Number of Church buildings begun but not completed,	10
Number of Houseless Congregations,	17

These results, compared with those of last year, show a decided success, and enlargement of the work, upon the same actual outlay of money.

BIDDLE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE.

A special necessity developed in the past year, is a school for the training of the Catechists and Leaders referred to—a Seminary which, with God's blessing, might prepare for the work of the Church the large proportion of rough ability, that yields now a potent influence among them. To send these men to Lincoln University would cost far too much, as the mere transportation would support them a third of the year. The Presbytery of Catawba, therefore, appointed Rev. S. C. Alexander to establish a Theological class at Charlotte, N. C., with the expectation that the students gathered will be able to prosecute a course of study, while they exercise their gifts among the people. The Committee determined to follow up this suggestion, and by the generous donation of a lady in Philadelphia, the necessary buildings have been secured, and are now in the course of erection. This Seminary, in honour of the husband of the widowed donor, who gave his life for his country in the great rebellion, has been called **THE HENRY J. BIDDLE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE.**

It is expected to open this Institute for the training of Missionaries and Teachers, within the next two months. May the prayers of the Church follow it, and the Head of the Church make it a blessing to these perishing souls.

The Committee acknowledge the following donations received during the month:—

175 volumes Bibles and Testaments, from American Bible Society, valued at \$30 00. 3 boxes, from 1st Pres ch. Columbus, O., valued at \$292 75. 1 box, from Park Pres ch, Erie, Pa., valued at \$68 40. 1 box garden seeds, from Landreth & Son, Phila., for N. C., distributed by Mrs. W. L. Miller, valued at \$500.

RECEIPTS IN APRIL, 1867.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Schenectady ch	\$288 48
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Pine Creek ch 4; Concord ch 4	8 00
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Lebanon ch 31; Monroe ch 10	40 00
<i>Pby of Columbus</i> —First ch, Columbus, of which 80 is from Sab-sch,	123 58
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Scotch Grove ch, add'l,	1 00
<i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —New Lancaster ch	2 40
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Central Genesee ch	8 75
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —First ch, Monroe	5 00
<i>Pby of Kaskaskia</i> —Hillsboro' ch	17 30
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Wilkesbarre ch	184 00
<i>Pby of Lake</i> —South Bend ch 10; Sumptions Prairie ch 16 25	26 25
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Second ch, Springfield, add'l	17 17
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Millstone ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Missouri River</i> —Plattsmouth ch	12 00
<i>Pby of Marion</i> —Pisgah ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Greenwich ch	20 00
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Salem ch 16 66; Alliance ch 3	19 66
<i>Pby of New York</i> —First ch, N Y	1,357 60
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Sixth ch, Pittsburgh 320; Forest Grove ch 16 21	335 21
<i>Pby of Richland</i> —Ashland ch, add'l,	6 00
<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —Petersburg ch	48 50
<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Saltsburg ch 22 88; Plumville ch 7; Smixburg ch 5; Gilgal ch, special, 5; Mt Pleasant ch, special, 5; Marion ch, special, 5	49 88
<i>Pby of St Louis</i> —Bethlehem ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Vincennes</i> —Washington ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Upper Buffalo ch 23 05; West Alexander ch 10	33 05
<i>Pby of White Water</i> —Liberty ch	10 50
<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Senecaville ch 7; Beulah ch 16 25	23 25

MISCELLANEOUS.

James Boughton, Esq. Carlisle, N Y, 10; East "Springfield" 10; Mrs Henry J Biddle, Phila, Pa, special, 1,400; "A D" 10; W E Thomson 10; W S Meen, Watson Station, O, 5; Nancy B Hickman 5; Mary Vance, U S Hospital, D C, 5; "M," Indianapolis, Ind, 2; L G Reddie, Summit, Iowa, 5; J B, Shippensburg, Pa, 10; H S B, Columbus, N J, 2; "A Presbyterian" 5; J E Goddard, Yonkers, N Y, 4 50; J F Bergen, Virginia, Ill, 80; Rev J Dale, do, 20; "M M W" 2; Sallie B Lytle, Youghiogheny, Pa, 5; Mrs E C Platt, Virginia, Ill, 60, of which 10 is for the suffering *White and Black*; John Pitkin, Ashland, O, 5; John Graham, O, 1; Noah Evans, Hillsboro', O, 500; Mrs M Stinson, North's Mills, 1; "Some Fragments" 10

Received at Philadelphia.

<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Bedford ch	41 00
<i>Pby of Dane</i> —Rockville Ger ch 3 50; Hurricane Corners ch 1 50	5 00
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Slate Ridge ch	13 00
<i>Pby of Fairfield</i> —Shiloh ch	2 00
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Kennett Square ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Hackettstown ch	34 50
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Mt Freedom ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —West Arch St Sab-sch	14 00
<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Greenwich ch	47 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

C Gilbert Fowler, Newburg, N Y, 2 75; Rev W B Paris and wife, Henry, Ill, 5; Eliza E Townsend, Painted Post, N Y, 10; Miss R. per Rev M B Grier, 20; H H N, Fannettsburg, Pa, 8 50; Part of Jemmy Gordon's Missionary Box 25 cts; "Alms in Secret," California 5 51 40

Total receipts in April, \$5,011 13
A. CAMERON, Treasurer.

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Discouragements--Encouragements —Church Built.

Iowa.

We do not have as much of the evident favour of the Lord as we sometimes feel that we need, but we have more than we are worthy of—ininitely more. Blessed be the Lord, he does not reward us according to our iniquities: he does not withdraw his gracious presence altogether from us, though our unfaithfulness is great, and we are, indeed, “unprofitable servants.” I have often felt like repining at the view of so little success resulting from my labours, but when I am led rightly to consider the matter, my only surprise is that he should permit such a poor, wretched, sinful being as myself—a bundle of weaknesses and infirmities—to see any good springing from such labours. To him be all the praise for every spiritual benefit received individually, or by us imparted to those surrounding.

We added four to the church visible at our last communion. We trust that God has given to them a part in the inheritance of his saints. One of these was from a

Baptist Church, another from a Congregational, the third from a New School Presbyterian; and the fourth, received by confession, by education and conviction, a Baptist, also. Yet these all felt it to be a rich privilege to once again solemnly dedicate themselves to the service of the Lord Christ, and no obstacle to a harmonious union in church membership, and the outer communion of the saints, was thought to arise from these differences of belief.

A fruitful source of anxiety to the Western missionary, is the fluctuation in membership, growing out of the restless disposition of our Western population. At the East, permanency seems the rule; here, constant change is the order of the day. Everywhere the same restlessness prevails. You may have twenty, forty, sixty members this year; next year they may have half of them scattered over the country, from Minnesota, to Texas and Oregon. Good prospects of one year are overcast by clouds for another. A self-sustaining church may fall back on the Board's appropriations, or a mis-

sionary be compelled to ask an increase of stipend from the Board. Or, on the other hand, a weak church by opportune arrivals may become strong and thriving. In these changes our trust is in the Lord. If he guided us to these fields, we have no right to feel discouraged, when, in his providence, he removes from us our nominal strength. He will take care of his own Zion. I feel that to him I am accountable, and to him alone. Let me work patiently in his vineyard, through sunshine and storm, through summer and winter, wherever he may place me, and give me strength to labour, knowing, that in due time we shall reap if we faint not; and then we shall rest from our labours, and our works shall follow us. "*Après le travail, il y a repos.*"

I feel a responsibility to stand by the work that I have commenced; and never to allow a waste of the means of the various Boards that have been applied in the field. This in former years has been a strong tie to bind me where I have begun to work; and the Lord has blessed me in it. But you are not to suppose us discouraged here; far from it—our success has been beyond our expectation. We feel encouraged daily. Our beautiful church is completed, and will soon be paid for—a small amount now only due. We shall dedicate it in a few weeks.

Incidents in Missionary Life.

West Virginia.

My last quarter of the year is drawing to a close. Taking that beautiful verse of the Psalmist in a spiritual sense, I can say that the

Lord has crowned the year with goodness and his paths have dropped fatness. One year ago I came to visit the field, and found the wounds which war had made were still bleeding, and the minds of the people not yet turned from the strife, to the arts of peace. But God gave some measure of his Spirit, and men were soon found turning to the gospel of peace.

During the quarter two things have marked the progress of our beloved Zion. One was the last communion at — —, which occurred in March. We commenced our meetings on Tuesday evening, and the congregation increased until Sabbath, and although that was one of the most inclement days of the entire season, yet the house was crowded and twenty "stood up for Jesus."

Many more have since told me that they had thought of coming out on the Lord's side, had not the roads been so bad that they could not get out.

Some of the incidents may not be without interest to you. Four sisters (all the children of a worldly family save a son) came forward, the youngest, at the last moment, seemingly awakened by finding the other three happy in the hope of Christ. She came trembling, "Lord, if thou wilt?" seemed to be the language of her heart; and her eyes were streaming with tears, as she indulged a trembling hope, which grew brighter as every joyous minute of the glad day was passing. The son desires the church to pray for him. The mother will come forward at the next opportunity, and the father says he would come if he were

worthy, and says he may see his way clear to come when his wife comes. What a triumph of grace, if our hopes are realized and the "whole family" shall be found sitting at Jesus' feet and clothed in their right mind.

Another incident I can relate in fewer words. Forty years ago, a young man and young woman saw themselves to be sinners and in need of Christ. They were taught, while under these impressions, that to be converted they must be terribly distracted with spiritual agony for an indefinite period, and then be lifted suddenly out of the deepest darkness into the most effulgent light. Since God did not choose to convert them in this way, they did not long hold on the hope set before them, and have consequently been forty years seeking peace. They were prevailed upon to do their duty, and let God convert them in his own way, and now I believe the old lady is as happy a Christian as I ever saw.

A second thing marking progress, is a visit which I lately made to W——, fifteen miles west of this. I there reorganized the scattered remnants of an old church. In fact, they were not certain that they had ever been regularly organized. I found some dozen or more, and four or five were added upon profession of faith. I have since learned that twenty to thirty more are ready to unite with us by letter and profession; and I go there (D. V.,) the first Sabbath of June, to dispense the sacrament and preach a few days for them. It is an important point, and should not be neglected.

In summing up the results of the

year, I find that over sixty have been added to the church; a new house of worship has been built at F—— C——, and dedicated without a dollar of debt; and the little handful here at B——, eighteen, has been increased to thirty-six.

Can you secure for two of my churches each and hold subject to my order, a good pulpit hymn-book, or send by colporteur on this field? It is with self-denial that our people are taking up collections for every Board, and these presents would encourage them.

Every man's beneficence should be proportionate to what he can spare by self-denial. What is self-denial? Is it to give liberally of our income, yet withholding for ourselves the whole of the vested wealth from which it is derived? Is it to make large donations to the destitute and miserable, retaining enough to live according to the fashion of this world, in luxury and splendour? Is it to cut off the extravagances and superfluities of life, reserving for ourselves all its conveniences and comforts? Is it not something more than this? Look at the spirit of devotion signaling the conduct of some Christian philanthropists, of Mrs. Fry, of Sarah Martin, and of Howard, "the habitual passion of whose mind was a measure of feeling almost equal to the temporary extremes and paroxysms of common minds. Look at the self-sacrificing spirit of not a few modern missionaries—of a Harriet Newell, a Mrs. Judson—of a Swartz, a Cary, and a Morrison—of a Dober, and a Leopold, who, that they might tell the poor negroes of a Saviour's love, offered

to sell themselves into slavery, if no other means could be found of access to them. Look at the patriarchs—Abraham offering up his son, his only son, at the command of the Lord.

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS
IN MAY, 1867.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Albany 2d ch, add'l 10; Saratoga Springs ch 23 77. *Pby of Troy*—Lansingburg ch 50 88 77

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Erie*—Washington ch 10; Gravel Run ch 10 20 00

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Mount Paran ch 10; Madison St ch 3 25. *Pby of Carle*—Dickinson ch 26; Lower Path Valley ch 26; Burnt Cabins ch 10; Rocky Spring and St Thomas ch 32 50, of which estate of Matthew Paton, dec'd, 10; Lower Marsh Creek ch 32. *Pby of Potomac*—Youths' Missy Ass'n of 7th St ch, Washington, D C, 30 169 75

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Buffalo City*—Central ch, Buffalo, 55. *Pby of Genesee River*—Sparta 1st ch 10 65 00

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Chicago*—Earlville ch 10. *Pby of Rock River*—Zion ch, 6 30; Galena Ger ch 17 95, of which Ladies' Soc'y 4 34 25

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Cincinnati*—Montgomery ch 19 25. *Pby of Oxford*—Harrison ch 3 50; Hamilton ch 35 13 57 88

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Salina*—Presbyterial coll'n 19 20. *Pby of Sangamon*—Second ch, Jacksonville, 15; Tacausa ch 6 40 21

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of New Albany*—New Phila ch 9 75. *Pby of Vincennes*—Washington ch 11. *Pby of White Water*—Liberty ch 17 50; Richmond 1st ch 55 93 25

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—Davenport ch 37; Sugar Creek ch 6 35. *Pby of Dubuque*—Wayne ch 4; Grove Hill ch 2 25; Prairie ch 3 50 53 10

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Leavenworth*—Le-compton ch 6. *Pby of Topeka*—Pleasant Hill ch 3 9 00

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of West Lexington*—Lexington 2d ch, from D A Sayre, Esq, 50 00

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Potosi*—Ironton ch 9 70. *Pby of St Louis*—Nazareth ch 7 50; Chalmers St ch, St Louis, Sab-seh 7. *Pby of S W Missouri*—Ebenezer ch 12 40; Mt Vernon ch 16 25 52 85

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Burlington*—Plumstead ch 7 60. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—Baskingridge ch, Franklin Sab-seh, 8 25; Mount Vernon ch 35; Rahway 2d ch Sab-seh 21 70. *Pby of Luzerne*—Wilkesbarre ch 230; Wyoming ch 25. *Pby of New Brunswick*—New Brunswick 2d ch, proceeds of Lottie Montour's fair 24. *Pby of Newton*—Upper Mount Bethel ch 11 75; Asbury ch 25. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Elkland ch 2. *Pby of West Jersey*—Bridgeton 2d ch 32 70; Salem ch 37 38 510 38

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—“E F M” 37 50; Port Chester ch 5. *Pby of Long Island*—Selauket and Port Jefferson chs 10 90. *Pby of Nassau*—Foster's Meadow ch 3 58. *Pby of New York*—15th St ch 30; Alexander ch 4. *Pby of North River*—New Hamburg ch 24 61 115 50

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Crawfordsville*—Eugene ch 5. *Pby of Fort Wayne*—Pierceton ch 9. *Pby of Logansport*—Rensselaer ch, add'l, 1 15 00

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Marion*—Pisgah ch, 5. *Pby of Wooster*—Canal Fulton ch 6. *Pby of Zanesville*—Muskingum ch 24 50 35 80

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of Oregon*—Ashland Mission Sta 12 00

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Lancaster ch Sab-seh 33 74; Middle Octorora ch 44. *Pby of Huntingdon*—Saxton ch 10; Mount Union ch 7 25; “Anonymous” 5. *Pby of New Castle*—Coatesville ch 40; Wilmington 1st ch 32 38. *Pby of Northumberland*—Washingtonville ch 20. *Pby of Philadelphia*—Ridley ch 4. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Easton 1st ch 60 256 37

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—Blairsville ch Sab-seh 41 35; Ligonier ch 17 05. *Pby of Clarion*—Richardsville ch add'l 1. *Pby of Ohio*—Fairview ch 6; Sixth ch Pittsburgh 37 21. *Pby of Saltburgh*—Pine Run ch 4 135 61

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of St Paul*—St Paul Central ch 19 23. Hudson 1st ch Sab-seh 2 25 21 48

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Findlay*—Highland ch 6; Blue Creek ch 3. 9 00

SYNOD OF S. IOWA.—*Pby of Fairfield*—Shiloh ch 8; Salina ch 2 7 00

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Yellow Creek ch 50; Hubbard ch 10; Coitaville ch 5; East Palestine ch 10. *Pby of Steubenville*—Carrollton ch 20; Hanna Fund of Centre Unity ch 60; Annapolis ch 16 50. *Pby of Washington*—Lower Ten Mile ch 19; West Union ch 10; 1st ch Wheeling 28 228 50

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Madison ch 50. *Pby of Milwaukee*—Delafield ch 3 48; Ottawa ch 2 64. *Pby of Winnebago*—Rev P Roser 3 59 12

Total Receipts from churches \$2,139 60

MISCELLANEOUS.—“J M,” Cumberland Co, Pa, 2; Phila Soc'y of Nassau Hall, Princeton, N J, 35 50; “H E S,” 2 50; Miss Field, Phila, 10; Mrs. Isabella G Janeway, 5; Rev J H Jones, D D, Phila, 20; R D, 100; Santa Fe ch, New Mexico, 60; “A Friend to Missions” 10; “Cash” 7; S B Green, Esq, Lawrenceville, N J, 60; Interest 113 20; Mrs Maria McElhinny, Hunterstown, Pa, 5; Mrs E E Townsend, Painted Post, N Y, 5, “A Friend” 10; “Granite State” 2 50 447 70

LEGACIES.—Legacy of David McConaghy, dec'd, late of Washington, Penna, 311 50; estate of John Means, dec'd, late of Allegheny Co, Pa, 1,495 79 1,808 29

Total Receipts in May, \$4,395 59
S. D. POWEL, Treasurer,
No. 907 Arch street, Philadelphia.

CLOTHING.

1 box from ladies of Woodland ch, Philada, valued at 200 00
1 box from ladies of 2d ch, Philadelphia, valued at 134 20
6 boxes from ladies of Central ch, Philadelphia, valued at 2,102 30
1 box from ladies of Columbia ch, Pa, valued at 300 00
1 box from ladies of N Y av ch, Washington, D C, valued at 134 40
\$2,871 08

NOTE.—Collection of \$60 acknowledged in March receipts as “from 1st ch, Dayton, Ohio,” should have been “from 1st ch, Miami City.”

MISSION HOUSE.

No. 907 ARCH STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

Corresponding Secretary.—REV. T. L. JANEWAY, D. D.
Treasurer.—SAMUEL D. POWEL.

LETTERS relating to Missionary Appointments and other operations of the Board, should be addressed to the Corresponding Secretary, No. 907 Arch street, Philadelphia. Letters relating to the pecuniary affairs of the Board, or containing remittances of money, should be sent to S. D. POWEL, Esq., Treasurer—same address.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTIFUL, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW: PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem :
They shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls.
And prosperity within thy palaces.
For my brethren and companions' sakes,
I will now say, Peace be within thee.
Because of the house of the LORD our God.
I will seek thy good. Psalm cxlil.

A Half Century of the Work of Education.

The Annual Report just presented by the Board of Education to the General Assembly is one of the most cheering documents ever given to the church. One important object of it has been to review the work of Education from the establishment of the Board in 1819, and to classify the results, in a number of important particulars, some of which we may here state, with the remark that (besides those to be distributed to each minister and church session, as soon as it shall be published) a copy of the report will be sent gratuitously to any person who will request it (enclosing a stamp to pre-pay the postage).

Amount of time saved to the Church.

The registers of candidates for the whole period have been revised, and where any occasional mistake appeared it has been corrected. The number of candidates from the beginning till January 1, 1867, was 3,416. The number of years of study for which the Board has made appropriations has been about *sixteen thousand*. As this time has thus been redeemed for study, it may be considered as added to the period of their subsequent labours. This sum is so great that it is hard to be realized. It is thirty times the term of the lives of the twelve apostles after the day of Pentecost. It is equal to the continuous existence of nine of the men commissioned by the apostle John from his death until now. It is as much as the aggregate labours of all the living ministry of our Church for seven years.

Tabl- of distribution of Candidates.

The entire roll of candidates from January, 1819, till December, 1866, embracing 3,370 names has been classified according to the Synods and Presbyteries

from which they came. Thus each Presbytery can see at a glance very nearly what it has done within the half century for the Master's work in this department. The reflections this will arouse will, in some cases, be those of gratitude; in too many, those of regret and humiliation. This important table will afford texts for comments in a variety of ways.

Summary of Failures to enter the Ministry.

It has been a matter of very great interest, in regard to Presbyterian Education, to ascertain the exact efficiency of our church system. The result is most gratifying. It is thus given in the Report: "We go back a quarter of a century. This is a length of time sufficient to test the efficiency of the present system: and before that it had not been fully perfected, but operated through branches and auxiliaries to such an extent as to make its statements incomplete. From 1842 till the beginning of the present year, we find the names of 2458 candidates who had been under the care of the church. Of these, there were dropped on account of manifest incapacity, 21; for defects in doctrine, or improprieties in conduct, 17; for engaging in secular employments, 45; total, 83. There died, or were compelled by ill health to abandon study, 26. Of 26 persons out of the whole number of candidates we find no record that they completed their studies; but as so many circumstances would prevent the reports being given, these cannot be counted in any way. It is evident then that we have the testimony, in these careful records, of but 83 persons, during their course of study, failing to accomplish the designs entrusted to the Board, in any such way as to afford grounds for objection to this system of education; that is *three and one third per cent*. It may be questioned whether so small a proportion of failure can be attributed to any other organization of a church; to any other board, or association, or to the fruits of the labours of the pulpit, in any denomination of the church."

Number of its Candidates now upon the Roll of the Church.

"The nature of the Board of Education must necessarily preclude that publicity as to good accomplished, which it is the

duty of other Boards to grant as to the particulars of their work, and which is also a chief source of their strength. Hence it has often had silently to bear reproach rather than exhibit names, and display fruits. But it can show aggregates of good such as may well fill the souls of the church with gratitude for what it has been enabled through this instrumentality to accomplish. For instance, if we compare the names of the entire ministry of the church, as contained in the last Minutes of the Assembly, with those enrolled in the register of the candidates aided by the church through the Board of Education, we find in the latter 1,058 out of 2,294, which is not far from the one-half."

Number in the Home Field of Missions.

"If a certificate of the usefulness of these fathers and brethren is needed, we find it in a thorough examination of the lists of those performing the missionary work, and going forth in the self-denying apostolic enterprises of the church. Out of 539 men last year commissioned by the Board of Domestic Missions, 305 are on our records; so that while the number of the ministers aided by the church is somewhat *less* than one-half of the whole, the number of them doing the most difficult and most important work is considerably *more* than one-half so engaged."

Number in the Foreign Field.

"If we survey the foreign field, the testimony is still most honourable. Of 67 missionaries now labouring to plant the gospel in heathen lands, 34 received assistance from the tender providence of the church for their education. 'The Board of Education (said a Secretary of the Foreign Board some time since) is the right arm of foreign missions.' There are some of the stations abroad entirely manned by those whom we find mentioned in our roll. There are those who have been, or are now, faithful and successful preachers, or able translators, or martyrs for the testimony of Jesus, whose names will shine while the church stands. Even the memorable bloody parade-ground of Cawnpore was not without a witness as honourable for our church system of education as it was for our system of foreign missions."

Eminent usefulness of Many Others.

"It would scarce add to such testimony were we to point further to moderators of the General Assembly, and secretaries of different Boards, and professors of theology and of various departments in our colleges, and to presidents of such institutions, and to able editors of papers,

and to numerous pastors occupying the most important pulpits in the land, and some of them possessing a European reputation, through their efforts for the kingdom of Christ upon that continent."

Let us bless God, and go forward.

"Surely the church has had reason to bless God for the vast amount of good accomplished by this primary Board. When we survey the list of noble and honoured names in its books, the appalling thought comes over us, what if these benefactions had been withheld?—what if these men had been compelled to turn to other employments than that of building up the cause of righteousness?—what if all these immense, and diversified, and most vitally necessary, labours had not been given to our own beloved Zion?—what if they had been lost to all the best interests of our country?—what if they had never poured their blessings on distant lands? Let us thank God that he has guided, and sustained, and blessed us thus far, and go forward to new and more prayerful, zealous, and unremitting efforts in behalf of this fundamental department of the church."

Blessings of the Year Past.

In some remarks addressed, by invitation, to the General Assembly, the Secretary, Dr. Speer, said, that there are three great grounds of encouragement in the work of Education from the history of the past year.

1. God has wonderfully poured His Holy Spirit upon our young people; in many cases with a power unparalleled in the previous history of the churches in large districts of the country. How momentous the charge laid upon pastors, churches, and pious parents, to train them aright as disciples, especially in the points of the consecration of life and of property to the service of God.

2. The extraordinary missionary spirit that has been infused from on high into the breasts of many of the students for the ministry of the gospel. At Princeton Theological Seminary it has been rather more remarkable than elsewhere. There never has been seen there anything equal to it. Now will the Church do its duty? Shall these devoted men be supported in their consecration of themselves to the missionary work abroad and at home? Let every pastor remember that if these men are checked in their apostolic purposes, for want of money in the treasuries of the Board of Missions to send them forth, "The wrath of the Lamb" who made stone-

ment for souls will be upon them in "the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God." The people cannot be expected to give unless their pastors instruct and guide them in their duty.

3. The healthier condition of the treasury of the Board of Education, in the increase of contributions from the smaller and poorer congregations of the land. But, notwithstanding, the pecuniary depression of the country, and the extraordinarily unfavourable season of the year, according to the statements made in letters from many parts of the church, have made our receipts unusually small. They are \$5,031 less than last year. And at the same time the appropriations demanded for the ministerial fund has been \$2,657 greater, and the schools, &c. have required nearly \$1,000 more than last year, so that we are really *more than seven thousand dollars* behind hand at this time. We feel this especially in the department of Schools and Colleges, and ask that immediate help be given.

A Helping Hand to Coloured Candidates.

The present efforts of the Church to gather the scattered sheep of the coloured congregations of the South, and provide for them shepherds, meet with a cordial recognition in the permission given by the last Assembly to the Board of Education to relax for a time one of its rules. The resolution is as follows:

"In view of the extraordinary necessities of the coloured congregations in the South, and to afford aid to a number of pious, sensible, and experienced men, selected by our Presbyteries with a view of training them for preachers of the gospel, the Board of Education is permitted, at its discretion, in their case, temporarily to relax the rule (§ I, Art. 6,) requiring that no person shall be received by the Board unless he shall 'have spent at least three months in the study of the Latin language.'"

The object of this is to reach a class of persons somewhat beyond the range of the Committee on Freedmen, that is, men selected to aid white or coloured evangelists in collecting and giving shape to the forming churches, and who shall be trained to become their pastors. We do this from a sense of duty to the coloured race, and believe the Church will not fail in supplying us with the funds needed.

Schools for Foreign Populations.

The important work to be done for the children of the foreign populations

of our country, or rather, for the children of those speaking other tongues than the English, and therefore, unprofited comparatively by our popular systems of education, is urged upon the churches in the following resolution of the Assembly; "That the missionary work of the Board, in the way of parochial and other schools for the benefit of our foreign population which cannot be reached by our ministers, be vigorously prosecuted; and especially would the Assembly recommend to the patronage of our churches the German Theological School of the Rev. Prof. Van Vleit, of Dubuque, as a much needed agency for the training of a German speaking ministry for this rapidly increasing class of our population."

The Annual Report says in relation to this subject: "The subject is one of momentous interest to us as citizens of a free land, which is yet under the control of Christians and Protestants of the Anglo-Saxon race. People in the older States can scarcely imagine the condition of society in some parts of the country where the popish ignorance and bigotry of many, and the ill-restrained hostility of others to scriptural sentiments as to temperance, and chastity, and Sabbath rest, and the future punishment of the wicked, give the prevailing tone to public feeling. The Board will gladly aid brethren who commence schools for the instruction of their youth, which may be truly Christian in their character, and tend to raise up evangelists to preach to these millions the way of life. The inquiry has been made whether the Board cannot engage more actively in this work? We reply that we cannot see how this is possible in consistency with its controlling purpose—to raise up ministers. It cannot send out agents, of whom many would be required even to begin a general educational work. It cannot supply books. It cannot purchase property. It cannot even give permanent salaries to teachers. Nor is it, or can it be, or does it desire to be, in any sense *episcopal* in its functions. This most important work, if done at all, for the benefit of the Presbyterian Church and the glory of God, must be performed by pastors, church sessions, zealous laymen, perhaps teachers, whose souls glow with Christian sorrow and pity for these unbelieving and unenlightened races. To them we earnestly point it out. And we offer them, with our deepest sympathies, and most fervent prayers, the offer of the measure of pecuniary aid which the Church authorizes us to grant; enough sufficiently to supplement a salary for such a teacher as they need."

A Reminder to Non-Contributing Presbyteries.

It would seem strange that, universal as is the observance of the day of prayer for youth and schools, there should be many meetings held at which, after the fervour of supplication should pass, no substantial residuum should be obtained for the advancement of the cause prayed for. Yet such is truly the case. Hundreds of such prayer-meetings assemble and disperse at which the whole interest evaporates in supplications to God, without leaving one solitary shining grain of "works" in the collection-box, to prove that their "faith" is genuine, and that their prayers are sincere. To meet that kind of inoperative religion, the General Assembly has laid upon the Board the following injunction: "That the Board be instructed to withhold appropriations, except in extraordinary cases, to schools, and academies, in those Presbyteries, none of whose congregations have contributed to the funds of this Board." It is a rule that certainly does not seem to be a hard one, inasmuch as it includes a whole presbytery in the requisition that *something* shall have been done to assist the Board to meet the calls which so many of the Presbyteries make for help to schools and academies within their bounds. Will it be believed when we say that usually but about *one* presbytery in *ten*, and *one* synod in *five* remembers, in *any* of its churches, the collection in money for the School Fund that should follow the prayers of the last Thursday of February!

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN MAY, 1867.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pky of Albany</i> —Little Falls ch	\$25 50
<i>Pky of Allegheny</i> —Concord ch 10; North Butler ch 2; Freeport ch 28 93; Spring Hill Furnace ch 5	43 95
<i>Pky of Bloomington</i> —Heyworth ch	10 00
<i>Pky of Blairsville</i> —Beulah ch	18 30
<i>Pky of Burlington</i> —Burlington ch	59 49
<i>Pky of Carlisle</i> —Dickinson ch	11 25
<i>Pky of Cedar</i> —Davenport ch 18; Cedar Valley ch 1 60	14 60
<i>Pky of Chillisno</i> —Greenfield ch 11; 1st ch Chillicothe 63 30; Concord ch 15; French Creek ch 10; Rocky Spring ch 8 50	102 80
<i>Pky of Chippewa</i> —Caledonia ch 8 50; North Bend ch 6 70	15 20
<i>Pky of Cincinnati</i> —Walnut Hill ch 31 50; Loveland ch 11; Springdale ch 57 05; Bethel ch 4 53	104 08
<i>Pky of Columbus</i> —Lancaster ch	24 50
<i>Pky of Connecticut</i> —Croton Falls ch	6 60
<i>Pky of Des Moines</i> —Corydon ch	1 00
<i>Pky of Donegal</i> —Slateville ch	24 00
<i>Pky of Elizabethtown</i> —First ch Elizabeth 171 90; Mt Vernon ch 20	191 90
<i>Pky of Erie</i> —Washington ch 4; Gravel Run ch 4	8 00
<i>Pky of Fairfield</i> —Fairfield ch	8 00

<i>Pky of Genesee River</i> —First ch Bath 12 01; Sparta 1st ch 6	18 01
<i>Pky of Huntington</i> —Academia ch 114 25; Mifflintown ch 55 95; Huntington ch 82 85 252 15	8 51
<i>Pky of Hudson</i> —Hopewell ch	5 00
<i>Pky of Iowa</i> —Rural Grove ch	3 00
<i>Pky of Leavenworth</i> —Sandy Creek ch 1; Leocompton ch 2	12 00
<i>Pky of Loganport</i> —Frankfort ch	10 84
<i>Pky of Long Island</i> —Setauket and Port Jackson chs	4 00
<i>Pky of Marion</i> —Pisgah ch	16 00
<i>Pky of Newton</i> —Ashbury ch	456 07
<i>Pky of New York</i> —University Place ch 441 54; Yorkville ch 14 53	40 00
<i>Pky of New Brunswick</i> —From S B Green	11 30
<i>Pky of New Lisbon</i> —Yellow Creek ch	73 90
<i>Pky of Northumberland</i> —Lewisburg ch	19 60
<i>Pky of North River</i> —New Hamburg ch 19 60; Bethlehem ch 63 20, of which for this fund 43 20	62 80
<i>Pky of Ohio</i> —Pittsburgh 1st ch	451 60
<i>Pky of Passaic</i> —Westminster ch, of Elizabeth.	97 51
<i>Pky of Peoria</i> —Mason City ch	2 35
<i>Pky of Philadelphia Central</i> —Second ch Phila. Mrs Field. 10; Central ch Phila 160	170 00
<i>Pky of Redstone</i> —Rehoboth ch 27 10; Laurel Hill ch 20 12	47 22
<i>Pky of Richland</i> —Utica ch 6 68; Lexington ch 10	16 68
<i>Pky of Rock River</i> —Ger ch Forestown 6 60; Galena Ger ch 8 20	14 80
<i>Pky of Susquehanna</i> —Barclay ch 5; Elkland ch 2	7 00
<i>Pky of Saltzburg</i> —Bethel and Jacksonville ch	20 00
<i>Pky of Saline</i> —Shawneetown ch	9 80
<i>Pky of Sangamon</i> —First ch Springfield	118 23
<i>Pky of Sidney</i> —Piqua 1st ch 35; Cherokee ch 5;	40 00
<i>Pky of St Paul</i> —Andrew ch of St Anthony 39 20; Central ch St Paul 33 50	72 70
<i>Pky of Steubenville</i> —Carrolton ch 5; Two Ridges ch 66	71 00
<i>Pky of Troy</i> —First ch Lansingburg	16 00
<i>Pky of Topeka</i> —Pleasant Hill ch	1 25
<i>Pky of Vincennes</i> —Vincennes ch 20; Washington ch 7; 2d ch, Vincennes, 21 10	48 10
<i>Pky of White Water</i> —First ch, Richmond,	9 00
<i>Pky of Washington</i> —Fairview ch 5 30; Upper Ten Mile ch 6 50; Pigeon Creek ch 16	27 80
<i>Pky of West Jersey</i> —Second ch, Bridgeton, 17 36; Pitt's Grove ch, of which 5 from Rev E P Shields. : 2 20	49 56
<i>Pky of Wooster</i> —Chester ch 4 65; East Hope-well and Nashville chs 25; Shreve ch 1; Canal Fulton ch 7 83	38 48
<i>Pky of Zanesville</i> —Salem Ger ch	8 20

\$2,974 93

LEGACIES.

Estate of Rev D McConaughy, D.D., 312 36, less exchange 86 = 311 50; Estate of John Means, late of Lebanon ch, Allegheny Co, Pa, 6,100 02, (to be invested, and interest used) interest 62 44

6,473 96

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev J N Drake, Union City, Ind. 5; E E Townsend, Painted Post, N Y, 5; A Friend, N Y 10

20 00

\$9,468 89

II. FUND FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, &C.

<i>Pky of Baltimore</i> —First ch, Baltimore	\$501 03
<i>Pky of Nassau</i> —Second ch, Brooklyn	25 00
<i>Pky of North River</i> —Bethlehem ch	20 00
<i>Pky of Susque</i> —Second ch, Elizabeth	101 20
<i>Pky of Troy</i> —Second St ch, Troy	76 76

\$723 99

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev J W Scott, M.D., Lexington, Ky, subscrip-tion 250, interest 8 75, (special)

258 75

\$962 74

Total amount acknowledged, \$10,451 63

WILLIAM MAIN, Treasurer.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Recent Intelligence.

MISSION HOUSE, NEW YORK, }
June 13th, 1867. }

THE LETTERS received, of latest dates are from,—

Chippewa Mission, May 31st;
Omaha, May 6th;
Creek, May 20th;
Seminole, May 13th;
San Francisco, April 29th;
Yokohama, March 16th;
Peking, March 11th;
Tungchow, February 5th;
Ningpo, March 21st
Canton, April 13th;
Petchaburi, February 21st;
Allahabad, April 23d;
Futtehgurh, April 21st;
Mynpurie, April 26th;
Dehra, April 4th; 1
Lodiana, April 3d;
Lahor, April 20th;
Monrovia, April 13th;
Corisco, April 18th;
Rio de Janeiro, April 26th;
Sao Paulo, April 18th;
Baranquilla, May 24th.

NOTICES OF MISSIONARIES.—The Rev. J. L. Scott writes from Serampore on the 23d of March, that he and his family expected to sail from Calcutta, April 3d, for England—on their return to this country. The Rev. R. Thackwell and his family, of the Lodiana Mission, have reached England, Mr. Thackwell's health being somewhat benefited by the voyage. His address is Merthyr, South Wales. The Rev. J. Owen, D.D. was married at Allahabad, on the 23d of April, to Mary Jane, daughter of the late D. C. Bell, Esq. Dr. J. G. Kerr and his family, of the Canton Mission, were in Ceylon, April 16th, on their way to London. Mrs. Kerr's health, we regret to learn, in Dr. Kerr's judgment, required this journey for such medical treatment as could not be obtained in China. Mrs. French of the Canton Mission, was married in the latter part of March to Dr. V. D. Collins, an American gentleman who has been living at Hong Kong. The Rev. A. P. Happer, D.D. expected to leave Canton May 15th, on his return

to this country via California, hoping to arrive here by the 20th of July. The Rev. T. F. Wallace was at Baranquilla, on his return to Bogota, after seeing his family embark for this country; their arrival was reported last month. The unhappy political troubles of the country may delay Mr. Wallace's journey to Bogota.

ADDED TO THE CHURCH.—The Rev. S. Dodd, under date of February 4th at Ningpo, mentions the admission of six members to the church at Yuyiao, six at San-poh, and one at Ningpo, persons of adult years, who were received by baptism. The Rev. A. L. Blackford reports the admission of another member to the church at Brotas: several applicants for admission were deferred. Mr. Blackford's letter gives interesting information concerning the missionary work in Brazil; extracts will be given in the *Foreign Missionary* of this month. The Rev. J. R. Ramsay, of the Seminole Mission, May 18th, says, "Two weeks ago seven persons were received into our church and baptized; one of them was a poor widow, whose two little children were also baptized. On yesterday, five more were received. One of them was one of our old members at Oak Ridge, but was sick and not present when we re-organized the church in February." Another was a former pupil in the mission school, a young man of much promise, for whose conversion his excellent mother has been offering many earnest prayers.

INQUIRERS.—Some of the letters acknowledged above speak of persons who are seriously inquiring what they must do to be saved. The Rev. S. H. Kellogg refers to a man and his wife of this class, who had come to Futtehgurh from a distance of sixty miles; they had met the missionary at one of the melas or fairs. The Rev. J. M. Alexander mentions another, a Mohammedan, as under instruc-

tion at Allahabad, who would be admitted to the church at the next communion.

"DIED IN HOPE."—The Rev. W. A. P. Martin, D.D., reports the peaceful death of two aged members of the church at Peking; see his letter in another column.

THE HARDWAR MELA, in Upper India, was attended this year by about two millions of people. Twenty missionaries and assistant native missionaries, of different denominations, but most of them connected with the Lodiana Mission, were in attendance, and enjoyed excellent opportunities of preaching the gospel. The Rev. J. S. Woodside, who mentions these and other particulars in a letter of April 22d, says that he never saw before among the attendants at this mela "so much intelligence on the subject of the gospel."

THE SERIOUS ILLNESS of two native ministers in India is referred to in these letters—the Rev. Messrs. Maitra and Ishwari Das. The former was reported at the latest date as better; the recovery of the latter, we much regret to learn, is not expected. Mr. Kellogg says of him, "He is dying in peace unspeakable; 'not one cloud,' he says; calm and collected as ever. Such a death-bed is a comfort to a missionary; especially would it be to that brother who first took him in, a poor, orphan, outcast."

NEW MISSIONARIES UNDER APPOINTMENT.—Providence permitting, we hope that four new men will go out to India, one, or perhaps two, to China, one to Japan, one to Brazil, and one to Corisco, in the course of a few months—some of them in August probably.

General Estimation of Expenses, for the year 1867-8.

The Executive Committee call once a year for an estimate, in detail, of the expenses of each mission. The brethren make out these estimates with much care. The estimates are brought together and examined at the Mission House, and a

General Estimate of Expenses for the year is prepared. This estimate for the coming year received the earnest consideration of the Committee at a recent meeting. We may say in a few words, that to carry on the missions on the same basis as heretofore, to pay off the debt of last year, and to send out several new missionaries who are under appointment, will require, as nearly as can be judged, the sum of \$284,862, in our currency.

Whence and how can these funds be obtained? The usual amount may be expected from the Bible and Tract Societies; a less amount probably than heretofore from Indian school funds; about the same, we may hope, from the kindness of friends in the missionary countries; and from the bequests of departed friends, a portion of our receipts will continue to come, but of course no estimate of the amount can be made, nor is it safe to rely upon this source of supply. The main reliance must always be on the gifts of our Christian people,—the regular collections made in our churches and Sabbath-schools, and the donations sent in by individual donors. These, we trust, will be found sufficient. We are sure that they will be sufficient if only the minds of our people can be turned to the subject, and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ still influence them in regard to this cause.

Two practical suggestions were made in the Committee, when this subject was under consideration. One was, that as an increased income is necessary to carry on this cause, the churches should be requested to increase the amount of their collections, to the extent in all practicable cases of one-fourth over the sum given last year. It was supposed that some of the churches, and certainly some of the members, could not well make such increased offerings; but it was believed that others could readily make this increase, and in many cases much more than this could be given, so as to supplement the deficiency on the part of others. We earnestly commend this suggestion to the attention of our minis-

ters and elders. It was made in the Committee by one of our pastors, whose own church nobly supports all the Boards, and we trust it will meet with favour.

The other was, that the non-contributing churches should, if possible, be induced to aid this cause. Last year 1084 churches on the roll of the General Assembly gave nothing to the treasury of the Board. This is a smaller number than was previously reported, which is encouraging. In some cases, these churches may have but a nominal existence; in other cases, owing to causes which need not be specified, no collections are likely to be made; but there must be several hundred churches—probably seven or eight hundred, that might reasonably be expected to help their Christian brethren to send the gospel to the heathen. Can their help and sympathy be secured? An average gift of two cents a week from each of their members would probably add \$70,000 to the receipts of the mission treasury this year. The same amount from the communicants in all our churches would make the sum of nearly \$250,000. Of course, no particular amount should be prescribed for any church member's gift; as the Lord has prospered him is the divine standard; but the large amount which results from many small gifts is a reason for desiring the co-operation of all the members of our congregations and Sabbath-schools. Now to obtain this, our reliance must be mainly on pastors and superintendants, on church sessions, and Presbyteries. We would respectfully request the attention of the Presbyteries to this matter of obtaining the gifts of the non-contributing churches. By comparing the list of contributing churches, which is published in the Appendix to the Annual Report of the Board, with the list of churches contained in the Minutes of the General Assembly, it can be ascertained in each Presbytery what churches were non-contributing last year. Let kind and Christian influences be thrown around these churches. This cause

needs their prayers and sympathy, and we trust it does enjoy both; but it also needs their pecuniary assistance.

Whosoever helps it, and whosoever withholds his help, this cause will surely go on, because it is our Lord's cause. It is going on; and our missionary reports each month show clearly that the blessing of God is resting upon it.

"Two Ripe Sheaves Gathered."

The Rev. W. A. P. Martin, D.D., writes as follows from Peking, China, under date of February 7th.

Since I last wrote you, two ripe sheaves from our little corner of the great field have been gathered into the heavenly storehouse. The first taken was an old Mandarin of seventy-three years. He possessed a vigorous and cultivated intellect; and for more than a year previous to his baptism was in the habit of visiting my house for the purpose of conversing on geography, astronomy, and other subjects suited to interest an inquiring mind. Amongst these was the "one thing needful," and the conviction of the truth of Christianity gradually fastened itself on his mind, so that he one day exclaimed, "It is all true—I would become a Christian if I were not so old." He was told of the gracious Master who gave a bounteous recompense to those who entered his vineyard at the eleventh hour, and he hesitated no longer. His short day of service is now done; and he has gone to receive that reward, which is not of works but of grace.

The other was younger in years—about three-score; but older as a disciple, the first fruit of our mission. The last son of a respectable and once powerful family, he was poor and desolate. As soon as he became an inquirer, I employed him as sexton or keeper of one of my chapels, at a stipend of about three dollars per month. Subsequently he seems to have learned from an inward experience that it is better to be a door-keeper in the house of God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. He has often shed tears of gratitude when speaking of the love and mercy of his God and Saviour; and in his last illness he furnished a beautiful example of a childlike faith. No shade of doubt crossed his mind; even when encouraged with hopes of recovery, he expressed a perfect willingness to depart and be with Christ,

Only an hour or two before he expired when asked, "how he would like to commence the year (the Chinese new year) in heaven," he replied, "*lo ke*—joy unutterable," so saying he fell asleep, and to him the new year was the dawn of eternity. Already his simple faith has been the theme of more than one discourse, by more than one preacher.

Both of these old men, and also a younger man whose decease was mentioned in my annual report, were Manchu Tartars.

The little chapel, the completion of which I announced in my last, has now been in use for just one month. Its capacity, and the disposition of the people, have been tested, and both with the most satisfactory results. It is opened three times a week, and each time about a hundred people have the opportunity of hearing the gospel. They are quiet and orderly, but not inquisitive or intelligent. Two things invest this little church with more than usual interest, viz., its conspicuous location near one of the principal gates, and the fact that it is the only place of Protestant worship in a foreign style of architecture. I will send you a drawing of it, if I can get one made in time for the mail.

Communion Service at Canton.

Converts Received.

The Rev. A P. Happer, D. D., writes from Canton as follows, his letter being dated January 25th, 1867.

On the 20th inst. was our regular quarterly communion service. It was our privilege to receive three persons into the communion of this church on profession of their faith in Jesus as the only Saviour of sinners. It was my privilege to administer to them the ordinance of baptism. One of them was an old man of sixty years. This man has been, during the past year, the teacher of one of the day-schools in the country. He has been an applicant for the privileges of the church for nine months. He heard the gospel through the assistant, with whom he has been acquainted for more than two years. The school where he taught was one built for the use of the mission school, and rented to us for ten years. In it there is provision made for the accommodation of the native assistant and colporteur, when out visiting the schools and villages. He has enjoyed the benefit of their conversation at night, during the year, as they have sojourned with him.

I rejoice in him as the first fruits of the village schools. One other teacher professes to be an inquirer after the truth. He says he reads the sacred Scriptures and prays daily. May the Spirit of God lead him to a true and saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus.

The other two were pupils of Mrs. Happer's boarding school for girls. In remaining in China it was to finish up some of her work, as well as my own. With such aid as I could get I continued on the girls, who were in the school at the time of her lamented death. Several of them had nearly completed their term of study, and concerning some of them she had reason to hope they had been led to receive the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. After continuing them a year longer under very careful instruction, the session of the church had great satisfaction in receiving the three elder ones into the communion of the church to be cared for and watched over as lambs of the flock. The parents all gave their ready assent to their children taking this important step. After the third one had been thus received by the session, the father of one of them asked that her baptism might be deferred till another time. The reasons he gave for so requesting were perfectly satisfactory, so that his request was readily complied with. You and very many dear friends of the late Mrs. Happer, will rejoice with me in being permitted to gather in the fruits of her self-sacrificing labour. To God's rich grace be all the praise, who has said, "they who seek me early shall find me."

There was also another applicant for baptism, the wife of our oldest native assistant. Her application was deferred for further instruction. She has been living since her marriage a year ago in my house with her husband.

The service was a very interesting communion season. All the pupils of the Chinese government school which is under my instruction, to the number of thirty, and the parents and relations of some of the children were present. A chord was struck in many hearts as after the administration of the ordinance of baptism, a female voice was heard sobbing as if in great distress. This proceeded from a woman who was long in my family as a servant, and who attended around Mrs. Happer's sick-bed with great faithfulness. She has been long an inquirer, and of her we have long had a hope that a good work was begun in her heart. But she has hitherto been kept back from professing Christ, because she could

not make up her mind to break away from all her friends and relations, who opposed her doing so very strongly. I have no doubt the out-burst of her feelings was because she felt in her heart she ought to be among those who were thus professing their Saviour before the world. She had enjoyed the same instruction, she had often worshipped with them, they were entering the church, and she was staying out, and her mind ran on to the consequence of her course, when her feelings became uncontrollable. I would ask a special interest in the prayers of those who can *agonize* for souls "that they may be born again." There are also yet others who appear at the door of the kingdom, that God by his rich grace may bring them to rejoice in Jesus as their Saviour and Redeemer. Oh! to see them gathered into the fold. My heart has been greatly cheered in hearing of the interest expressed by some Chinese women, who have been acquainted with the gospel for many years, but who have been neglectful of its message. In the hour of affliction they turn to that gospel for comfort, which they knew afforded comfort to my dear wife through whom they had heard of Jesus. Oh, for the Spirit of all grace to move upon the careless that many might during this year seek the salvation of their souls!

Evangelization in Brazil.

Preaching—Members added to the Church.

The preaching of the gospel has been steadily kept up at the capital and Sao Paulo, with marked tokens of the divine power. At Rio de Janeiro, preaching twice on the Sabbath; lecture on Thursday evening; monthly concert on the first Monday of the month, and prayer-meeting weekly at the house of one of the elders, have been maintained. In addition to similar services at Sao Paulo, there is also a Sabbath-school, frequented by fifteen to twenty-five persons, mostly adults. Besides these, Sabbath and week-day services have been conducted in two suburbs of the city. The attendance on these occasions is good, and increasing. The third centre of light and influence is Brotas. This is the most distant station from the capital. Brotas is a small village, but has an extensive district around it, and is an important point in regard to the regions

beyond. This young church has enjoyed no stated ministry, but has been visited during the year by Messrs. Blackford, Schneider, Chamberlain, Conceicao and Pires, and in the aggregate, several months' labour was performed. Upon the earnest and abundant efforts of his servants, God commanded his blessing. . . . A year ago, a church, consisting of eleven members, was organized in this village; this number has increased nearly five-fold—forty-nine having been added to its roll. Many of these come from a school of ignorance and superstition, and need patient and wise training. If the additions have not been so numerous to the other two churches, the number is such as to call forth gratitude and praise. Sixteen have been received on profession of their faith to the church at Sao Paulo, and fourteen to that of Rio Janeiro. . . . One young man has pursued his studies with a view to direct missionary work. It is hoped that he will be useful as a teacher or evangelist.

Itinerant Labours.

The preaching of the gospel has not been confined to these centres. Senor Conceicao spent a large portion of the year in going from place to place, and declaring to the people the unsearchable riches of Christ. Of this new mode of reaching the various classes of that country, Mr. Simonton thus speaks: "In some twenty towns and villages, Brother Conceicao has preached the gospel in the course of the year. As he is universally known and highly esteemed, visitors of all classes call on him wherever he lodges, so that his itinerant service is a constant preaching of the gospel. It is to this agency that we ascribe, under Providence, the opening up of the province of Sao Paulo." In all of these places the way is made plain for new and continued efforts; yea, the whole land is open, and earnest requests reach the brethren for help, to which they cannot respond. Mr. Blackford made preaching tours into distant regions, where he was well received and listened to with interest; and Mr. Pires, while at Brotas, preached the gospel in neighbourhoods not before visited, and into which the influence of the truth is extending.

The Press and Colportage.

The *Imprensa Evangelica*, a religious semi-monthly paper, has been regularly issued during the year. "Were it possible to have figures and facts, this agency would be found second to no other that we

employ. Many read this paper who do not, and for the present will not come to our worship." This class is reached by this means, as well as others who have become interested in divine things, by hearing the missionaries in their tours through some of the provinces.

Many Bibles have been distributed among the people. The colporteurs of the American Bible and British and Foreign Bible Societies have penetrated into different provinces with the Word of Life. In Sao Paulo and the adjacent parts of Minas, near a thousand copies of the Scriptures have been put in circulation. Where these are read, there is soon a call for the living preacher.—*Annual Report, May 1st, 1867.*

Mission to the Laos.

Notices of the Journey.

As our readers know, the Rev. D. McGilvary and his family left Bangkok, Siam, for Chieng-mai in the country of the Laos, early in January. This journey was up the river Menam. An extract from his letter, written at Raheng, February 2d, will be read with interest. They were accompanied to this place by the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. George, on a missionary tour.

We have had a very pleasant trip so far. This is the tenth and last town passed since leaving Bangkok, that is the capital of a province with a governor over it. It may be regarded as the border town of Siam proper, having more Laos than Siamese in its population. But still its governors and officers are all Siamese, which is not the case in the cities in the Laos country north of this. It is a larger town than Petchaburi, and has a mixed population of Laos, Siamese, and Chinese. But being in the centre of a teak timber region, Maulmain and Rangoon are largely represented by numerous traders. It is very common at this season to meet caravans of a hundred or more on foot bringing raw silk and other light merchandise from Rangoon and Maulmain. The latter place is only about nine days from this by elephants. We hope to be able to have a mission station here some day. If not separately occupied, it might be in conjunction with Chieng-mai.

The latter place, which is our present destination, is about nine or ten days from here. We expected this place to

be the terminus of our boat journey. We reached here in twenty-five days and a half, with a letter to the governor to furnish us with elephants to Chieng-mai. But on inquiry we found that possibly it might be as pleasant to go by the river all the way. The difference is this: The elephant route is more uncomfortable, especially for our children, but is over in ten or fifteen days; while the river one is more comfortable, but fully a month or more before it will be finished. Mrs. McGilvary was very decided in her preference for the river route. My own preference was rather to compress our troubles into as short a space of time as possible. But still as we will save nearly \$100 by taking the boats all the way, I was perfectly willing to yield any personal preference. It will take as much to send our goods round by river as if we were to go along, and in fact more, as the people feel more safe to have us go along, and will go cheaper. All, therefore, that it would cost from here on elephants will be saved, and as the trip will be expensive somewhat for the first time, that is a matter worthy of consideration. We have been delayed in this place a number of days, and it will, in all probability, be ten before we get off. It is always tedious and trying to one's patience to have to wait on native officials on a journey, and this place, as a border one, is proverbial for its being a school of patience. It will be some compensation to our long voyage from this onward to know that it will be over the rapids in the river, where, for a half a month or more, we will have to make our way amid some of the finest scenery in the world.

Brother George and I have found that Raheng is in latitude 16° 51' or 16° 52' N. Having no chronometer and being here only a short time we did not settle its longitude. It is just 3° 22' north of Bangkok and probably a little west of its meridian. I hope to be able to report again when I write the latitude of Chieng-mai, and approximate to its longitude, that you may be able to find in what part of the map your new mission is located. And ask the churches for us, whenever they think of this new field, to pray for us—that a wide door may be made there for the gospel, and that many may be added to the church of such as shall be saved.

Our readers will keep in mind, we are sure, the request of Mr. McGilvary in the closing lines of his letter. Going with his wife and children into the re-

gions beyond, for the sake of Christ and the gospel, and for the salvation of an interesting people whose country has never yet enjoyed the benefit of missionary labours, we trust they will be aided by many earnest prayers. We are glad to learn that much interest was felt in the limited Christian community at Bangkok on behalf of this mission. The Ladies' Bazar Association generously placed the sum of \$300—equal to about \$450 of our currency—at its disposal as an offering towards the cost of the first Laoe chapel or church; and many acts of kindness were shown to the missionaries.

In Upper India.

Appearances of the Country—Population—Climate.

From an article by the Rev. J. M. Jamieson, D.D., in the *North Western Presbyterian*, we take the following quotation—expressing much in few words.

We now come to Futtahgurh, seven hundred and thirteen miles northwest of Calcutta. The country on both sides of the river is perfectly level, as far as the eye can reach. The soil is sand, mixed with clay, and although it has been cultivated for thousands of years, and very seldom renewed, it is still very fertile. Fine crops of wheat, barley, corn, sugarcane, cotton, &c., are raised. No original forests are to be seen for hundreds of miles, but fine groves and rows of shade trees adorn the landscape. No fences nor hedges inclose the ubiquitous cultivation. The cattle, sheep, &c., are all herded. No separate farm-houses stand out in view. The people all live in towns and villages for mutual protection against robbers. Each community cultivates the surrounding district, according to its ability. Their agricultural implements are very primitive and rude, but by manual labour the soil is better prepared, and kept cleaner than it is with us labour-saving Americans.

The population in India, compared with what it is in the United States, is about ten to one, while the area is not greater than that of our thirteen original States. If wherever there is a farmhouse on our prairies, you would imagine a village or town, you might form an idea of its hosts of people.

From the first of October to the first

of April, the climate of the Northwest is the finest in the world. This is the "cold season," that is, cold enough to have a little frost in December and January. The air is dry and bracing. Then come the hot winds, with their fiery blasts from the great sandy deserts of the far West. The mercury rises to one hundred and thirty degrees, and all vegetation dies. In three months they spend their fury, and the air being much rarified, the cool damp wind of the Indian ocean rushes in from the East. Dark clouds roll up the sky, lightnings flash, thunders roar, and the rain descends in torrents, until the commencement of the cold season, during which there is very little rain. This, however, is the time for nearly all kinds of agriculture and horticulture. The earth retains moisture enough, after the rains, with occasional light showers and irrigation, to produce all kinds of grain and vegetables until the return of the hot winds.

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Action of the General Assembly of 1867, on the Board of Publication.

The following resolutions, reported by the Standing Committee on the Board, were unanimously adopted.

Resolved, 1. That this Assembly has heard with unaffected pleasure and devout gratitude to God, of the success which has attended the efforts of the Church through its Board of Publication, to preach the gospel by means of the printed page, both in the form of the religious paper and tract, and the more permanent volumes which have gone forth to make up the literature of the Church.

Resolved, 2. That the Assembly highly approves the labours of the Board in supplying the youth of our churches with reading, which, in a popular and attractive form, presents the great features of the gospel and the great duties of the Christian life.

Resolved, 3. That the Assembly

has heard with pleasure of the large increase in the circulation of the *Sabbath-school Visitor*, and the favour with which it is everywhere received, and cordially and earnestly recommends it to our churches as a most valuable auxiliary in the work of Sabbath-school instruction.

Resolved, 4. That the Assembly solemnly calls upon pastors and sessions carefully to supervise the reading introduced into Sabbath-schools under their care, and to see that no book, however attractive, be admitted, that teaches for doctrine what is contrary to the standards of our Church, and the usage and order which we regard as in accordance with the word of God, and that in the selection of books, *precedence be always given to the publications of the Board*, and further, that Presbyteries be enjoined to see that this resolution is carried out in the churches within their bounds, and to ascertain the extent to which the recommendation is adopted.

Resolved, 5. That while the Board is called upon to provide attractive reading for the young, it should also bear in mind that one of the objects of its organization was^o the furnishing of a sound and healthful Christian literature, adapted to the higher types of Christian culture and experience, and that diligent effort should be made to circulate works of acknowledged merit, and which the Church has ever received as faithful and instructive exposi-

tions of Christian doctrine and practice.

Resolved, 6. That the large and increasing distribution of the publications of the Board among the Freedmen, and also among many churches of the South which have been impoverished by war, meets the cordial approval of the Assembly, and that our churches be urged to contribute the means fully to meet the calls which are coming up with increasing earnestness for aid in the supply of our Southern brethren with a sound evangelical literature.

Resolved, 7. That it be enjoined upon the Presbyteries under the care of this General Assembly to recommend in the most earnest manner the introduction of the *Home and Foreign Record* into every congregation within their bounds, and that the sessions of churches subtract from the aggregate of their annual subscriptions a sufficient amount to place the *Record* in the hands of all our families and pewholders; and it is hereby further recommended that those who have in charge the *Home and Foreign Record*, consider whether any modification is necessary to adapt it to more ordinary and general reading.

Resolved, 8. That the Board be directed to consider whether cheap editions of many of their publications may not be issued, to be used in gratuitous distribution and for sale in our railroad cars, and along our great thoroughfares of traffic and travel.

Resolved, 9. That the Committee having examined the minutes of the Board and of its Executive Committee, recommend their approval and signature by the Moderator.

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In this stirring work, Dr. Wylie says: “These vitalities are moving everywhere. They are not of to-day, nor even of a century ago, nor do they date only from the Reformation. They have lain dormant in the soil since the Christian era; and now they are at once beginning to come forth into the light. As we proceed we shall see wondrous manifestations of the way in which the present is linked with the past. We shall meet with marvellous instances of men who lived ages ago, but who, dying, were forgotten, utterly forgotten in Italy, now rising from the dead, entering on a new life—finding after many days the life they lost on the scaffold or at the stake—speaking with a more powerful voice than ever to their countrymen, and influencing more powerfully than before their country’s destinies. Their works, done in faith, do truly follow them. By dying, they overcome death, and die no more, being risen in the power of an endless life.”

What an encouragement is this to live to God and try to do good in the world! The word of the Lord endures for ever; it is seed which will spring up and grow. It is our privilege to sow the good seed of the kingdom. If we cannot write books, we can circulate them; and these will live and have an influence when we are dead; and thus shall we live in all coming time in the influence exerted by the truth we scatter abroad. With such a privilege, it is a blessed thing to live; and we should also be willing to die when we know that we leave behind us an influence for good which will live

while the world stands, and be felt in eternity too through undying ages!

Value of Good Books.

A heathen trader in a seaport town came to a missionary for some religious books. Some surprise having been expressed at his desiring them when he could not read them; he said that he wished to lay them about in the way of those who came to deal with him. He had always found that those who took them up, and looked them over with an air of respect and attention, dealt fairly with him. But one who tossed them aside with contempt was sure to be a bad man to trade with. He did not care anything for the books himself, he only wished them to test the honesty of others.

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<i>Pky of Fort Dodge</i> —Fort Dodge ch 4 00	<i>Pky of Rock River</i> —Foreston German ch 5 50; Galena ch 8 15; Freeport 2d ch 11 24 65
<i>Pky of Fort Wayne</i> —Lancaster ch 81	<i>Pky of Sangamon</i> —Sangamon North ch 14 00
<i>Pky of Genesee River</i> —Warsaw ch 20; Sparta 2d ch 6 50; Sparta 1st ch 6 32 50	<i>Pky of Schuyler</i> —Camp Creek ch 7; Ebenezer ch 15; Pittsfield ch 5 27 00
<i>Pky of Highland</i> —Salem ch 1 00	<i>Pky of Sidney</i> —Union City ch 7; Bellefontaine ch 13 60; Cherokee ch 3; Sidney 1st ch 18 35; Urbana 1st ch 11 50 93
<i>Pky of Hudson</i> —Hamptonburg ch 1; Florida ch 10; Yorkville ch 9 35 20 35	<i>Pky of Steubenville</i> —New Hagerstown ch 15; Steubenville 1st ch 17 33; East Springfield ch 12; Bacon Ridge ch 11 15; Centre Unity ch 5; Wellsville ch 24 65 85 13
<i>Pky of Huntington</i> —Morris ch 4 50; Bellefonte ch 56 45; Birmingham ch 23 50; Tyrone ch 3 75; West Kishacoquillas ch 25 27; Upper Tuscorora ch 20; Bellefonte ch Sab-sch 80 213 47	<i>Pky of St Clairsville</i> —St Clairsville ch 18 00
<i>Pky of Indianapolis</i> —Hopewell ch 18 50; Shiloh ch 2; Union ch 3 75 24 25	<i>Pky of St Paul</i> —St Cloud ch 5 00
<i>Pky of Kaskaskia</i> —Moro ch 8 50; Elm Point ch 15; St John's German ch 2 25; Zion German ch 5 65 31 40	<i>Pky of Susquehanna</i> —Elkland ch 2; Towanda 1st ch 18 20 00
<i>Pky of Lake</i> —Valparaiso ch 13 09; Hebron ch 8 10 16 19	<i>Pky of Topeka</i> —Pleasant Hill ch 1 75
<i>Pky of Leavenworth</i> —Stranger ch 2; Leocompton ch 2; Leavenworth ch 19 70 23 70	<i>Pky of Troy</i> —Lansingburgh ch 15; Malta ch 4 35; Troy Park ch 42 30 61 65
<i>Pky of Londonderry</i> —Newburyport 1st ch 40 00	<i>Pky of Vincennes</i> —Petersburg ch 9 70; Evansville ch 24 45; Upper Indiana ch 6 40 15
<i>Pky of Long Island</i> —Sag Harbor ch 11; Middletown ch 13 22; Huntington South ch 15; Southampton ch 25; Easthampton 1st ch 45 75; Williamsburg South 3d st ch 36 86 147 83	<i>Pky of Vinton</i> —Big Grove ch 6 00
<i>Pky of Luzerne</i> —Mahanoy ch 18 49; do Sab-sch 71 cut; Summit Hill ch 13 10; "P" 6 90; Scranton ch 1; Kingston ch 11 36; do Sab-sch 2 64; Newton ch 4 58 20	<i>Pky of Warren</i> —Oneida ch 3; John Knox ch 6; Monmouth ch 27 25; Prairie City ch 4 40 25
<i>Pky of Madison</i> —Pleasant ch 8 50	<i>Pky of Washington</i> —Forks of Wheeling ch 49 00; Wellsburg ch 6; Lower Buffalo ch 5 50; Wheeling 1st ch 30 65; Mt Prospect ch 14 40 105 55
<i>Pky of Marion</i> —Bucyrus ch 14; Delaware ch 13 27 00	<i>Pky of West Jersey</i> —Fislerville ch 13 40; Bridgeton 2d ch 2 71 16 11
<i>Pky of Maumee</i> —West Bethesda ch 5; Toledo 1st ch 4 20; Union ch 3 80; Hicksville ch 3 20; Delta ch 3 19 20	<i>Pky of West Virginia</i> —French Creek ch 6 09; Buckhannon ch 2 65 8 74
<i>Pky of Miami</i> —Springfield 2d ch 52 90	<i>Pky of White Water</i> —Cambridge ch 5; Ebenezer ch 2 50; Union ch 4 11 50
<i>Pky of Milwaukee</i> —Fort Washington ch 7 80	<i>Pky of Winnebago</i> —Newport ch 12; Weyauwega ch 2 14 00
<i>Pky of Missouri River</i> —Plattsmouth ch 15 00	
<i>Pky of Monmouth</i> —Shrewsbury ch 10 00	
<i>Pky of Muncie</i> —Indianapolis ch 48 50; do Sab-sch 6 50; New Castle ch 3 50 58 50	
<i>Pky of New Albany</i> —Sharon ch 2; Corydon ch 6 20; Charlestown ch 8 16 20	

MISCELLANEOUS.

David Paisley Esq, Knoxville, Ohio, 80; legacy of Richard Brittan, late of Kingston, N J, (less tax) 376 00; A Chapman, M D, Aquina, 5; "A M B" 10; "T D," New York, 50; "Kentucky" 5; Rev S L Thompson, Forrest Hill, 5; Rev S A Fraser, McIntosh, Ga, 10; Rev D F McFarland, Santa Fe, 10; Mrs E E Townsend, Painted Post, N Y, 5 506 00

\$4,476 49

WINTHROP SARGENT, Treasurer.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Rev. H. I. Coe, *Corresponding Secretary,*

St. Louis, Mo.

Seventh Annual Circular.

St. Louis, June 10, 1867.

To the Sessions of Presbyterian Churches.

Dear Brethren:—To-day the applications to your Board of Church Extension are forty thousand dollars in advance of the means at its disposal. Since April 1, 1867, requests for grants to the amount of \$24,000 have been filed, while the donations received during the same time fall short of \$8,000. Your six hundred Domestic Missionaries annually organize from sixty to one hundred churches. Scarcely one of these churches can, unaided, secure even the cheapest sanctuary.

The work of Church Erection among our Freedmen at the South now rests entirely upon your Board of Church Extension. There are at present about forty churches among these Freedmen. One-half of these we have aided; the other half, as well as the additional churches rapidly organizing among them, we must help promptly. Notwithstanding the great liberality of these people, their extreme poverty limits the aid they can give in the erection of their churches almost entirely to the labour of their hands in building, and compels us to furnish nearly all the cash materials necessary for their humble structures.

Last year we received nearly \$38,000, and aided one hundred churches to the amount of \$47,000. This year, we judge, that at least \$50,000 will be needed for your Church Extension work. This estimate supposes that only the reasonable and pressing wants of applicants can be met, and that the distribution of funds is to be made in the most economical and careful manner. To obtain even this small sum, about one-third must be added to last year's receipts. This increase can be had only through your instrumentality. We have no salaried collecting agents to visit your people. Unless you will invite their gifts, and forward their offerings to our Treasurer, DAVID KEITH, St. Louis, Mo., we cannot respond to the wants of your sister churches in need. The average cost of the 740 churches you have aided through us in the last twelve years is, as nearly as we can learn, about \$2,500; and the average amount of aid given to each church is about \$400. Every dollar contributed to this cause

secures at least another dollar that could not otherwise be obtained on the fields you aid. Your gifts undiminished by any expenses go directly to the relief of suffering churches.

The first Sabbath of July is the time set apart by the General Assembly for the Annual Church Extension Collection in all churches that have no other fixed time. Will you not then, or as soon thereafter as possible, urge your people to remember this work as God has prospered them? Thus you will enable houseless and self-denying sister churches to secure a sanctuary free from debt, in which to worship God and win souls to the Redeemer.

In behalf of the Board of Church Extension,

Yours fraternally,
H. I. COE, *Secretary.*

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION IN MAY, 1867.

<i>Pky of Baltimore</i> —Ellicott City ch	\$13 00
<i>Pky of Newton</i> —Manefield 1st ch 30 00; Pleasant Grove ch 10; Asbury ch 15	55 00
<i>Pky of Cedar</i> —Unity ch 5 50; Davenport 1st ch 20 00	25 50
<i>Pky of Albany</i> —Saratoga Springs ch	32 48
<i>Pky of Buffalo Cty</i> —Buffalo Central ch 23 00; East Aurora ch 7 00	29 00
<i>Pky of Des Moines</i> —Corydon ch	1 00
<i>Pky of Dubuque</i> —Dubuque Ger 1st ch	10 00
<i>Pky of Troy</i> —Lansingburg 1st ch	15 00
<i>Pky of Erie</i> —Washington 4 00; Gravel Run 3 00; Mercer 1st ch 25 00	32 00
<i>Pky of Western Reserve</i> —Tiffin ch	18 00
<i>Pky of Steubenville</i> —Evans Creek ch 5 00; Linton ch 3 00; Minerva ch 3 00; Still Fork ch 4 00	15 00
<i>Pky of Zanesville</i> —Muskingum ch	10 00
<i>Pky of Sidney</i> —Spring Hill ch	17 23
<i>Pky of Oxford</i> —Venice ch	22 75
<i>Pky of Washington</i> —Upper Ten Mile ch	9 83
<i>Pky of Saltsburg</i> —Mt Pleasant 3 00; Bethel and Jacksonville chs 18 00	21 00
<i>Pky of Clarion</i> —Greenville ch 9 70; Pisgah ch 6 85; Spring Hill Furnace ch 5 00	21 55
<i>Pky of New Brunswick</i> —Titusville ch	10 00
<i>Pky of Susquehanna</i> —Elkland ch	2 00
<i>Pky of Donegal</i> —Slateville ch	22 00
<i>Pky of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Easton 1st ch 40; Norristown 1st ch 62 60	102 60
<i>Pky of Rock River</i> —Galena Ger ch	6 00
<i>Pky of Rochester City</i> —Webster ch	3 50
<i>Pky of Elizabethtown</i> —Elizabethport 10 00; Mt Vernon ch 15	25 00
<i>Pky of North River</i> —New Hamburg ch	5 00

REFUNDED.

<i>Pky of Marion</i> —Union ch	99 75
<i>Pky of Fort Wayne</i> —Pleasant Hill ch	120 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

"T. H." (Robert Halstead,) New York, 50 00;	
Mrs E. E. Townsend, Painted Post, N Y 5; A	
Friend 10	65 00

Total for May, \$809 19
DAVID KEITH, *Treasurer.*
St. Louis, Mo.

FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS, AND THE NEEDY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

The following amounts have been received since last report, viz.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Charlton ch	\$6 00
<i>Pby of Troy</i> —Lansingburg ch	16 25
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Washington ch 4; Gravel Run ch 3	7 00
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Middle Spring ch 59 32; Mechanicsburg ch 20 87	80 19
<i>Pby of Buffalo City</i> —Buffalo Central ch	34 28
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Sparta 1st ch	8 00
<i>Pby of Rurenu</i> —Rock Island ch	20 00
<i>Pby of Chicago</i> —Morris 1st ch	20 18
<i>Pby of Schuyler</i> —Macomb ch	17 13
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Somerset ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Dick's Creek ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Venice ch	23 00
<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —Spring Hills ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Elizabethton</i> —Rahway 1st ch 46 50; Mt Vernon ch 13	59 50
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Ashury ch	17 00
<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Elkland ch	2 00
<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Salem ch	66 00
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Port Chester ch 5; Red Mills ch 10; Rye ch 42 48	57 48
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Astoria ch 40; Roslyn ch 5	45 00
<i>Pby of New York</i> —New York 1st ch	1,048 46
<i>Pby of North River</i> —New Hamburg ch	12 00
<i>Pby of Richland</i> —Mt Vernon ch 26; Lexington ch 16 51	42 50
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Unity ch	25 00
<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Norwich ch	4 50
<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Shamokintown ch 16; Great Island ch 34	50 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Second Pres ch 129 52; South ch 22 00	152 12
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Unity ch 12; Murraysville ch 10	22 00
<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Bethel and Jacksonville chs	18 00
<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Sheldon ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Carrollton ch	5 00
<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Mt Pleasant ch	6 00
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Washington 1st ch	25 00
<i>Pby of Winnebago</i> —Rev P Roser	3 00
	\$1,915 58
Robert Halsted, Esq, and others, N Y,	300 00
Ezekiel Davis, of Buffalo, Pa,	23 00
"Granite State,"	2 50
Interest on Permanent Fund,	33 55
	\$2,273 63

GEO. H. VAN GELDER,

Treasurer Trustees of General Assembly,
Office No. 320 Walnut Street.
Philadelphia, June 8th, 1867.

In remitting money to this Fund, the name of the Church and Presbytery to which it belongs should be distinctly stated, that it may be correctly acknowledged. And where checks or drafts are sent they should be drawn to the order of "GEO. H. VAN GELDER, Treasurer."

APPLICATIONS for aid from this Fund must be made on the recommendation of a Presbytery and addressed to Rev. JOSEPH H. JONES, D.D., Chairman and Secretary of the Committee, No. 524 Spruce street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The twelfth Annual Report made at the last meeting of the General Assembly on the Fund gives a gratifying account of its prosperity. During the year ending April 1867, more money has been contributed by the churches, larger donations have been made to the Permanent Fund, and a greater number have received assistance than in any preceding year. Fifty-four ministers, seventy widows and eight families of orphans have been aided from the Fund—each receiving all that was asked by the Presbyteries, in different sums from fifty dollars up to four hundred. Not less than five-and-twenty of the ministers are above the age of seventy, several are more than eighty, with wives nearly as old as themselves, and one is ninety-two. Nearly all have been missionaries, and not a small proportion of the churches, Presbyteries, and Synods, not to mention literary and other useful institutions in various parts of the West, are monuments of their apostolical labours. Among the seventy widows are many mothers with children of tender age, whom they are enabled to keep at home by an appropriation from the Trustees. Quite a number of these ladies are far advanced in life, several are incurable invalids, and wholly dependent for support on our annual disbursement. In numerous cases only enough is asked to supply a lack in the earnings of the applicant, to help her pay her rent or send her children to school.

FORM OF BEQUEST FOR DISABLED MINISTERS, AND FAMILIES OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

I give and bequeath to my executors herein-after named, _____ dollars, in trust, nevertheless that they shall, within _____ months after my decease, pay the same to George H. Van Gelder, Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, or to his successor for the time being in said office, for the use of such disabled ministers and their families as the said the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America shall or may designate.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

Rev. S. C. LOGAN, *Corresponding Secretary*,
 A. CAMERON, *Esq., Treasurer*,
 Box 234 Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Wm. MAIN, *Esq., Receiving Agent*,
 207 Arch street, Philadelphia.

The Committee continued.

The General Assembly, after a consideration of the report of the Committee on Freedmen, unanimously resolved to continue the work, in the hands of the same Committee, and called upon the whole Church to sustain it with enlarged liberality and constant prayer. This action seems to convey a clearer endorsement of the work of the past year, from the fact stated to the Assembly by the Chairman of the Committee to whom was referred the Annual Report, and the resolution to dissolve the Committee on Freedmen, that each member of the Committee had come to the Assembly with the conviction that the work ought to be put into the hands of the Board of Missions, but upon reading the Report, they had unanimously decided to recommend its continuance under charge of the Committee at Pittsburg.

The Assembly also enjoined upon all the churches that have taken no collection for this cause during the past year, to do so on the SECOND SABBATH OF JULY.

It is to be hoped that the churches will respond liberally at that time to this demand. Should they not, the Committee will find great difficulty in sustaining the missions through the summer months.

The Annual Report has been sent to all ministers whose names are in the Minutes of '66, and if any one fails to receive it, another copy will be forwarded if notice is given. We would ask pastors to examine this report, and present its facts to their congregations.

We are confident that nothing is needed to enlist the co-operation of the whole Church, but a full knowledge of the field and its demands. We shall be happy to assist pastors in every way to give this knowledge to their people.

As we enter upon the work of another year we beg an interest in the daily prayers of those who have thus far so earnestly sustained the Committee.

The Work goes on.

On the 1st of April, Mr. Chresfield, a Licentiate from Lincoln University, with his estimable wife, who has been in the employ of the Committee for two years, were located in Lexington, North Carolina. Mr. Chresfield was received with great kindness by the white Presbyterians who encouraged him to organize a church, which was done, with 49 members. It now numbers 51. They are worshipping in the house belonging to the white congregation, when not used by them. It affords us great pleasure to notice such a spirit of kindness as has been manifested by this people and their pastor toward the effort to establish a coloured church. They have secured a lot and are making every effort to build a house of their own.

After expressing his readiness to live on a smaller salary than the Committee has been giving him, this missionary writes, "I cannot realize the thought that I am in the wrong place, and I do not believe that God will leave us to suffer loss. But it will not do to leave us dependent on these poverty-stricken creatures, as it would be virtually abandoning the field. This work is the nearest to my heart; the most pleasant hours of my life have been spent in its cause, and no sweeter thoughts fill my mind than that I am deemed worthy to

labour for Christ, in his great, and already ripe harvest. But if our northern friends fail us just now, we are ruined. I think at no very distant day, this people will be able to support us, and all who labour for them, but they can't do it just now, especially when they have so heavily taxed themselves to secure a place in which to worship God, and educate their children. As fast as they are able to support me I will have the sum deducted from the salary now paid me by the Committee. One year may do great things for us and our people. For the present we are almost entirely dependent upon the noble, free North, but I trust we all look to God, who never leaves nor forsake us.

"The truth is, these people are all poor. I have never before seen so many poor white people in all my life, all classes are suffering, and I really wonder how we can raise any money for any purpose. I would like to know how soon you will be able to assist us in building, and how much can be given. Let us do all we can to make this mission a complete success. My people stayed in the Southern Church, and prayed to God and looked for help from the people of the North, and now they think God has answered their prayers. Oh it would be sad and bitter to disappoint them.

"We have a Sabbath-school which has now 70 scholars, also a day school and a school for grown persons, and so far, no place anything like suitable for them in which to meet. All are patient as can be expected, and are praying to God.

"I close, hoping you will give us a tender place in your heart, and may we always be remembered at the throne of grace by you and all God's people."

The work of instruction by Professor Alexander has begun in "Biddle Memorial Institute." Two Catechists are in attendance, one is supported by Mr. Noah Evans, of Hillsboro', Ohio, the other by the Presbyterian Sabbath-school of Valparaiso, Indiana. We have received notice, a third will be supported

by Mr. Robert Brown's Bible Class, of the Fifth church, Cincinnati.

It affords us great pleasure to recognize these two Sabbath-schools in this work among the Freedmen; it is like meeting with old friends in a new place. \$150 supports one of these Catechists for a year. A contribution of Theological books, of the simplest order, will be very useful in the equipment of this Institution.

The Committee would acknowledge the following donations:

From Washington, Pa., for Sumter school, South Carolina, 300 copies of "The Freedmen," valued at \$10.

From Mrs. Jane Stewart, 9 Testaments.

Resolution of the General Assembly.

Resolved, That it be enjoined upon all the pastors and Church Sessions of those congregations which have not contributed to this cause during the past year, to have its claims presented on or before the second Sabbath in July, in order that the immediate and pressing wants of this Committee may be supplied. The Presbyteries are also instructed to make inquiry at their fall meetings as to what has been done for this cause.

RECEIPTS IN MAY, 1867.

<i>Pby of Chicago</i> —Marengo ch add'l	1 00
<i>Pby of Logansport</i> —Logansport ch	7 00
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Fourth ch Sab-sch	36 00
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Kilgore ch	5 00
<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Bealsville ch add'l	2 00
<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Glade Run ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Troy</i> —First ch Lansingburg	15 00
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Mt Prospect ch, per Mary A and Ellen Lee, 10; Upper Ten Mile ch 7	17 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Collections by Alfred Martien, Esq. Phila. 138; "M." by Rev D L Dickey, 10; M. Phelps, Esq. and Wife, Lewistown, Ill, 100; Rev Joseph Platt, Virginia, Ill, 50; "A Labourer in the Vineyard, Newburyport, Mass, 20; Robert Halstead, New York, 50; Mrs Hugh Culbertson, Lower Marsh Creek ch 5; Rev E Riggs, D.D., Constantinople, Ty, special, 50

Total receipts in May, \$515 00

A. CAMERON, *Treasurer*.

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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Abstract of the Annual Report for
1866-7

Through God's mercy, we are permitted in presenting our Sixty-fifth Annual Report to the General Assembly to speak hopefully of the work committed to our care, and bless God for the measure of success granted to our unworthy labours. To some extent our vast territory has been occupied, and fields white to the harvest entered by the reapers we have sent forth.

The whole number in the service of the Board, as will appear from the tables which accompany the Report, during the year closing March 1, 1867, is 626, an increase over the preceding year of 87. At the beginning of the year there were in commission 401, since added 225, making the total already stated. These have been distributed over thirty-two States and Territories as follows, viz., Massachusetts 1, New York 43, New Jersey 24, Pennsylvania 81, Delaware 2, Maryland 12, District of Columbia 2, Virginia 2, West Virginia 12, North Carolina 9, South Carolina 1, Florida 2, Louisiana 5, Mississippi 1, Texas 1, New Mexico 1, Tennessee 8, Kentucky 11, Ohio 59, Michigan 8, Indiana 33, Illinois 89, Missouri 42, Minnesota 28, Iowa 75, Wisconsin 33, Nebraska 8, Kansas 15, Colorado 1, Oregon 5, Washington Territory 2, California 10. We bear cheerful testimony to the faithfulness of these brethren, and the value of their services in the cause of the Master. 76 churches have been organized. The number admitted to church fellowship on profession of their faith was 3576; and on certificate, 2484, making a total of 6060. The entire membership in churches connected with the Board, so far as reported, is

27,492. The number of baptisms reported is 3311.

The Sabbath-schools number 481, with 4269 teachers, and 30,644 scholars.

The amount promised to our missionaries during the year ending March 1, 1867, was \$153,437.84, an increase over the preceding year of \$57,741.34. Large as this amount is, it is manifestly inadequate to the vastness of the field, and the magnitude of the work.

Receipts.—The entire amount received during the fiscal year from all sources was \$96,977.81, to which add balance on hand March 1, 1866, \$23,644.58, and our available resources, exclusive of reserve fund, were \$120,622.09.

Payments.—The amount paid was \$141,495.79 for missionary service, expenses, temporary investment of \$9595, and improvements of the Mission House,* leaving a balance on hand March 1, 1867, \$9126.30.

It is evident that our expenditures have largely exceeded our receipts. No debt has been incurred, however. We had on hand a *reserved fund* of \$61,400; mention of which was made in a former report, and which was invested on interest, that we could, at *ten days'* notice, collect it in whole, or in part. The extent of our liabilities then is the promised appropriations to our missionary brethren. The reserve fund is now reduced to \$31,400. If then the measure of the Church's liberality shall be the same during the year on which we have

* Six thousand six hundred and forty-seven dollars and twenty-two cents were expended in alterations and improvements of the property, to render it productive. Our rents are now \$2000, from which deduct taxes, &c., and we have a net income of \$1529.42; a larger sum than the interest on the whole investment, leaving our spacious rooms free of all rent charge.

just entered, our Treasury will be exhausted—balance and reserved fund—by the beginning of October next.

Our ability to expand has been permitted by the existence of this fund. In 1860, the Board, warned by the occurrence of monetary crises in our country, almost periodic, resolved to retire large legacies into such a fund, so that in the event of a subsidence of our supplies from the Church because of this pressure, the missionaries would be carried over, and saved in the very hour of their necessities, the painfulness of sudden reduction. Its wisdom, in a commercial sense, needs not be vindicated. The war of rebellion, and the consequent derangement of the currency—the debt upon the Board in 1861, because of too generous an enlargement of its operations, prevented all action at that time. But when, through mercy, our debts were extinguished—the reception of a legacy of \$50,000 from the late John Kerr, of Troy, New York, pointed to the necessity of such a fund in reserve, which might await the close of the war, and the certainty of greatly increased demands upon our funds. We knew not what necessity might come upon us from the South; nor could we know how persistently their doors would be closed upon us.

The presence of this large sum, strangely exaggerated, has caused misapprehension, and increased the demands upon us to their present proportions. It has been often said, and cannot be too often repeated, that the regular contributions of the churches must, of necessity, be the basis of all sound calculation. In the five years of the present administration, the income, excluding large and unusual legacies, has increased from \$71,200 to \$96,977, or about \$5000 per annum. If this be the normal increase, with the agencies we now possess, the degree of safe and legitimate expansion may be easily ascertained.

We have reached a crisis in which, unless relieved by the large liberality of the churches, we must not only decline new and inviting enterprises, but contract the fields already occupied. The remnant of the reserve fund will be absorbed, and not even a nominal balance be reported next year. It may be asked why the Board has expanded to its present amount, in full view of the possibilities to which we are drifting. As already said, exaggerated reports of the size of this fund, and the supposed large abilities of the Board, and Presbyteries urgent, as was natural, to obtain larger appropriations for the missionaries in their

bounds. The condition of things in Kentucky, and especially in Missouri, occasioned by the schism of disloyal ministers and church members, required large outlays to save brethren true to the deliverances of the Church. We could not forsake them; but gladly, to the extent of our means, came forward to sustain churches once self-supporting, but now rent by faction, and broken by the passion of misguided men.

The last Assembly passed the following resolution, viz., "That the Board be directed to revise the whole system of Domestic Missions, and devise and adopt such measures as shall re-double the efficiency of its operations." At an early meeting of the Board, the whole matter was anxiously discussed, while we were perplexed as to the precise meaning of the injunction. That more could be done, both in the way of increasing, to a living point, the salaries of the toiling missionaries, and also in occupying new fields, was clear enough, if we had the funds. The question which disturbed and perplexed us, was how to obtain them. We knew the Church had seemed to ignore the former system of paid agencies to collect funds, and though all other denominations almost, beside our own, employ them to a greater or lesser extent, yet the very suggestion that our necessities might compel recurrence to some modified form of such instrumentalities, called forth remark more or less formal in opposition. The idea of *systematic benevolence* has been largely dwelt upon. Experience so far, seems tell us that too much is taken for granted in the present condition of the Church. Without an increase of funds, we can neither extend our operations, nor make them more vigorous. Circulars do little good, for they are not read. Unless the ministers will inform themselves on these great matters, and press them intelligently on their people, we fear nothing more enlarged will be accomplished.

Our present reliance is upon the system of District Secretaries, inaugurated a few years since. It would be well to so expand the system as to place in each of the Western States one efficient man who could expatiate over the territory assigned him, and at least increase our ability, by decreasing the amount now required on these fields. The Board will increase the number of such as far as prudence will justify, and while the working of the system promises healthful results.

The Work.—To express its magnitude, would be to point to waste places which

the Church has hitherto neglected, and the vast fields which open before us on the onward march of our country. The increase of the population West still continues, and the frontier line was never longer, and never pressing westward more rapidly than now. A population, hardy and earnest, pours not only into a single State, but into six or eight great States and Territories, of whose existence the maps gave us no information only a few years ago.

The multiplication of railways, projected or in progress, covering the West with their iron net-work, invites a busy population in search of wealth and homes. Secretly, and without the world's observation, the work goes on, and our missionaries find themselves overtaxed with labour, and tempted by new fields, which provoke entrance. Men's hearts are inclined to receive the word of the kingdom in a way unusual; and though profaneness and other kindred vices prevail sadly, the missionary always finds a considerable class eager for the preached gospel, and ready to be gathered into churches. And thus it happens, that while we group together several of the mission stations, under the care of one brother, they develop so rapidly, as each to require the unbroken services of one minister.

Foreign immigration knows no abatement. They crowd on these shores in numbers increasing every year. The influx of last year, large and vast as it was, will be exceeded by that of the year on which we have entered. In the view of political economy, all is promising. They bring muscle and the materials of national wealth. But the slaves of Romish superstition, or tainted with the Rationalism and Infidelity of the continent of Europe, they swell the tide of irreligion and immorality. Here they are, God brings them here, perchance to tax our faith, and open fields of labour vaster than ever. To give them churches and schools—to diffuse among them the leaven of a pure and elevating gospel, and, by all the means in our hands, to save and bless them, will fall in with the high purposes of God.

Lack of Funds.—For all of these purposes—to meet these vast and increasing demands, we shall need correspondingly increasing contributions. The tables in the Appendix show that we have added 87 to the number of our labourers. Some of these have been assigned to the more expensive missions. The work enlarges on our hands, and increases our anxiety. We would love to project more exten-

sive plans than ever. But the facts presented will show that while we have enlarged our appropriations almost *fifty* per cent, we have received \$47,000 less than in the year preceding. We were able, as we have already explained, to do this by the reception of a legacy of an unusual size received the year before. This resource is in course of rapid depletion, and will be exhausted by the time that half of our fiscal year has passed away. We must receive more, or we must decrease the number of our missionaries, and close our eyes upon bright fields.

We are happy to say that the past year has been one of revival. Showers of mercy, more or less copious, have fallen on fields more than usually numerous. Some of the reports are joyous and triumphant. Happy thus, amid the toils and manifold trials of their ministry, to be owned of God, and to be the instrumentality of sowing the seed, to ripen in beauty over the face of our beloved country. The Statistical Reports give the view in detail, and reveal the success which has attended their labours. To plant churches is something—to establish the influence of a blessed civilization is something—to recover desolated wastes is something—but to save souls is above all.

After the war of rebellion ceased, men loyal and true, South, sought aid from the Board to carry on their work, amid the deep poverty which came upon them. Our missionaries, finding that their late flocks had turned from the gospel, were directed to find more pleasant success among the Freedmen. The chief theatre of these operations has been in North Carolina, where a Presbytery has been formed, which bids fair to assume large proportions. Early in the autumn, the Freedmen's Committee, finding their treasury likely to fail, and the interesting and growing work then on hand consequently to languish, applied to the Board to aid them in their work. It was agreed to sustain *fifteen* missionaries, at an average allowance of \$600 each; and the other necessities of the field to be met by that Committee. It was arranged that these brethren should report to the Board and the Committee. The reports so far received are very interesting, and show that a wide and effectual door is opened, though there are many adversaries.

We have an excellent brother in the capital of Texas, standing alone, in his uncorrupt loyalty. His reports are encouraging, and we trust his manly in-

dependence will, when bitter passions shall pass away, be honoured by greater success. Excellent brethren in New Orleans have organized a Presbytery; or rather claim to be *the* Presbytery, left by the departure of schismatical men.

Our ladies have not been unmindful of the wants of the missionaries, and have contributed boxes valued at \$19,076.66. When we consider the comparative ease with which these benefactions are secured, and the reflex blessings which attend these simple efforts, we wonder why the extent of these labours is not greater, and why more of our congregations do not engage in a work so pleasant and so important.

Conclusion.—The last year has been one of mercy. We have been enabled to increase the amount to the toiling missionaries—in some cases largely. They have been cheerful in the work. Some have seen Pentecostal seasons. Churches have been revived—edifices for worship and homes for their pastors have been erected and paid for. More than usual have become self-sustaining, and are added to the list of aid-giving. And who can measure the results of this year, whose account is closed till the judgment? Its hidden influence who can know? The conversion of one soul is a miracle of mercy; multiply this by the whole number engaged in preaching, and who can realize the mighty sum of this wonderful calculation? Shall the work stop here? Shall these men be recalled, or bidden to labour amid the discouragements of unrequited toil? God forbid! Thus far ours has been a missionary Church. We hold to the eminent duty of the Church, in her organized capacity, to conduct all her missions. The life of the Church is involved in all this. Is there reason for discouragement?—surely not. *The gold and silver are the Lord's, and the cattle on a thousand hills.* The Church can do all that her Lord bids her do. She has the means and the men for the service, and our Church can stand, where she has always stood, in the foremost ranks of the advancing hosts of God's elect.

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN JUNE, 1867.

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Carlisle*—Frostburg ch 5; Harrisburg ch 102 78; Barton ch 6. *Pby of Lewes*—Manokin ch 58. *Pby of Potomac*—New York Av ch, Washington, D C, 60 38 \$220 16
SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Buffalo City*—Tonawanda ch 7 00
SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Bureau*—Rock La-

land 1st ch 30. *Pby of Chicago*—South ch, Chicago 25 55 00
SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Miami*—New Jersey ch 29 10. *Pby of Sidney*—Piqua ch, from Young Peoples Missy Socy, 16 50; Rushsylvania ch 3 60 49 20
SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Peoria*—Prospect ch 52. *Pby of Sangamon*—North Sangamon ch 15 67 00
SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Indianapolis*—Indianapolis 3d ch 79 50, of which Sab-sch 23, 79 50
SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Dulque*—Milo ch 4. *Pby of Vinton*—Rock Creek and Oxford chs 14 18 00
SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Louisville*—Fourth ch, Louisville, from a member, 5. *Pby of Transylvania*—Laurel ch 4 15 9 15
SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Palmyra*—Athens ch 5 30; Summit ch 6. *Pby of Upper Missouri*—Union ch 10; Albany ch 10 31 30
SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Luzerne*—Potterville ch 30. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Trenton 4th ch, from Miss Eliza Burk, 6. *Pby of Newton*—Mansfield 1st ch 25 60 00
SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—Poundridge ch 45; Patterson ch 34 08. *Pby of Long Island*—Amagansett ch 6 50; Smithtown ch 8 15. *Pby of Nassau*—Jamaica ch 81 10 174 83
SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Crawfordville*—Rockville ch 10 00
SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Richland*—Lexington ch 17. *Pby of Wooster*—Clark ch 7; East Hopewell and Nashville chs 25; Shreve ch 1; Berlin ch 8. *Pby of Zanesville*—Madison ch 26; Pleasant Hill ch 8 50 92 20
SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Huntington*—Perryville ch, less exp charges, 43; Hollidaysburg ch, semi an coll, 60; Luthersburg ch 10. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Second ch, half mo coll, 19 50. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Holmesburg ch Sab-sch, systematic benef plan, 8; Falls of Schuylkill ch 11 50; Roxborough ch 7 14 30
SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairville*—New Salem ch 54 83; Harrison City ch 5. *Pby of Ohio*—Hopewell ch 14 48. *Pby of Saltsburgh*—Indiana ch 100; Warren ch 40 55 214 86
SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of S Minnesota*—Harmony and Glasgow chs 5 00
SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Michigan*—Bennington ch 13 50, of which 6 90 from Perry congregation. *Pby of Western Reserve*—Rev R B Moore 43 75 57 25
SYNOD OF S. IOWA.—*Pby of Fairfield*—Libertyville ch 2 15; Bloomfield ch 5. *Pby of Iowa*—Round Prairie ch 10 17 15
SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of Washington*—Washington 1st ch 18 55; Canonsburg ch 21; Upper Ten Mile ch 35 74 55
SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Platteville Ger ch 4 50; Rev G W Newell 5 9 50

Total Receipts from churches \$1,411 25

MISCELLANEOUS.—“A thank offering 150; Myron Phelps and wife, Lewistown, Ill, 100; John Milligan 2; Henry Brewster, Esq, Shirleysburg, Pa, 5; Prsbyterian 20 25; Mrs Foster, Greensburg, Pa, 12 25; John Anderson, Esq, Anderson's Mills, Pa, 5; Interest 952 20 1246 70
LEGACIES.—Legacy of Eleanor G Scott, dec'd, late of Baltimore, Md, less tax, &c 68 43

Total Receipts in June, \$2,726 38

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CLOTHING.

1 box from ladies of Sing Sing ch, N Y, valued at 142 00
1 box from ladies of Chestnut Hill ch, Pa, valued at 230 00
\$372 00

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THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTIFUL, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

Thus saith the LORD,
The labour of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia,

And of the Sabceans, men of stature,
Shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine;
They shall come after thee,

In chains they shall come over,
And they shall fall down unto thee;
They shall make supplication unto thee,

Saying, Surely God is in thee,
And there is none else, there is no god.
Look unto me, and be ye saved,

All the ends of the earth;
For I am God, and there is none else.

I have sworn by myself,
The word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness,
and shall not return,

That unto me every knee shall bow,
Every tongue shall swear. Isaiah xlv. 14, 22, 23.

The Future of the Negro Race.

An extract from an address by Dr. Speer in connection with the closing exercises at Lincoln University, June 19th.

There are three kinds of power exercised by man over his fellows. There is physical power, the power of stronger muscle, or of material force; intellectual power, the power of sharper wit, or of stronger and clearer reasoning faculties; and moral power, the power of conscience, and of love, and of faith, and of patience—what Mr. Spurgeon calls "heart power." This is the highest of all, the mightiest of all. This is that in which your race excels. You excel our race in it, and perhaps every other race.

No one can tell for what God has coupled the Anglo-Saxon and the Negro races in this dual way for more than two centuries. The Egyptian civilization levelled and ploughed the soil of the world for the seed which a race of slaves, oppressed and despised then, was selected to sow, and till, and gather. The Roman civilization was but the unwitting force that in its turn hewed away the forests, and made the roads, and broke up the ground, when the Lord called the slaves, of which the early Church was so largely composed, to scatter the good seed. And with all our pride, and all our riches, and all our advancements in

science, and all our mighty power in the world, we may be nothing but the Egypt or the Rome, that is now preparing the world for blessings which some race that we have oppressed and despised is to be the means of distributing; whose superior faith, and humility, and love, perfected in the sufferings we have inflicted, have qualified them for the work, and procured for them the Divine trust.

The Anglo-Saxon is one of the most godless and terrible of races. I have seen cities in China where the Hindu had brought and propagated his benumbing creed. There the swarthy Arab had built his mosque, and established his shrines of the false prophet, to which pilgrims flowed from distant provinces. There the white-robed Parsee fire worshipper stood out near the river shore, beneath the trees, in the morning and evening, and was not ashamed to worship the rising and the setting sun as the most splendid symbol of the glory of God. There the Frenchman, and the Italian, and the Portuguese had transported their grosser fashion of Christianity, and numbered many converts, and reared many churches and religious and benevolent institutions. But there, for more than two hundred long years, our race traded and gathered immense wealth, and sent magnificent embassies, and yet never built one house that could testify to those heathen that we were not utter Atheists! I saw in the year 1848 the first house erected in China for Christian worship in our language. The East India Company systematically banished religious influences and Christian ministers from all the immense and densely-peopled lands under their control. Not to speak of other sins, we are now importing, by violence and fraud, fifty millions of dollars worth of opium a year, to poison the active thinking people of China, and send them to hell. We are beggaring and ruining their empire. As an antidote, we are adding half-a-dozen or a dozen to the petty missionary force, devoted men it is true, but only enough to be mere sentinels at a few posts along the vast populous coast. What the Lord God of justice will do with such an abominable race as we are, such apostles of bloodshed, and poison, and plagues, it is impossible to

exactly foretell. But certainly we are heaping up judgments for the day of coming wrath. America has received, of late, a small portion of them.

Would any other race of men have denied all religion for two centuries? I have beheld the piety of the soft inhabitants of the Sandwich Islands, and heard there of examples of it like one where a company of English officers employed some native guides to pilot them to the volcano of Kelauea. When the evening came, as they all sat in the tent, pitched on the very brink of that awful image of "the lake of fire burning with brimstone," they coaxed those guides to exhibit for their gratification some of the old lascivious heathen dances. The men turned away with shame. What was the surprise of the white party to see them after a while modestly unroll their Bible, and read together a chapter, and commend themselves and their families and their foreign companions to the care of the all-present God, and then lie down trustfully to sleep! God has blessed those simple people. In that most trying mission to the cannibal Marquesian Islands, after English and French and American efforts had failed, the uncompromising patience, the goodness, the love, of these Hawaiians, whose appearance and character is not unlike that of the negroes of America, has triumphed!

Cultivate, brethren of the African race, those natural traits of character, so greatly heightened by your centuries of bondage; and God, who has removed your shoulder from the burden and delivered your hands from the pots, will open before you a great work to perform for his mercy and for his truth's sake. Millions of your own kind in this land await your labours; and tens of millions in Africa. But "the field" that you must pray for, and sympathize with, "is the world." There are no wretched prejudices as the mere complexion to shut you from distracted, miserable Mexico. South America is as open to the negro as to the white preacher of the love of Christ Jesus. Black men hold undisputed high places in society and in the church in France and in all the countries swept by the winds of the great Mediterranean. We shall need you, when the Church begins to open its eyes to the stupendous extent of the missionary work required for China, India, and the other nations that compose together more than the one-half, nearer the two-thirds, of the whole of human kind; and when she begins sincerely and actively to employ all her resources with the purpose to conquer the world for Jesus,

Grow, my brethren, in grace, and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ; thoroughly furnish yourselves for every good work, by the complete mastery of every kind of useful learning within your reach; especially of whatsoever tends to enable you to understand and preach the word of God, or to heal the sick, or to remove the darkness of human ignorance and superstition, and so to fill the world with holiness and happiness. You know not how great things Jesus may call you to do and to suffer for his sake and the Gentiles.

What a Word from Jesus might Do.

A young student, tall, ruddy-cheeked, bright, and esteemed by both teachers and fellows, returned to his home at the completion of his college course, stung, alas! with the poison of David Hume's infidelity. It by degrees swelled and bloated and corrupted his whole nature. He became an incarnate pestilence, dreaded by the good, and unceasingly puffing his deadly falsehoods, to be inhaled by the unsuspecting and the young. But, vile and hateful as he was, a God of mercy could not let him go. He was scourged, after a time, with an agonizing disease. In one of its long paroxysms, he raged, and wailed, and cursed himself and his God, in language so like what a being from hell itself might be supposed to utter, that his own brother, wicked too, fled from the room in horror. So utterly miserable did he become, when the attack left him, prostrated, that he began to think; "Well, if my skepticism gives me so little comfort in times of suffering, why should I force it upon others?" From that time he ceased to talk of it, but observed no change in the intensity of bitter and scornful hatred to the Bible and Christians. Years passed thus away. One lovely summer morning he was suddenly summoned to go to a town a score of miles distant from his home, to see a beloved sister who lay a dying. He mounted his horse, thinking to enjoy the sweet air of the early hours. Upon that ride he became a monument of Divine power and grace, almost like Saul of Tarsus. He sat upon the horse, conscious of nothing uncommon in the deep blue of the firmament above, laden here and there with masses of bright cloud; or in the plaintive warbling of the robin, and the soothing converse of the dove with her companion; or in the gentle buffets of the west wind. He heard no voice; he saw no form. But it seemed

to him as if in one minute, like the sudden shifting of a scene, his former opinions faded, and he was conscious of a strange and powerful conviction of the truth of Christianity and the gospel. Its completeness, its grandeur, its harmony with nature and with all the deep necessities of the human soul, were so presented to his reason, that, instantly and for ever, every conceivable doubt and objection to it fled away. Immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales, and he received sight forthwith. It was like the lifting up of a curtain that opened to the vision a grand prospect, before hidden from it; or like a swift dissolving of clouds that have filled the heavens, and the illumination of the whole scope of the horizon by the clear and pleasant light of the sun. That moment reversed the whole course of his life. With this complete intellectual conviction, there began to rise inquiries as to his relation to that God who had so wonderfully unveiled Himself to his soul. The deep sense of sin flowed in; the determination to accept the Divine mercy offered in the perfect atonement of Jesus Christ; and the purpose to solemnly consecrate himself to God for time and for eternity. But all was deep, quiet, and within himself; God and the soul transacting together, without a thought of any human counsellor. After a time a Christian friend, observing something unusual in the young lawyer, ventured to converse with him. He was astonished to find the malignant infidel and scoffer transformed into an humble believer. He could not realize the thoroughness and permanence of the change, and proposed to furnish him with some works on the subject of the evidences of Christianity. "No!" said the lawyer, almost with a flush of indignation, "my belief in God and the Bible is ten times stronger than any books in the world could make it. To read any man's arguments on the subject would impair it." Suffice it to say here, that Mr. ——— soon connected himself with the church in his native town, lived a spotless Christian life, and not long ago Jesus that appeared unto him in the way, and gave unto him his sight, called him to receive a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give not to him only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

A case like this ought to exert a mighty influence upon our faith. The Jesus that so many centuries ago appeared to the blaspheming young lawyer of Tarsus, on the highway near Damascus, is the

same that appeared to the blaspheming young lawyer of S——, here in our own land. Many generations of men, as the flower of the grass, have withered and fallen and perished in the mean time, but like the word of the Lord on earth, so the Word of God in heaven, full of grace and truth, endureth for ever. In our to-day, and in Paul's yesterday, and in the Church's for ever, He is "the same."

What prevents His speaking the sentence that shall smite down at mid-day the bitterest persecutors alive?

Why are not our congregations shaken with the sensible power of His presence? How easily could He open the eyes of thousands—with one touch, with one word!

Why tarry the glorious promises to the Gentiles? Christian brethren, let but the breath of the Holy Spirit sweep, like a heavenly wind, over the hearts of mankind; let the clouds be suddenly lifted that now hide the spiritual Sun and the heavens from their sight; simply let the intense conviction be breathed into the mind that *they are in the wrong way*, and that their former ideas are false, and none but the "one God" of whom all the earth has heard through the joint witness of Judaism, Mohammedanism, and Christianity, can save them; and the work is done!

The power that at once transforms one soul, can as easily transform a community—a nation—a world! Do we believe this? Do we feel it? Do we pray with such faith?

Hymn for the Morning Hour. "Even Me."

The first waking thought of the morning ought to be sent heaven-ward. While engaged in putting on the garments, and other preparations for the duties of the day, the low singing of such a hymn as this is a delightful exercise. A tune composed, so far as we know, for these words, and admirably expressive of its tender devotional spirit, may be found in the "CHILDREN'S PRAISE," published by our Board of Publication. Such words, and such music, ought to float through the chambers of the heart, and give their heavenly tone to the conversation and actions of all the day.

Lord, I hear of show'rs of blessings,
Thou art scatt'ring full and free.
Show'rs the thirsty land refreshing,
Let some droppings fall on me.
Even me, Even me.
Let some droppings fall on me.

Pass me not, O God, my Father,
Sinful though my heart may be:
Thou might'st leave me, but the rather
Let thy mercy light on me:
Even me, Even me.
Let some droppings fall on me.

Pass me not, O mighty Spirit,
Thou canst make the blind to see;
Testify of Jesus' merit,
Speak the word of power to me;
Even me, Even me.
Let some droppings fall on me.

Have I long in sin been sleeping,
Long been slighting, grieving Thee?
Has the world my heart been keeping?
Oh forgive and rescue me!
Even me, Even me.
Let some droppings fall on me.

Love of God, so pure and changeless;
Blood of Christ, so rich and free;
Grace of God, so rich and boundless;
Magnify it all in me;
Even me, Even me.
Let some droppings fall on me.

Forget not the Common School.

The neglected condition of the common schools in many towns and in country districts should rouse the attention of the Presbyterian ministry. The parochial school has its own place of usefulness to occupy, and for some conclusive reasons it should be maintained wherever practicable. But, even where this is the case, the common schools ought not to be neglected. The Annual Report of the Board says: "The greatest care should be taken to maintain the influence of the Presbyterian Church in that system; for the sake of its important bearing on the Church; for the sake of the multitudes of children in the common schools, who are too often either uncared for as they should be, or else are led away under the influence of partial or false religious teaching; and because sound education is one of the chief pledges of our nation's liberties, its unity, its prosperity, its influence over the less favoured nations of the earth. The eyes and the heart of every Presbyterian minister should be ever upon the common schools of his vicinity; and his people should be made to feel the power of his sympathy and prayers in behalf of all the educational influences about them. He should see that good and suitable men are appointed as teachers, sustain them with his counsels, and visit their schools; suggest the best books for use; uphold their acts of discipline by his moral influence in the community; encourage the young to industry in study, obedience, and order, by spirited appeals to them; and aim to elevate the cause of education, and extend its influence, in the region where he lives, by occasional public addresses on the subject."

In one of the resolutions in relation to this Board, the last General Assembly sends its admonitions to ministers and elders on this subject, and urges their regard to these points, and to "the introduction of suitable books, and especially the Bible."

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN JUNE, 1867.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —West Milton ch,	\$4 96
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Plain Grove ch,	45 00
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —North ch,	73 81
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Aisquith St ch,	2 66
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Congruity ch,	36 30
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Union Grove ch,	3 00
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Seventh ch, Cincinnati,	96 50
<i>Pby of Chittico</i> —the Union ch,	5 40
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Thompsonville 1st ch,	6 00
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Mt Tabor ch,	2 00
<i>Pby of Dune</i> —Rev G W Newell,	8 00
<i>Pby of Huntington</i> —Bethel ch,	10 00
<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Westminster ch,	18 85
<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —Sag Harbor Ladies Education Society,	59 50
<i>Pby of Louisville</i> —Fourth ch, Louisville,	10 00
<i>Pby of Michigan</i> —First Plymouth ch,	8 00
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Hightstown ch,	11 03
<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Muncy ch,	10 76
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Bethany ch,	51 75
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Chestnut Hill ch 60;	
Doylestown ch 13; Catsauqua ch 5	78 00
<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —New York Av ch,	51 56
<i>Pby of Raritan</i> —Flemington ch,	10 00
<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Brownville ch,	14 00
<i>Pby of Salisbury</i> —Saltsburg ch,	55 25
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Fairview ch,	5 28
<i>Pby of West Virginia</i> —French Creek ch 9 81;	
Bull Creek ch 4	13 81
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Berlin ch 6; Mt Eaton ch 14	20 00
<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Pleasant Hill ch 2 50; Mc-	
Connellsville ch 6; Madison ch 19	27 50
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REFUNDED.

\$23 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Myron Phelps, Esq. and wife, Lewistown, Ill.,	
100; Alexander Guy, M D, Oxford, Ohio,	
special, 120	22) 00
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	\$976 92

II. FUND FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, &c.

<i>Pby of Ogdensburg</i> —Heuvelton ch,	\$5 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Central ch, from	
Matthew Newkirk, Esq.*	50 00
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	\$55 00

Total amount acknowledged, \$1,031 92

* The collection from Central ch credited in May to Ministerial Education Fund was also for this Fund, making in all \$210.

WILLIAM MAIN, Treasurer.

Letters and Communications in regard to the objects of the BOARD OF EDUCATION may be addressed to Rev. WILLIAM SPER, D.D., Corresponding Secretary, No. 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia. Remittances of money should be made to WILLIAM MAIN, Esq., same address.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Recent Intelligence.

MISSION HOUSE, New York, }
 July 15th, 1867. }

THE LETTERS received, of latest dates, are from,—

Lahor, April 29th;
 Dehra, April 22d;
 Petchaburi, April 15th;
 Canton, May 8th;
 Ningpo, May 17th;
 Shanghai, May 17th;
 Chefoo, May 3d;
 Tungchow, April 27th;
 Peking, April 10th;
 Yokohama, May 23d;
 Corisco, April 18th;
 Benita, April 15th;
 Baranquilla, May 29th;
 Rio de Janeiro, May 24th;
 Sao Paulo, May 6th;
 San Francisco, May 20th;
 Omaha, July 3d;
 Seminole, June 28th;
 Chippewa, June 29th.

NOTICES OF MISSIONARIES.—The Rev. A. P. Happer, D.D., of the Canton Mission, arrived here on the 11th inst. He returns to this country to make arrangements for the education of his children, but expects to go back to the work in which he has been long so efficiently engaged. Dr. and Mrs. Kerr, of the same Mission, after spending some weeks in London with much benefit to Mrs. Kerr's health, expected to embark for this country on the 10th of July. They hope to return in a short time to Canton, where the Doctor's large hospital work can but ill spare his presence. Mrs. Schneider, wife of the Rev. F. J. C. Schneider, of the Brazil Mission, and their little son, arrived in this country about a month ago. Mr. Schneider remained at his post, but he will probably return also at an early day, to take the charge of his family. We regret to mention that Mrs. Schneider has received little benefit from the voyage; she is in very feeble health. The return of Dr.

and Mrs. Hepburn to Yokohama is reported—see his letter in another column. The arrival of Miss M. J. Brown at Tungchow is also reported.

CONVERTS ADMITTED TO THE CHURCHES.—Dr. Happer mentions the admission of three Chinese women to the church at Canton, a short time before his leaving that city, making nine in all of those who were under the late Mrs. Happer's instruction, who have become the professed followers of Christ since her lamented death. The deep interest of this statement is obvious, and its great encouragement to faithful missionary labour. Mr. Dodd, writing on the 15th of May, says: "During the past week there have been in Ningpo and the outstations eleven adults baptized." Mr. McFarland reports the baptism of a Laos man at Petchaburi. He adds: "We are rejoiced to see much close attention and evident feeling in our Sabbath congregations. An occasional tear dropping down the cheek is something not often seen in a Siamese congregation, and is evidence of the presence of the Spirit that cannot be mistaken."

THE MISSION TREASURY has received some noble gifts, intended to meet the present exigencies of the missionary cause. We may note \$5000 from a gentleman, \$1000 each from two gentlemen, \$1000 each from two ladies, \$500 from a gentleman, and a number of donations of smaller amounts from various sources. Among these was the gift of five dollars from a minister's wife, which must have required the exercise of real self-denial. These donations are understood to be *in addition* to the offerings in support of this cause, which these Christian friends usually make. We feel assured that the supply of funds will be ample if our Christian people will but lay to heart the nature, progress, and promise of this work, as work for Christ, and for our fellow-men who do not

know the way of salvation. The faith, the prayers, and the sympathy of the churches will prompt to enlarged gifts. We long to see the regular collections in all the congregations greatly increased.

Missionary Work in Japan.

The Dictionary Published.

Dr. J. C. Hepburn writes from Yokohama, May 23d, as follows:

I send by Dr. Happer a copy of my Dictionary, a present to the *Mission Library*. . . . This is *part* of the fruits of my nearly eight years' work in Japan. I don't consider it *perfect*, far from it, but I really think it is the best thing that could be done in the same time. It is the first in English, and will be a help to some in making a better. I regard it as the best kind of missionary work which I could have done for Japan under the *circumstances*. It will be, *indirectly*, a great help to the missionary work in this land. It is not preaching the gospel, but it will furnish words to the preacher, and help him in learning the language. But you know all this without my telling you.

I am very glad to get back to my home, and thankful to our Heavenly Father who has kept me from all evil, and helped me to do what I have done. To him alone belongs all the praise.

I am glad the book has been published without trenching upon the funds of the Board. I am not yet able to say how much it will cost, not until Mr. Gamble has rendered to me all his accounts. I have paid out for *composition* alone some fourteen hundred dollars. The book will pay for itself. I don't expect to make anything by it in a pecuniary way, and will be thankful if no one loses by it. Mr. W—— will run the risk of loss.

Translating the Sacred Scriptures into Japanese.

I hope now to turn my attention to translating the Scriptures. This I intend to give myself to. It is time something was done in this direction. I am sorry Mr. Brown leaves us. I had hoped to have him join us in this work. Messrs. Ballagh, Thompson, and myself will unite, and prosecute the work, and do the best we can. Perhaps Mr. Verbeck of Nagasaki may join us.

A Tract in Japanese Printed.

The tract that I had translated and cut on blocks some three or four years

ago, I have revised, and Mr. Gamble is now printing it off. It is a translation of one of Dr. McCartee's best tracts, and contains a short dissertation on the fundamental truths of Christianity, as "God is a spirit, There is but one God." "The creation of the heavens and earth." "God made all nations of one blood." "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." "All nations have forgotten God." "None righteous, no not one." "What must I do to be saved?" "God so loved the world," &c. "Come unto me all ye that labour," &c. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation." I send you a copy of this tract. It is the first thing of the kind, and I trust may be made a blessing to some of this benighted people.

More Men wanted for Japan.

It will not be long before this country is fully open to the gospel, and there should be men in the field to enter on the great work of preaching the gospel. The harvest is ripe. "Send the labourers," is our daily prayer. The Jesuits are exceedingly active and busy here, they are wonderfully wise, they have got most of the Government schools now in their own hands. The French Government is lending all its power to the beast.

As ever your friend and brother,
J. C. HEPBURN.

Missionary Work at Chefoo.

The Girls' Boarding-School.

Under date of May 1st, at Chefoo, China, Mrs. Corbett writes the following letter, giving particular information of much interest concerning missionary matters at that station.

My Dear Friend,—You requested me to give you some account of the girls' boarding-school at Chefoo. It has only been in operation two months, and we have as yet but six scholars. Still we are thankful that a beginning has been made. When permission was granted to open the school, we had no accommodations for the girls. Land had to be purchased and buildings erected. All this took time.

When I wrote to you asking for funds to support the school, we hoped to have had it in operation much sooner, and I intended to take charge of it myself till Miss Downing was more advanced in the language, but being delayed so long she was able to

take charge of it from the beginning. In future, you may expect all reports concerning this school to come from Miss Downing's pen. She has now been with us a year, and has given almost all her time and strength to study. We fear she has confined herself too closely, but hope much from the variety and interest the care of the school will naturally give her. Constantly engaged at one study is dull work. We have all found the first year in China apparently much longer than those which follow.

Mr. Corbett bought a piece of land adjoining the lot on which our own house stands. School buildings were erected, and now the men are busy at work putting up a chapel on the same lot. The girls' school building is seventy-two feet long—a narrow building, only one story high. There is a school-room, four sleeping-rooms, and a dining-room. It is only intended to accommodate twelve girls, with their teacher and matron. The two latter are both church members—a man and his wife from Tungchow—whose services we were very glad to secure.

Notices of the Scholars.

They brought with them their daughter, who is now almost grown; she is also a member of the church, and exerts a very good influence over the younger pupils. She was formerly a member of Mrs. Nevius' school at Tungchow, one in whom she was very much interested, named Shong-Yuin. She is a sweet singer, and can lead the other girls in this exercise, which is a great assistance. She will be with us four years, is engaged to be married at the end of that time to a Christian young man, a member of Mr. Mateer's school, at Tungchow.

There is another little girl in the school who is somewhat advanced in her studies; has been with foreigners several years. Her mother is my little daughter's nurse, and I have spent much time in teaching her since she has been in our family. Then we have Mr. Wong, our elder's daughter, and three others from the neighbourhood whose parents are very poor, and brought their children to us merely for the sake of the temporal benefit they would receive. These five are quite young—ages varying from eight to twelve.

Imperfect Motive—Case of Opposition—How the scholars spend the time—Happy and Contented.

The parents of one of the little girls

gave us a great deal of trouble at first, by trying to coax the child away, and refusing to let her come back when at home. It was evident that they only intended to let the child stay till she had a new suit of clothes, and then take her from us. They have ceased to annoy us, and seem to be well satisfied to let her remain.

The father of two of the girls got a dreadful beating from his brother for bringing his children here, and was very anxious to take them away to save further trouble. This was, of course, not allowed, and the difficulty seems to be settled for the present. No other girls have as yet been secured, and we fear it will be some time before the prejudice against educating women will be so far overcome as to allow them to come readily.

The girls spend four hours every forenoon with their native teacher, and two in the afternoon, in learning to sing, and reciting their lessons to Miss Downing. They also attend two religious exercises daily. The remainder of the time is occupied in cooking their food, learning to sew, and doing household work.

They all seem happy and contented; have rosy cheeks, and sparkling black eyes. If it were not that they have the hair shaved from the forehead, and wear the remainder tied in a knot with a red string, nearly on the top of the head, we should think some of them quite handsome.

The Boys' School—The Native Church—A Blind man led to Christ in an unknown way.

We have no trouble in getting boys for our day-school. I spend some time with them every day, and find it very interesting.

We all have our hands full of work now, and are glad of it. Mr. Corbett is very busy, and has been greatly encouraged in his work. The native church now numbers twenty-four, and there are inquirers here almost constantly.

There has been one baptism since the date of Mr. Corbett's last letter, that of a blind man, whose case is very interesting. . . . The lovely scenes of earth are veiled from him, but we trust he now has light in his own soul. He has hired himself to grind in a mill six days in the week. The only compensation being his food, and the privilege of keeping the Sabbath. He esteems it a great blessing to be allowed to attend the Sabbath services. His former home was one hundred miles distant. His

wife and children were killed by the rebels, a few years ago, and all his property destroyed. He had not, at that time, lost his sight, but in trying to escape was overheated, took a cold, which affected his eyes, and has not been able to see since that time. When on his way to this place he was thrown into a ravine by some wicked men and left to die; was afterwards saved by a passing mulateer, and led to this city. When feeling around for an inn, he came to one where one of our native Christians was stopping. This man took him in, told him of Jesus, and brought him here for instruction. He soon became interested, and is now, we hope, a child of God.

Grateful Review—A Pleasant Home.

When we look back and see the changes which have taken place in our Sabbath audiences, we cannot but say, "What hath God wrought?" It is but little over two years since Mr. Corbett commenced talking to the people. Then we held our services in our own sitting-room, and were delighted when two or three besides our servants were present. The numbers, however, gradually increased. Last summer, when this house was built, the study was made larger than any of the other rooms, as we thought it would hold all who came on the Sabbath. It was soon full to overflowing. Then the school-room was built larger than necessary for the present number of girls, so that it might answer for a chapel as well. We worship there now, but are very much crowded. There are about one hundred present every Sabbath—not passing travellers, but persons who come on purpose to hear. The new chapel will seat about two hundred. We are sure it will not be large enough, if the audiences continue to increase as they have done in the past; indeed we hope it will not.

I wish you could visit our mission premises; we have, indeed, a delightful situation, not only as regards health and comfort, but as affording ample opportunities for work. It is as a "city set on a hill," and I trust "the light is not hid." You are aware that the house is built on a hill side, overlooking the harbour and city of Chefoo. The view from our windows is beautiful. We are all well, and are hoping that by this time we have become fully acclimated.

With sincere regards,

Yours very truly,

L. C. CORBETT.

Missionary Life in India.

BY THE REV. W. F. JOHNSON.

An Odd Text.

We had a longer march than usual before us that day, and from the map it was evident that villages were not abundant near the road. It was then a question what we had better do. If we should leave our families to go in our carriages, and walk ourselves, the ten or twelve miles distance would be so much lengthened out by wandering off to villages far from the road, as to become dreadfully laborious. On the other hand, if we continued in our carriages there would probably be few opportunities to preach that day.

Brother B. and I compromised the matter by packing both our families into one carriage, and taking the other ourselves; we started from the encampment, and rode out some miles, to a spot where villages were visible from the road in both directions. Here we alighted, sending our conveyance some three miles farther up the road, there to wait for us. We then separated, one to make a semi-circle among the villages to the south of the road, the other among those to the north. The one who first returned to the road was to wait for the other, and then both drive into camp together.

I went first to a village of some two hundred inhabitants, where I preached to a quiet but most unappreciative audience of twenty men and boys. Leaving them I saw what appeared to be a village, distant a mile and a half, over a level and rather barren plain. Making my way across this, I met a young man weeding in a field, to whom I commenced talking. An older man, working near by, soon joined us, and I tried to tell them of their immortal destiny, and of the necessity of making some preparation for the solemn journey. But oh the ignorance and vacuity of those minds! "Possibly there might be a God—r many * * We do not die;—well, on second thoughts perhaps we do * * You say we are sinners: Heaven only knows: how can we tell? * * Why should God be angry with us, we have never eaten food touched by a Christian? * * There are many religions in the world, how should poor people know how many are true? Ours is good enough for us and our—Look out, Lachhman! there go your sheep into the wheat field!"

It was curious to see with what per-

sistence the old man, all the time I was talking to him, kept a corner of an eye on the movements of some gaunt sheep, which were gradually sidling up towards the patch of green wheat. Evidently the preaching of Paul or Apollos would have comforted him little if any harm had come to his grain.

The village on nearing it proved to be a hamlet of some thirty or forty inhabitants. The men were scattered off in the fields, and the women in such cases will not listen, so I turned aside to a group of men near by who were mending a well.

I tried various ways of engaging their attention but all in vain. They were too busy—they were poor people—if they did not work where would their bread come from? Besides why should they trouble themselves about such a far away, abstruse matter as religion; their Brahmans knew about it, and that was enough.

All this was discouraging, certainly. I had had a long hot walk to get to this place, here were plenty of people to talk to, only they would not listen to me. My old Professor used to say, metaphorically I suppose, that he would preach standing on his head, if people would not hear him any other way. Now this might do in one's own tongue, but to make an address in a foreign language in that position would have been rather difficult, and, although I saw that was just what was wanted, I was compelled to pass that by. I knew very well that if a couple of nautch girls should happen around there, no more work would be done till the dancing ended, and that their industry was only assumed for the occasion.

I happened to have a little mariner's compass in my pocket, which I had used sometimes to direct my wanderings over these roadless plains. Showing this to one or two, I soon had the rest about me, eyes and mouth open. I told them they were ready enough to worship an old piece of sandstone with a blotch or two of red paint on it, but where was the idol which could show as much sign of intelligence as this needle. I showed them that this bit of insensate metal however it were turned about always reverted to its true position—knew its true course and kept it; but they, whom God had created reasonable beings, never thought of keeping to the true way—cared not even to inquire for it—daily wandered farther and farther from it. That all around us we could see everything fulfilling the object of its creation.

Man alone is careless of duty, rebellious, ungrateful. That their common objection, that all religions were equally good, was palpably absurd. I depended upon this instrument to inform me in which direction lay my road, and God had given it the qualities of a trustworthy guide, but if I had several of these instruments with me, and each should point out the North in a different part of the heavens, how could I ever hope to arrive at my destination by following any of them? That it would at least become me to find out which one of them all was true.

In short, the eager ring of curious, assenting listeners who remained for some time listening to such remarks as these, showed that as in the days of the Great Teacher, so now no truth so comes home to the ignorant common people as that which is taught by a parable or an illustration.

On my way back to the road I preached in another village, but learning that some of the catechists had been there earlier in the day I did not remain long. Arriving at the carriage I found my colleague had not arrived, so taking a book and a biscuit, provided for the occasion, I sat down to await his return. Hour after hour passed, until I began to think longingly of the breakfast awaiting me two or three miles away. At one o'clock a message came that I need wait no longer on my companion, he having already reached the camp by a different route, deceived by some villagers as to the direction in which our meeting place lay.

(To be concluded.)

A Church formed among the Creeks.

The Rev. J. R. Ramsay writes as follows, under date of May 27th.

"In regard to the organization of the Creek church, . . . Brother Robertson and I both participated in it. We proceeded to Choski on Saturday before New Year. Brother Robertson preached on Saturday night, after which an invitation was given to any old members of the Creek church who might be present, and also to any who might wish to unite for the first time with the church, to meet with us for that purpose. The weather was very cold and stormy, and but few attended. Five persons presented themselves as candidates to form the new organization. Three of them old members and two new candidates. Sandford Perryman being one of the

number received, was then unanimously chosen as ruling elder. On Sabbath I preached, after which Brother Robertson administered the ordinance of Baptism to two infants, Mr. Perryman's and mine. I then baptized the two candidates who had been received. We then ordained Mr. Perryman as ruling elder. The first Muskokee church was thus re-organized and the exercises concluded by the administration of the Lord's Supper.

At a subsequent communion season held at Tallahassee, five persons were added to the Creek church, three on examination, all of them were old members, and two on certificate; so that the church now numbers ten members. This is as near as I can remember what has transpired in that organization. I am sorry not to be able to give a more encouraging account of it. There were more than one hundred members of this church including Tallahassee and Kowetah when the war commenced, but they have been dreadfully scattered and torn. The two native preachers with Brother _____ went with the Rebellion, and with them quite a number of the members. One of the native preachers, Brother Winslett, died during the war."

Power of the Bible alone.

(*Letter from Signor Gregori, Evangelist at Naples, to the editor of the "Eco Della Verita."*)

NAPLES, 25th Feb., 1867.

On one of the days of the week of prayer, on returning home I found three countrymen awaiting me. On asking the object of their visit, they told me that they came to make the acquaintance of an evangelical minister, to be instructed as to the institution of the Lord's Supper, and to break bread with their brethren of Naples. They added they had long desired to come, but had been unable; but having practised some economy, had got the means of coming, but had to leave again next day.

I asked them what they meant by "breaking bread," which they seemed to have so much at heart, and they told me with many digressions what I will now try to abridge. "Reverend sir, it is now three years since by chance a friend gave to one of us an almanac, the *Amica di Caso*. We did not read, we devoured it; we had never read so interesting a book—what most pleased us were certain verses of the Bible printed opposite the days of the month—beautiful words, truly comforting and penetrating to the heart. But these few verses only gave

us a longing desire to read the whole of sacred Scripture; but how could we find it? We thought of going to Benevento (we reside 12 miles from it); but on going from one bookseller there to another we could not find what we wanted. We then gave commission to one to order it for us, and on returning to Benevento after an interval we found the book of God. Gladly we returned to our homes, and thenceforward not a day passed that we did not search the word of the Lord. As we read it, passing from hand to hand, our eyes were opened. Here we have seen that there is not salvation in any other than Christ; because He alone has borne our sins on the cross to make us die to sin and rise to newness of life; that Christ has fully saved us by the sole sacrifice of Himself offered on Calvary; without His sacrifice needing to be renewed; that we ought to confess mutually the faults we have committed against each other, and confess ourselves to God, who alone in Christ Jesus will and can pardon us. In one word, reading this sacred book, we felt we could not any more conform to the errors that for so long a time had been taught us, and thus we ceased to attend the papal worship, and read the word of God at home and prayed. One thing only troubled us—the institution of the Lord's Supper. Having been instituted by Christ as a commemoration, it appeared to us that we ought to celebrate it: but how? It is on this account we have come to you, that you may tell us something about this institution, and that if possible you may allow us to break bread with you before we leave, according to the example of the apostles."

You may imagine my surprise and joy! I had before me three poor country labourers, who, without any one having taught them, with no book of polemics, but with the Bible alone and the help of the Spirit of God, had come to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. With the word of God alone they had learned to condemn the Mass, auricular confession, the worship of Mary and the saints, pretended papal infallibility, purgatory &c. I learned also from my visitors that their families were also of their faith, and desired to partake of the Lord's Supper, but had not been able to come to Naples. I explained to them the sacrament of the Supper, and said that as their families also were evangelical, it would be better that I should visit them, and celebrate with them all together the commemoration of

the death of our Saviour. They gave me their address, and as I promised to go as soon as possible, they left satisfied.

At the end of last month I set out for Benevento. I was a little uncertain as to the issue of my journey, as the province to which I was going was not long since one of the most infested by brigands, and some of my friends in Naples did not wish me to go, suspecting that the visit was a trap to draw me into the toils of the brigands. My impression was different, for no one could speak as these men had spoken to me whose hearts were not full of the Saviour. Having arrived at Benevento, the first person I saw on alighting at the inn was one of the friends who had come to Naples. He had come with one of his brothers to meet me. We slept at Benevento, and early next morning we started for Fragneto, and from thence walked the three miles that separate it from Fragneto l'Abate (or Fragnetiello), the end of my journey.

To tell you the welcome I received from these four evangelical families (for that was their number) is impossible. If their father had arrived, or a beloved relative after long absence, a warmer could not have been given. But I must tell you the condition and circumstances of these brethren of ours. Three of them are brothers german, two carpenters, and one a baker of macaroni: each of these has a wife and children. They are not rich, but live by their trade. Still the house they live in belongs to them, with a small garden; and thus they live contentedly and honestly by their labours. Yet the two days I spent with them they made holidays; nothing was done but converse—and here I ought to say that I have rarely found any persons coming out from Romanism with so profound a knowledge as they possessed of Scripture, not only of the New, but also of the Old Testament. Another evangelical family is that of a lawyer, consisting only of himself and his daughter—a well educated person, who conducts the female school.

It is not to be supposed that our brethren were left in peace by the priests; on the contrary, they had long discussions with them, both verbally and in writing. The eldest of the brethren has a brother-in-law, a friar, who having returned to the district in the end of 1866, took every opportunity of disputing with his sister and her husband. But the worthy friar having had his mouth shut several times, set himself to discuss

the matter with his eldest nephew, a quick, intelligent boy of sixteen, but this lad also soon silenced him. Irritated at this, the friar began to start infidel objections to the Scriptures, and gave, as one example of the contradictions of the sacred writers, that while one evangelist says it was yet dark when Mary Magdalene went to the sepulchre of Christ, another says that when she went to the sepulchre, the sun had already begun to shine. When asked to explain this, the youth was at first a little taken aback, but after reflecting a few seconds, answered, "There is no contradiction; when the Magdalene went out it was yet dark physically, but the Sun of Righteousness, Jesus Christ, had already risen from the dead, and hence it is said the sun had already begun to shine." If this gives you an idea of the vivacity of the youth's imagination, it also proves the ignorance of the friar, who was quite amazed at the answer, and had not a word to say.

I held two meetings at Fragneto l'Abate in the house of the lawyer; at the second we celebrated the Lord's Supper, being ten in number, four women, one of them the schoolmistress, and six men, myself included. At first I hesitated whether to administer the ordinance or not; but I found myself in the position of Peter at the house of Cornelius—who was I that I should not give the Supper to those who had received the Lord Jesus?

By a letter received yesterday evening from these dear brethren, I have heard that the clergy have been on the watch; that they have accused them of holding political meetings. The delegate of police had gone with carabinieri to verify the matter, but had been obliged to acknowledge the falsity of the accusation. The schoolmistress had been obliged to send in her resignation, which had not been accepted by the Prefect of Benevento and the School Committee; but the number of children had diminished, and those dear brethren will now have the baptism of trial. Let us pray the Lord that they may sustain it.

I shall soon return to visit them, and then shall send you further details. I am sure you will bless God for having blessed the Almanac, The "Amica di Casa," and made it the means of conducting some souls to the truth. G.G.—
A Voice from Italy, April, 1867.

ERRATUM.—For General Estimation of Expenses, on page 154, of our last No. read General Estimate of Expenses.

DONATIONS

TO THE
BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS,
IN JUNE, 1867.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Amsterdam Village ch 80; 2d ch, Albany 120 80; Hamilton Union ch 31 51; Schenectady ch, for debt 86 96; State st ch, Albany 150 484 27

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny City*—Bridgewater Sab-sch, for Tungechow 40. *Pby of Allegheny*—North Butler ch 5 46 00

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Second ch Sab-sch, Baltimore 75; Annapolis ch 50; Aisquith st ch, Baltimore 68. *Pby of Carlisle*—Silver Spring ch, interest on Jas Graham's estate 25; Barton ch 10; Big Spring ch 194 10; Hagerstown ch 40; Harrisburg ch 290 78. *Pby of Potomac*—N Y ave ch, Washington, D C 60 37 783 25

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Genesee River*—Central ch, Genesee 30. *Pby of Ogdensburg*—Rosie ch Sab-sch 2 30 32 30

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Rock River*—Sterling Sab-sch, Ill, for Lodianna Orphans 40; Young Preacher, for Lodian Sanitarium 20 60 00

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Hillsboro ch 131 55. Sab-sch to ed child at Sabbath 150. *Pby of Cincinnati*—Lebanon Sab-sch 10; Somerset ch 13 25; 7th ch, Cincinnati, mo con 11. *Pby of Orford*—Hamilton ch, bal 11; Venice ch 50 40. *Pby of Sidney*—Piqua Sab-sch 16 50; Salem ch 8 401 70

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Bloomington*—Waynsville Sab-sch 1 50; Towanda Sab-sch 8. *Pby of Palestine*—New Hope ch 5 50 15 00

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—Fairview ch, a member 2; Summit ch 20. *Pby of Dubuque*—Frankville Sab-sch 3 08 25 08

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Transylvania*—Harrodsburg ch, a Friend 10; Paint Lick ch 60 70 00

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Burlington*—Providence ch 2. *Pby of Luzerne*—Pottsville ch 31. *Pby of Monmouth*—Jamesburg ch 20, for Liberia 10, to con Isaac 8 Buckelew *Life member*. *Pby of New Brunswick*—First ch, New Brunswick mo con 23 50; Trenton 4th ch, Mrs Eliza Burk 5. *Pby of Passaic*—Orange ch, mo con 75 37; Wickliffe ch, mo con 1 08; 3d ch, Newark, Missy Socy of Sab-sch to sup Rev J Wilson, Siam 237 42, mo con 29 69. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Troy Sab-sch, for Rio chapel 20; Wyalusing ch, to con Rev D Cook *Life member* 50; Towanda Sab-sch 50 623 27

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Hudson*—Monticello Sab-sch 20; Florida ch 10; Hopewell ch 10; Monroe ch, Mrs C B King 5. *Pby of Long Island*—Amagansett ch 9; 2d ch, Huntington mo con 11, Sab-sch 30; Millville ch, Young People's Prayer Meeting 22 70. *Pby of Nassau*—Astoria ch mo con 39 11; Geneva ch, Brooklyn, mo con 42 63; South 3d street ch, Wmsburg 42 83; Ger ch, Wmsburg, Ladies' Missy Socy 15; Jamaica ch mo con 45 5. *Pby of New York*—Forty-second st ch, New York mo con 30 92; Brick ch mo con 93 75; 1st ch, Jersey City, mo con 85 65; 1st ch, New York, mo con 175 35; Palisades ch Sab-sch 30; Cheleca ch mo con 38. *Pby of New York*—Washington Heights ch 25; Greenburg South ch 105 58 884 57

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Fort Wayne*—Albion ch 6 03

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Marion*—Wyandott ch 5. *Pby of Wooster*—Dalton ch, to con Asa Cook *Life member* 43 45. *Pby of Zanesville*—Pleasant Hill ch 29 25; Buffalo ch 29 85 107 55

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donogal*—Bellevue ch 85 33; Lencock ch 78 50; Strasburg ch 27 22. *Pby of Huntington*—Bald Eagle ch

1 20; Curwinville ch 50; Luthersburg ch 10. *Pby of New Castle*—New London ch Benev't Fund 120. *Pby of Northumberland*—Jersey Shore ch 45 27; Moorsburg ch Fern Missy Socy 9. *Pby of Philadelphia*—Tenth ch, Philadelphia, mo coll 44; Inf't Sab-sch of South ch Phila 65. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Second ch, Phila, half mo coll 19 80; Kensington ch Sab-sch 32 45; Cobocksink ch 20; do, Gaston Memorial Socy 20 627 77

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—Poke Run ch 86 50; Pleasant Grove ch 7; Beulah ch 18 35; Salem ch 15 80. *Pby of Clarion*—Bethesda ch 10; New Bethlehem ch 6 50; Rockland ch 8. *Pby of Ohio*—Pittsburg 6th ch 170 93; East Liberty Sab-sch 186 07; Sab-sch 4th ch, Pittsburg, dying bequest of Cora Anderson 10. *Pby of Redstone*—Connellsville ch 80. *Pby of Saltsburg*—Concord Sab-sch 7 50; Eldersridge ch 34 50; West Lebanon ch 14; Gilgal and Marion ch Ladies' Missy Socy 38 50; Bethel ch 25 718 65

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of St Paul*—Westminster Sab-sch, Minneapolis 10 18

SYNOD OF SANDBURY.—*Pby of Findlay*—Patterson ch 6. *Pby of Michigan*—Lyon ch 25 31 00

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Iowa*—Round Prairie ch 5, Rev N A Barclay 5. *Pby of Missouri River*—Glenwood Sab-sch 2 25 12 25

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of Steubenville*—First ch, Steubenville Inf't Sab-sch for Ningpo 10; New Hagerstown ch 20, Sab-sch for debt 3; New Cumberland ch 8; Big Spring ch 10; East Springfield ch for debt 8; Minerva ch 14; Still Fork ch 7. *Pby of St Clairsville*—Grandview ch 11; Brownsville ch 7 70; Crab Apple ch 1 05. *Pby of Washington*—West Alexander ch Sab-sch for debt 16; 1st ch, Washington, 116 90; Wheeling 3d ch 17 50 256 14

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Platteville Ger ch 1 75

Total received from churches, \$6,195 77

LEGACIES.—Estate of John Meana, dec'd Allgheny Co, Pa, 1,496 79; Legacy of Eleanor G Scott, dec'd, Baltimore, 69 43; Legacy of Robert Pattison, dec'd, N Y, 235 \$1,801 22

MISCELLANEOUS.—W H 5; S S M 1; James Lenox for debt 5,000; X Y for debt 2,000; a Lady for debt 10; a Friend 3; Mary Vance, D C 5; La-Crosse Sab-sch, Wis 2; W 100; C O, & Brookville Turnpike Stock 24; Mrs H Ireland 100; a Friend to send out new missionaries 41; Col Loomis 10; G P Reeves 10; Miss Sarah F Littell, Delaware, O, for Tungechow 25; a lady to send out new missionaries 100; a Friend, Black River Falls 9; a Friend 1; Mrs Mary F Holcomb 1; Dan'l De Camp, Glendale, O, for Rio chapel 10; Cooper Insitute, Dayton, O, Socy of Inquiry, for Orphan Girls' School, Lodianna 40; J Kirk, Peora 25; Mrs W. Newark 10; Mrs S M Burkholder 10; Mrs Martha Cross 1; Annie H 10; E, for the Laos, 10; "Section," College Hill, O 5; Little Nellie Clark, Norwich, Conn, for China Missions 50 cents; Union Sab-sch, Clifton, Pa, 17 65; A P H, Phila, 5; Miss Martha McCurdy, York, Pa, coin 8 premium 2 85; C E M, Phila, 10; a Thankoffering 150; Myron Phelps and wife, Lewiston, Ill, 100; J W N, Phila 5; for chapel at Rio, John Milligan 3; Henry Brewster, Shirleysburg, Pa 5 7,877 00

Total receipts in June, 1867, \$14,873 99

One box received from the ladies of Setauket ch, L I, for Omaha mission. Also two boxes medicines from Dr Jayne of Phila, for missions in India, valued at £2 16s 6d.

WM. RANKIN, Jr., Treasurer.

LETTERS relating to the Missions, or other operations of the Board, may be addressed to WALTER LOWRIE, Esq., Rev. JOHN C. LOWRIE, or Rev. DAVID IRVING, Secretaries, Mission House, Centre street, New York.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

PUBLISHING HOUSE, 821 CHESTNUT STREET
PHILADELPHIA.

Letters relating to agencies, donations of books and tracts, the appointment of Colporteurs, manuscripts and books offered for publication, and the general interests of the Board, to be addressed to the Rev. WILLIAM E. SCHENCK, D.D., Corresponding Secretary and Editor, No. 821 Chestnut street.

All communications, reports, remittances of money, donations, and orders for books, to be addressed to Mr. WINTHROP SARGENT, Superintendent of Colportage, Business Correspondent, and Treasurer.

Subscriptions to the *Home and Foreign Record*, and the *Sabbath-School Visitor*, and payments for the same, to be addressed to Mr. PETER WALKER.

Minutes of Assembly.

The Minutes of the General Assembly of 1867 are now published, and may be obtained by inclosing the price, (75 cents,) to GEORGE H. VAN GELDER, 320 Walnut Street, or to PETER WALKER, 821 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

A Word for East Tennessee.

The Rev. A. A. Hogue, formerly pastor of the church at Lebanon, Kentucky, is now acting as District Superintendent of Colportage for the states of Kentucky and Tennessee. He has recently made an extended journey through East Tennessee, in reference to which he writes us as follows:

DANVILLE, KY.

"Dear Sir,—I have just returned from East Tennessee, having had a very delightful trip, and feel much encouraged about the state of things in that region.

"There is great destitution in East Tennessee, and colporteurs might do a great work there, but it

would have to be by supplying very many with the issues of the Board 'without money and without price.' The country has been greatly exhausted by war, and all the energies of the people are directed to restoring the wastes that have been made. Numberless fields, which have been lying waste for years, are being fenced in. Such necessary improvements at present require and exhaust all the resources of the people, and leave them very little to expend for religious reading.

"East Tennessee is a most picturesque country, and is destined ere long to have a large and wealthy population. The wheat crops are now the main dependence of the people, and are most promising. The manufacturing facilities are unsurpassed. Water power can be obtained in unlimited quantities and at little expense. The soil and climate are adapted to every variety of production and must make it a desirable residence for capitalists and for such as aim to make provision for their families.

"With such facilities for advancement in population and wealth, how important is it that the seeds of a sound and pure Presbyterianism should be scattered broadcast just at this formative period of a coming population. I would earnestly call upon the churches to furnish the Board with means to enter upon its work in East Tennessee in a way and measure corresponding with the importance of the work and the earnestness of the de-

mand. The field will ere long yield large returns.

"Let us think for a moment, how many people, during the past winter, have sat and pined the Sabbath hours away among the lonely gorges and in the sequestered valleys of East Tennessee with no book or tract to cheer their disconsolate condition. Let those who live within easy reach of the sanctuary and the Sabbath-school, and who have abundance of religious reading—oh! let them realize if they can, a situation in which they would suddenly be deprived of all these advantages. Surely, such a reflection would arouse their Christian sympathies, and out of their abundance they would pour into the treasury of the Lord the means for carrying on the vast work that might be done by the Board of Publication. For the proper prosecution of this work in East Tennessee alone, the Board needs at least \$5000.

"A young gentleman, who has been engaged for several years in the colportage work, said that there was no difficulty at all in meeting with a demand for religious publications, and that frequently the people in his bounds brought out their coveted little store of silver, and bought what books they could with it. The people desire very much to have our books—the only difficulty is the want of money.

"Three persons are now engaged in the colportage work in the bounds of Holston Presbytery and two others will begin very soon. Who then will fill their arms with books and their hearts with joy, as they go from house to house, dispensing to them the light of life and the consolations of the gospel?"

An Interesting Incident.

A Missionary of the Board of Domestic Missions in Iowa, is also a very efficient and useful colporteur, finding the books and tracts of the Board of Publication an efficient and indispensable adjunct in his work. In transmitting his July report he writes as follows:

"Money has seemed to be very scarce, and hence I have sold comparatively few books, but I do not like to be without them. One fact, however, which I learned a few weeks since, while crossing my former track, affords me no little encouragement. In a Presbyterian family where I had lodged and sold a copy of '*Confessions of a Convert*,' and a few other books, there were three young ladies. As I now learn, one of them was then receiving the attentions of a young gentleman of Quaker parentage and sentiments. This little book was quietly slipped into his hands and was read and re-read. This couple are now one in heart and soul, socially and religiously. The young man attributes his very hopeful conversion and union with our church to the reading of this little book. Thus the good seed, after passing through many hands, finds a lodgment in an honest heart and brings forth its precious fruit. To the Lord of the harvest be all the praise.

J. D. M."

From the Indian Territory.

The Board has given to our missionaries among the Indians several packages of Creek Catechisms, *Sunday-School Visitors* and Sunday-School Library books. The follow-

ing is from one of those mission-aries.

REV. W. E. SCHENCK, D.D.

Dear Sir—Your's, informing me that you had sent us a package of Sunday-School books has come to hand and we fondly look forward to the time when it shall arrive. The package of *Sunday-School Visitors* came in the last mail, and I distributed them at the Sabbath-school last Sabbath. Anything in the shape of a book is very acceptable to these people and they all love to look at the pictures. When I had distributed the *Visitors* among them, as nearly as I could one to each family, I read to them in their own language that portion of Matthew which the large picture of the Ten Virgins represents, and explained it, and they all seemed very much interested. Pictures illustrating scriptural events always attract their deepest interest. First they desire their teachers to explain to them everything contained in the picture, and afterwards they collect together in groups, old and young, and explain it over and over again to each other, and the truth it inculcates becomes indelibly fixed in their minds. I have reserved some of the *Visitors* to distribute to various individuals scattered through this Nation, who can read. Last night I gave one to a young man who lives in a town twenty miles distant, where I sometimes go to preach, he is one of the old Tallahassee pupils and reads quite well both in Creek and English. I went through with my class last Sabbath, catechising with the Creek Catechism. They continue to study it with unabated interest, and almost every day persons call on me

who want Question Books. I have distributed all I had, and could easily distribute to advantage as many more.

I am happy to inform you that the religious interest among our people still continues unabated. Great numbers attend our preaching and some have recently professed their faith in Christ. Our church now numbers eighty-one members, and the great majority of them are, I believe, very warm-hearted Christians. J. R. R.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

The Board of Publication has recently issued the following new books as an addition to its Sabbath-school library.

I. **A Christmas Story**, and other tales. By Abby Eldridge. Price 60 and 65 cents.

A collection of interesting narratives, each one of which beautifully and practically portrays some Scripture truth. Illustrated with three engravings.

II. **Good-Bye Stories** for Little Children. By Harriet B. McKeever. Price 55 and 60 cents.

A collection of stories that will interest the youngest of readers. Three illustrations.

III. **The Blue Umbrella**. By Fleeta, author of "Principle and Interest," "Norah Neil," "Shadow of the Rock," &c. Price 55 and 60 cents.

The umbrella, a shelter from storms and from the scorching rays of the sun, in this deeply interesting story represents loving sympathy and protection. The young girl who figures in it, longed for such shelter from the world's rude blasts; yet from her associations and position in life, she did not find it. At last she fled to Christ as her only covert from the storms of sorrow and affliction that assailed her, and under the shadow of His love, feeling that He would be her sure defence, she found the peace and rest the world could not give. The book is handsomely illustrated.

IV. The Ancient Schoolmaster, and the Greatest School of Old Times. By Rev. Wm. M. Blackburn, author of "The Exiles of Madeira," "The Holy Child," "Judas, the Maccabee," "The Rebel Prince," &c. Price 50 and 55 cents.

This interesting book is an attractive illustration of the Scripture passage, "Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith." Many interesting Scripture incidents are introduced, and the whole work is written in a pleasing, conversational style, adapted to interest every one, especially the young, and to teach many beneficial lessons to every reader. Beautifully illustrated.

V. The Golden Rule, and other stories. Compiled for the Presbyterian Board of Publication. Price 55 and 60 cents.

A book of stories, conveying to young readers lessons of sympathy for the poor, and furnishing valuable suggestions for the guidance of daily life.

A single copy of any publication of the Board will be sent by mail, prepaid, on receipt of the catalogue price. Address orders to WINTHROP SARGENT, Esq., 821 Chestnut Street, Phila.

DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE COLPORTAGE AND DISTRIBUTION FUNDS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION, SINCE LAST ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

<i>Pky of Albany</i> —New Scotland ch 23 60; Johnstown ch 22; West Milton ch 4; Little Falls 1st ch 21 22	\$70 72
<i>Pky of Allegheny</i> —Plain Grove ch 10 85; Slate Lick ch 16 27	27 12
<i>Pky of Benicia</i> —Napa City ch	17 00
<i>Pky of Blairsville</i> —New Salem ch	6 65
<i>Pky of Bloomington</i> —Deer Creek ch	6 00
<i>Pky of Bureau</i> —Genesee ch	6 80
<i>Pky of Burlington</i> —Columbus ch 7 60; Providence ch 5	12 50
<i>Pky of Carlisle</i> —Carlisle 2d ch	64 77
<i>Pky of Cedar</i> —Muscatine ch 19; Fairview ch 3; Springville ch 2 50	24 50
<i>Pky of Chillicothe</i> —Concord ch	14 10
<i>Pky of Chippewa</i> —Chippewa Falls ch 5; Lansing ch 3	8 00
<i>Pky of Cincinnati</i> —Central ch	61 50
<i>Pky of Clarion</i> —Leatherwood ch	6 75
<i>Pky of Connecticut</i> —Poundridge ch	15 00
<i>Pky of Dane</i> —Belleville ch	4 00
<i>Pky of Des Moines</i> —Albia ch	5 00
<i>Pky of Dubuque</i> —Cheston ch 1 80; Scotch Grove ch 5	6 80
<i>Pky of Ebenezer</i> —Miscellaneous 2; Flemingsburg ch 22 25; Sharp-burg ch 12 80; Moorfield ch 14 90	61 95
<i>Pky of Elizabethtown</i> —Westfield ch	35 00
<i>Pky of Fairfield</i> —Birmingham ch 5 30; Liberty ch 1 50	6 80

<i>Pky of Fort Wayne</i> —Kendallville 1st ch 4; La Grange ch 5 80; Bluffton ch 3 40; Swan ch 2; Hopewell ch 2	16 90
<i>Pky of Genesee River</i> —Bath 1st ch 7 19; Tuscarora ch 2 60	9 79
<i>Pky of Huntingdon</i> —Sinking Valley ch 26 75; Logan Vill. ch 20; Spruce Creek ch 59 04; Bald Eagle ch 4 20; Shirleysburg ch 14; Mt. Union ch 2 50; Newton Hamilton ch 23 75	150 24
<i>Pky of Kaakaskia</i> —Rohbview ch 3 05; Greenville ch 12	15 05
<i>Pky of Lake</i> —Crown Point ch	5 95
<i>Pky of Lehighport</i> —Indian Creek ch	2 00
<i>Pky of Long Island</i> —Huntingdon 2d ch 23; Smithtown, ch 4 59	27 59
<i>Pky of Louisville</i> —Shiloh and Olivet ch 10; New Castle ch 15	25 00
<i>Pky of Luzerne</i> —Wyoming ch 7; Newton ch 1; Pottsville 2d ch 10	18 00
<i>Pky of Madison</i> —Hanover ch	15 00
<i>Pky of Marion</i> —Mt Gilead ch	5 00
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<i>Pky of Milwaukee</i> —North ch	40 00
<i>Pky of Mohawk</i> —Oswego 1st ch 81 58; Park Central ch 40 75	122 33
<i>Pky of Monmouth</i> —Jamesburg ch	20 00
<i>Pky of Muncie</i> —Union ch 2; Jonesboro ch 1; Hartford ch 1	4 00
<i>Pky of New Albany</i> —Rehoboth ch	8 00
<i>Pky of New Brunswick</i> —Cranberry ch 10; New Brunswick 1st ch 32 93	42 95
<i>Pky of New Castle</i> —Upper Otterora ch	21 00
<i>Pky of New Lisbon</i> —Salem ch 15 45; Hubbard ch 5; Bethesda ch 6 25; Hanover ch 3; Sandy ch 8	37 70
<i>Pky of New York</i> —University Place ch	398 30
<i>Pky of Newton</i> —Lower Mount Bethel ch 12; Steubenville ch 40 58	52 88
<i>Pky of Northumberland</i> —Mahoning ch	30 00
<i>Pky of Oxford</i> —Hamilton ch	41 20
<i>Pky of Passaic</i> —Paterson 1st ch	45 00
<i>Pky of Peoria</i> —Peoria ch 25 50; Lewistown ch. Myron Phelps, Esq. and wife 100	125 50
<i>Pky of Philadelphia Central</i> —Spring Garden ch 127 39; Central ch 188 31	315 70
<i>Pky of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Conshohocken ch	4 00
<i>Pky of Potomac</i> —Falls ch	5 00
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<i>Pky of Raritan</i> —Fleming ch	10 00
<i>Pky of Redstone</i> —Laurel Hill ch	20 13
<i>Pky of Richland</i> —Lexington ch 9; Chester-ville ch 2 50	11 50
<i>Pky of Rock River</i> —Sterling ch 20 80; Middle Creek ch 14 70; Shannon ch 4 25	39 31
<i>Pky of Saltsburg</i> —Cherry Tree ch 7; do School 4 25	11 25
<i>Pky of Saline</i> —Goleonda ch 2; Wabash ch 2 4 00	23 00
<i>Pky of Schuyler</i> —Ipava ch 19; Hopewell ch 4	23 00
<i>Pky of Steubenville</i> —Big Spring ch	3 00
<i>Pky of St Clairsville</i> —Rockhill ch	10 00
<i>Pky of St Louis</i> —St Louis 2d ch 60; Carondolet ch 12	72 00
<i>Pky of St Paul</i> —St Anthony ch 34; Westminster ch 38 48	72 48
<i>Pky of Susquehanna</i> —Troy ch 10; Orwell ch 5 00; Barclay ch 2 15	17 75
<i>Pky of Transylvania</i> —New Providence ch 12 50; Kirkwood ch 12 50; Harrodsburg ch 48 35; Lebanon ch 40 05	113 40
<i>Pky of Troy</i> —Stillwater 1st ch	20 00
<i>Pky of Vincennes</i> —Union ch	3 00
<i>Pky of Washington</i> —Fairview ch	12 56
<i>Pky of West Jersey</i> —Tuckahoe ch 1; Greenwich ch 57 50	58 50
<i>Pky of West Lexington</i> —Lexington 1st ch	33 00
<i>Pky of Western Reserve</i> —Westminster ch 14; Lafayette ch 9	23 00
<i>Pky of Winnebago</i> —Robinsonville ch	7 00
<i>Pky of Wooster</i> —Canal Fulton ch 3 30; Shreve ch 1 35; East Hopewell ch 5; Nashville ch 5; Fredericksburg ch 50	64 65
<i>Pky of Zanesville</i> —Zanesville 2d ch 26; Pleasant Hill ch 2 50; Washington ch 17; Madison ch 24; McConnesville ch 6	75 50

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WINTHROP SARGENT, Treasurer.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Rev. H. I. Coz, *Corresponding Secretary,*

St. Louis, Mo.

Gravel Wall or Concrete Buildings.

In response to inquiries on the subject we insert the following from an exchange. It may furnish some useful hints to churches located in regions where lumber and brick cannot readily be obtained.

No one will seriously consider the erection of gravel-wall buildings for his own use, who is not situated where sand, gravel, and larger stones may be readily obtained. Where these are at hand, the subject is well worth the consideration of every one who is going to build. First, decide who will do the work. If you must trust it at all, or chiefly, to a professional stone-mason, brick-layer, or builder of any kind, take his advice, and use stone, brick, or wood. If you can attend to it yourself, and at least, *superintend* the whole, you will do well.

The materials requisite are sharp sand (free from dirt,) gravel (free from dirt,) and well-burned lime. The presence of stones, even the size of one's fist, among the gravel is no disadvantage, and, if not present, they may be added. If, however, no stones of an intermediate size between small gravel and large flat stones exist, as is very often the case, the stones may be broken up or laid in the wall with the mortar. Such a wall, however, is a departure from the proper concrete wall, though perhaps equally good, if well laid. It may be laid in "flasks," or "curbing," like concrete. The lime need not be of such quality as is necessary for fine smooth mortar; no matter how coarse it is, if it be only freshly burnt, and capable of making a strong mortar. If it sets quickly, so much more rapidly the work may be pushed forward. Oyster-shell lime answers perfectly well. It ought to be thoroughly burned and unslaked. Do not buy and transport the slaked shell lime with one-fourth of its weight of water.

When the ground is dry, and well drained naturally, the foundation may be of concrete, made by using one-third good hydraulic cement with the lime. A wide course of flat stones is perhaps the best arrangement to base a foundation wall upon. In case springs are encountered, or the ground is of a wet nature, it is well to lay a tile drain outside the foundation. With proper care, even in such a soil, hydraulic concrete may well be used, but it is usually better to lay a good stone foundation where the soil is very wet.

There are several methods of carrying up the walls, which are worthy of attention. The simplest consists in placing a "curbing" of boards on each side, and putting in the concrete thus formed, where it sets. With a little contrivance, corners may be turned very accurately and well. The difficulty with this method is the care requisite to carry up a smooth, even wall, with square corners. Another method, highly recommended by some who have had experience in this matter, is to construct regular "flasks," or moulds, made, say three feet long, fourteen inches high, as wide as the wall is thick, and made to take apart easily. In these the concrete is placed, and when it has set, the flasks are removed, and after a few days, these artificial stones become sufficiently firm to be handled, when they are laid in the wall, in mortar, exactly like hewn stones. One advantage claimed for this method is, that the work may go on during storms or rainy weather, as well as at any other time, for it is done under sheds. Other advantages are, that the walls are even, and that they have more the appearance of stone work—which is perhaps

no recommendation. The blocks may be formed round a "core," or cores, and thus the benefits of a hollow wall secured, possessing the advantage of flues for ventilation, and chimney flues, in any part of the house. These, however, are easily provided in the common way of making the concrete wall, at the time it is laid.

Yet another method is to lay up stone or brick "piers," at the corners at least, and perhaps at other points in the wall if it has a great length. Between the piers the wall is laid of concrete, the boards, or "curbing," being kept in place by the piers, so that the irregularities incident to careless work, when no piers are built, are avoided. The use of the blocks of concrete above described, instead of stone or brick, to lay piers has been recommended, and, would doubtless, be an excellent and very convenient way to secure perpendicular corners and regular walls, without the use of stone or brick. We are inclined to recommend this idea, for if properly carried out, it will enable one to finish the wall very roughly, while the corners and piers are smooth, the effect of which is very agreeable, and the false look of stucco, blocked off to represent hewn stone, is avoided. No matter how simple or elaborate the structure, any false representation is a fault. Wood should be wood, and nothing else, and stone, stone.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION IN JUNE, 1867.

<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Brooklyn 2d ch	\$154 38
<i>Pby of Palestine</i> —Charleston ch 90, special;	
Paris ch 10, special	100 00
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —East Hopewell ch 5; Nashville	
ch 5; Shreve ch 1	11 00
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Westminster ch, Elizabeth	106 60
<i>Pby of Dane</i> —Prairie du Sac ch	23 70
<i>Pby of Schuyler</i> —Pittsfield ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Hamilton ch 14; Eaton ch 10 50	
	24 50
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Leatherwood ch	14 50
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Millersburg ch	12 00
<i>Pby of Albany</i> —First ch Little Falls	10 00
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Newton ch 2; Pottsville ch 10	
	12 00
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Red Mills ch, special, 5 02;	
Pound Ridge ch 15	20 02
<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Washington ch 18; Madison	
ch 20; Pleasant Hill ch 4 75	42 75
<i>Pby of New York</i> —Brick ch	204 45
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Second ch, Middletown	22 50
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Columbia ch	100 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

W S G	3,000 00
Friends, N Y, special	1,000 00
Myron Phelps and wife, Lewistown, Ills,	100 00

Total for June, \$5,563 40

DAVID KEITH, *Treasurer,*
St. Louis, Mo.

ERRATA.—The contribution of \$100 from Columbia ch. Donegal Pby, was received in February, 1867, and privately acknowledged then, but through a clerical error its public acknowledgment has been omitted until now. A contribution of \$36 24 acknowledged in July, 1866, as from Elizabeth ch. Elizabethtown Pby, should have been acknowledged as from Westminster ch, Elizabeth, Passaic Pby.

FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS, AND THE NEEDY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

The following amounts have been received since last report, viz.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Saratoga Springs ch	\$19 48
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Middlesex ch	14 00
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Franklin ch	20 00
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Churchville ch	15 00
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Monroe ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —German 1st ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Burlington</i> —Camden 1st ch	100 00
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Pottsville ch	10 00
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —New Brunswick 2 ch	28 00
<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Absecon ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Poundridge ch	15 00
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Brooklyn 1st ch 163; Brooklyn 2d ch 25; Brooklyn Central ch 56 28; Ross ch 11 07; Newton ch 48 68	300 08
<i>Pby of New York</i> —Brick ch	250 00
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —East Hopewell and Nashville chs	10 00
<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Pleasant Hill ch 3; Madison ch 21	26 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> 2d—Catasqua ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Michigan</i> —Plymouth 1st ch	8 00
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Alliance ch	5 00
	\$340 51
A friend, through Wm Rankin, Jr, Treas,	500 00
Myron Phelps, Esq, and Wife, of Lewistown, Ills,	100 00
Legacy of Eleanor G Scott, of Baltimore, Md, 75, less tax	69 43
Interest on permanent funds	266 29
	\$1,776 23

GEO. H. VAN GELDER,

Treasurer Trustees of General Assembly,
Office No. 320 Walnut Street,
Philadelphia, July 6th, 1867.

In remitting money to this Fund, the name of the Church and Presbytery to which it belongs should be distinctly stated, that it may be correctly acknowledged. And where checks or drafts are sent they should be drawn to the order of "GEO. H. VAN GELDER, Treasurer."

Resolutions of the General Assembly.

"The Committee to whom was referred the twelfth annual Report of the Trustees of the General Assembly, in relation to the disabled ministers' fund, beg leave to report their congratulation and devout thanksgiving to God in the fact, that the cause is steadily growing in favour with the churches, as is manifest from the constantly increasing contributions to its funds. During the past year its receipts amounted to upward of \$27,000, an increase of upward of \$5,000

on those of the preceding year. Fifty-four disabled ministers, and seventy widows, and eight families of orphans were relieved.

"The Trustees have been enabled to meet fully every demand made upon them by the Presbyteries, and have a balance on hand sufficient, and, perhaps, not more than sufficient, to meet the occurring obligations until the annual collections in September shall replenish their treasury. Gratifying as the result is to the Church, it is manifest it does not fully realize her obligations to those who have spent their lives in her service. Their claims for an adequate support address themselves not to our charity—or brotherly kindness alone—but to our sense of justice. They have a right to such support. In this the children of this world are wiser than the children of light. The state provides a pension for her disabled servants. Beneficial societies, which have multiplied so greatly among us, find their bond of union, their means of growth, their very life itself, in the provision they make for the relief of their disabled members and their orphan families. And the Church, whose glory it is that she was the herald of charity to the nations, in whose very organizations the great principle was recognized that none of her members should suffer lack while others had a superfluity, cannot be behind them in this labour of love. What appeal speaks more eloquently to the hearts of God's people? Who can adequately realize all that is represented by the figures of this Report? Fifty-four ministers, twenty-four of whom are above seventy years of age, worn out in the service of the Master, with no provision for their declining years, feeling daily the pinchings of poverty—who can tell the value of your benefactions to them? How touching is the story of each of these seventy widows, and each of these eight orphan families! and how many more are, at this hour, suffering want!"

APPLICATIONS for aid from this Fund must be made on the recommendation of a Presbytery and addressed to Rev. JOSEPH H. JONES, D.D., Chairman and Secretary of the Committee, No. 524 Spruce street, Philadelphia, Pa.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

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Southern Testimony.

Most of the schools have closed the labours of the year, with public examinations and exhibitions, which seem to have been greatly enjoyed by all classes. It is especially encouraging to the missionaries to find a growing interest in these freedmen schools, both among the white and coloured people of the South. The Charleston daily papers furnish their readers with full and interesting accounts of the closing exercises of the Zion School. From these accounts, as well as from the reports of the principal, we have a view of this enterprise which is decidedly cheering.

It seems that the trustees of Zion Church have leased the school room to the Freedmen, and the white members of the church are manifesting a commendable interest in the school. The Lord hasten the day when his people shall see eye to eye in this great work. We find the following account of the closing exercises of Zion School, in the Charleston *Daily News*. We give it with the assurance that similar testimony can be adduced with regard to almost every school under charge of the Committee.

COLOURED SCHOOL EXAMINATION.—The closing exercises of Zion school, in Zion Church, Calhoun street, took place yesterday morning, at ten o'clock. The exercises were held in the basement of Zion Church, which has been fitted up as a school room and leased by the corporation. Long before the hour appointed for the exercises every seat was filled, and though the majority of the audience was coloured, there was a plentiful sprinkling of white faces. This school is under the

charge of the Freedman's Committee of the Northern branch of the Old School General Assembly of Presbyterians at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. All of the teachers are coloured. The Rev. Mr. Van Horn, of Princeton, New Jersey, being the principal. He is assisted by thirteen teachers, three males and ten females; these are mostly Southerners, and have taken a deep interest in the school. A large stage had been arranged for the accommodation of the pupils, and the exercises were conducted principally by Mr. Van Horn, who appeared to have both the confidence and respect of his pupils. The school comprises 750 registered pupils, 450 girls, and 300 boys, and the whole number are controlled by the principal and his assistants. It would be hardly just, under the circumstances, to compare this with other schools where they have separate class-rooms, and all the conveniences necessary to make both scholar and tutor comfortable.

The Zion school room is somewhat cramped for the number of pupils, but notwithstanding the absence of the customary space, the arrangement of the classes is well calculated, and proves that the teachers have some experience in their duties.

The exercises were opened by prayer, and the classes, composed of both boys and girls, were examined in their different studies. We were present during the prior part of the examination, and were very much pleased with the proficiency shown by the pupils. The recitation in the different classes was very good, the enunciation being distinct, and the delivery clear and thorough. In geography, arithmetic, and grammar, the pupils showed that they were conversant with the subjects, and their answers were prompt and ready; but the declamation and the singing were by far the most popular features of the exercises, the latter being entered into by the whole

body of pupils, and each voice sending forth its volume of song.

We were prevented from remaining during the whole of the examination, but from a cursory glance can safely say that the school is well organized and controlled, and the principal and his assistants have the pupils under thorough control, while the latter appear to attend to their duties with a zeal that promises well for their future advancement. The necessarily cramped condition of the school prevented the exhibition of calisthenics, which has always been an important part of the routine, but the appearance of both the school and pupils was such as to at once show that the greatest care was taken by the managers. Although this school is governed by a separate body, and the funds for its support come exclusively from the North, yet the Zion Church take a deep interest in its welfare; and among the white visitors we recognised many members of that church. After the examination was concluded, the prize medals were awarded to the successful competitors; and representatives from each class, both boys and girls, received the reward of merit. The exercises were closed by singing "The Beautiful Land," and the assembly dispersed, satisfied that the African idea was shooting in the right direction.

The Blessing not withheld.

While our hearts are burdened, and our hands are busy with the effort to awaken an interest in all our churches in the work among the freedmen, and our empty treasury warns us that we can go no further, we are made glad with the assurance from many parts of the field that God's blessing is not withheld. Rev. T. G. Murphey reports a cheering work in the Union Church, Amelia Court House, Va., forty-eight have been received by baptism into the communion of the church, and three by certificate. God has, indeed, blessed this faithful brother, in his labours during the whole year. The Big Oak Church has been completed, and is now used by the congregation. And Mrs. Neil's school has opened, after her vacation, with much promise.

Who will Educate a Catechist?

In order to supply the churches organizing among the Freedmen, we are compelled to employ catechists. There are many faithful men who have learned to read, and are possessed of more or less Bible knowledge. The effort is being made to gather these men into a class in the Biddle Institute, that they may be instructed, and at the same time be employed in labours among the people. *One hundred and fifty dollars* will support one of these men for a year. Who will educate a catechist? It is hoped that many Sabbath-schools will take this work in hand, as some have already.

RECEIPTS IN JUNE, 1867.

<i>Pty of Carlisle</i> —Mrs Maria Mollheny, Hunters-town	\$5 00
<i>Pty of Chillicothe</i> —Chillicothe ch, Thos Steel 10, and W Franklin 5	15 00
<i>Pty of Connecticut</i> —South Salem ch 40, Sab-sch 5, and Parsonage 5	50 00
<i>Pty of Lafayette</i> —Kansas City ch	7 00
<i>Pty of Monmouth</i> —Red Bank ch Sab-sch	15 50
<i>Pty of Madison</i> —Hanover ch 5; Rev J B Garrett 5	10 00
<i>Pty of Ohio</i> —East Liberty ch, add'l	100 91
<i>Pty of Passaic</i> —Westminster ch	25 58
<i>Pty of Barrilan</i> —Bloomsbury ch	4 16
<i>Pty of Richland</i> —Bloomington ch 2; Lexington ch 10	12 00
<i>Pty of Wooster</i> —East Hopewell and Nashville chs 12; Berlin ch 5	17 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

John M Witt, Fort Wayne, Ind. 10; "A Friend," by W Rankin, Jr, N Y 1000; Mrs. Henry Lee, *lack pay of a son who died in the army* 3; Alex McElroy, Mansfield, Ohio, 1; Rev Thos K Davis, same place 1; Mary F Holcomb, Johnsonville, Ohio, 1; Miss M B Patterson, Punxsutawney, Pa 5, 1021 00

Received at Philadelphia in May and June.

<i>Pty of Donogal</i> —Middle Octorora ch, <i>Female Benevolent Society</i>	24 75
<i>Pty of Elizabethtown</i> —New Vernon ch 10; 2d ch Rahway Sub-sch 5	15 00
<i>Pty of Luzerne</i> —Summit Hill ch	10 00
<i>Pty of North River</i> —New Hamburg ch	6 50
<i>Pty of Newton</i> —Newton ch	54 00
<i>Pty of New York</i> —Fifteenth st ch	12 75
<i>Pty of Philadelphia Central</i> —Princeton ch	100 00
<i>Pty of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Holmesburg ch	25 30

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs D Cooper, New Castle, Delaware	10 00
Total receipts in June,	\$1541 45

A. CAMERON, *Treasurer.*

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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

TABLE

SHOWING THE AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS FROM MARCH 1, 1866, TO MARCH 1, 1867, BY SYNODS AND PRESBYTERIES, AND THE AMOUNT DUE OR PAID IN RETURN TO THEM, DURING THE SAME PERIOD, FOR THE SUPPORT OF THEIR MISSIONARIES.

SYNODS.	PRESBYTERIES.	No. of Ministers.	No. of Churches.	No. of Church Members.	Contributed to the Board.	Received from the Board.
ALBANY.....	Albany.....	39	35	543	\$1316 91	\$283 33
	Londonderry.....	27	11	1538	305 42	175 00
	Mohawk.....	8	7	788	439 08	62 50
	Troy.....	16	14	2658	668 95	458 33
			90	67	12,437	\$2730 96	$079 16
ALLEGHENY.....	Allegheny.....	21	33	3572	\$406 33	.....
	Allegheny City.....	28	19	3202	451 25	\$654 17
	Beaver.....	17	17	2973	308 70	.....
	Erie.....	20	34	3099	221 85	439 58
			86	103	12,846	\$1388 18	$1283 75
BALTIMORE.....	Baltimore.....	36	30	3741	\$2072 74	\$1220 83
	Carlisle.....	39	53	5359	2097 00	841 67
	Lewes.....	13	19	841	48 15	283 33
	Potomac.....	11	16	1417	284 07	1133 33
			99	118	11,358	\$4412 56	$3479 16
BUFFALO.....	Buffalo City.....	11	8	862	\$225 00	\$200 00
	Genesee River.....	15	12	1853	239 42	355 56
	Ogdensburg.....	7	7	850	91 44	468 75
	Rochester City.....	13	11	2140	112 63	558 96
			46	38	5205	\$678 49	$1583 27
CHICAGO.....	Bureau.....	17	19	1658	\$117 00	\$1187 50
	Chicago.....	39	28	2256	563 44	2051 04
	Rock River.....	19	22	1499	312 45	1708 75
	Schuyler.....	16	17	1311	224 90	756 61
	Warren.....	13	17	1349	179 60	800 97
	Synodical.....	...	...	.....	27 00	.....
			104	103	7473	\$1434 39	$6563 87
CINCINNATI.....	Chillicothe.....	17	30	2794	\$301 45	\$554 58
	Cincinnati.....	27	27	2481	2740 06	304 58
	Miami.....	26	22	2849	532 58	20 83
	Oxford.....	18	16	1406	174 85	41 67
	Sidney.....	17	22	2299	359 54	520 84
			105	117	11,829	\$4067 44

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ILLINOIS.....	Bloomington.....	28	28	1620	\$347 10	\$1918 73
	Kaskaskia.....	19	30	1489	155 05	1682 35
	Palestine.....	16	21	1258	121 60	672 40
	Peoria.....	23	22	1886	387 19	397 22
	Saline.....	11	22	952	64 16	745 14
	Sangamon.....	24	22	2156	533 19	758 33
			119	145	9361	\$1608 19	$6074 17
INDIANA.....	Indianapolis.....	19	14	1695	\$103 65	..... ..
	Madison.....	11	15	1024	191 00	\$345 83
	New Albany.....	12	22	1238	267 35	660 41
	Vincennes.....	15	25	1277	193 85	575 69
	White Water.....	11	19	1706	70 00	54 17
			68	95	6939	\$325 85	$1636 10
IOWA.....	Cedar.....	18	28	1559	\$321 00	\$902 08
	Dubuque.....	21	33	1464	179 73	2379 38
	Fort Dodge.....	5	7	156	42 45	1540 00
	Vinton.....	11	22	802	124 78	2196 59
			55	90	3961	\$667 91	$7018 05
KANSAS.....	Highland.....	7	6	237	\$38 25	\$1280 13
	Leavenworth.....	7	11	594	60 50	2037 50
	Topeka.....	8	13	287	68 90	2643 06
			22	30	1118	\$162 65	$5980 68
KENTUCKY.....	Ebenezer.....	20	33	2408	\$90 00	\$183 33
	Louisville.....	12	16	1348	20 00	233 33
	Muhlenburg.....	9	23	834	20 95	209 17
	Transylvania.....	14	29	2397	108 72	970 83
	Paducah.....	4	12	454	..... ..	7 78
	West Lexington.....	4	.....	.....	510 00	666 67
			63	113	7441	\$739 67	$2271 11
MISSOURI.....	Lafayette.....	11	21	920	\$33 86	\$1508 33
	Missouri.....	.....	.....	.....	18 85	67 50
	Palmyra.....	16	31	1260	79 75	3511 66
	Potosi.....	6	15	718	45 62	372 92
	St. Louis.....	34	37	2972	181 50	3338 33
	S. W. Missouri.....	5	8	192	8 50	750 00
	Upper Missouri.....	10	29	874	178 00	1769 80
			82	141	6936	\$550 98	$11338 54
NEW JERSEY.....	Burlington.....	11	13	1038	\$390 96	\$684 17
	Elizabethtown.....	20	16	3094	980 68	..... ..
	Luzerne.....	30	80	2695	1544 91	1493 75
	Monmouth.....	13	13	1672	429 00	595 83
	Newton.....	28	27	4346	779 13	354 77
	New Brunswick.....	49	22	5172	1259 31	853 33
	Passaic.....	27	17	3101	1207 71	287 50
	Raritan.....	16	18	2237	527 04	300 00
	Susquehanna.....	14	21	1114	179 37	356 67
	West Jersey.....	21	23	2489	1128 69	1245 83
			238	200	26,858	\$8366 80	$5876 85
NEW YORK.....	Connecticut.....	26	20	2014	\$664 78	\$300 00
	Hudson.....	26	23	2365	411 68	250 00
	Long Island.....	24	22	3096	367 67	218 33
	Nassau.....	35	21	3907	819 26	956 45
	New York.....	55	30	6366	12,820 35	3451 38
	New York rd.....	19	14	2222	1,121 66	200 00
	North River.....	19	13	2047	682 41	158 89
			204	143	22,006	\$17,187 11	$5525 06
NORTHERN INDIANA.....	Crawfordsville.....	11	19	1484	\$75 90	\$42 50
	Fort Wayne.....	14	27	1431	333 81	937 77
	Lake.....	12	15	991	95 36	608 33
	Logansport.....	9	26	1422	89 10	224 58
	Muncie.....	14	14	767	47 00	696 53
		60	101	6085	\$641 17	\$2509 71

TABLE—Continued.

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OHIO.....	Columbus.....	18	20	1677	\$142 62	\$475 60	
	Hocking.....	6	15	710	61 75	479 16	
	Marion.....	13	33	1779	96 92	482 23	
	Richland.....	22	29	2397	494 98	150 00	
	Wooster.....	20	20	2022	357 72	...	
	Zanesville.....	23	31	2868	250 70	406 42	
			100	148	11,433	\$1404 69	\$1992 50
PACIFIC.....	Benicia.....	13	9	238	\$77 00	\$1583 83	
	California.....	15	6	946	15 00	1117 60	
	Oregon.....	8	10	376	90 25	2162 50	
	Puget Sound.....	...	...	...	8 00	400 00
	Stockton.....	6	7	226	17 00	808 88	
	Synodical.....	...	...	...	18 03	...
			42	32	1,686	\$225 28	\$6072 21
PHILADELPHIA.....	Donegal.....	25	26	3560	\$336 79	\$403 34	
	Huntingdon.....	47	46	6542	2060 28	1222 93	
	New Castle.....	31	26	4320	708 48	1108 33	
	Northumberland.....	31	42	3903	784 39	623 27	
	Philadelphia.....	36	21	5086	1121 26	719 45	
	Philadelphia Central.....	32	18	3781	2078 67	1487 60	
	Philadelphia 2d.....	38	30	3890	2337 36	730 00	
	Shanghai.....	5	1	24	37 00	...	
			246	213	30,816	\$9761 18	\$6296 82
	PITTSBURGH.....	Blairville.....	21	24	3170	\$606 77	...
Clarion.....		10	30	2900	346 08	\$483 38	
Ohio.....		42	35	5970	2575 71	108 28	
Redstone.....		18	24	3017	736 35	135 00	
Saltsburg.....		26	37	4535	1159 94	158 82	
			117	150	19,292	\$4224 85	\$885 48
ST. PAUL.....	Chippewa.....	12	15	584	\$98 13	\$3150 00	
	St. Paul.....	14	22	632	149 93	3793 00	
	Southern Minnesota.....	7	17	453	69 55	2622 92	
			33	54	1619	\$317 61	\$9466 92
SANDUSKY.....	Findlay.....	13	26	1688	\$75 35	\$503 12	
	Maumee.....	10	14	735	177 89	1294 78	
	Michigan.....	11	12	729	187 34	1323 00	
	Western Reserve.....	5	9	525	169 82	100 00	
			39	61	3677	\$550 40	\$3222 90
SOUTHERN IOWA.....	Des Moines.....	11	18	948	\$72 02	\$1900 94	
	Fairfield.....	15	22	1251	100 59	1470 57	
	Iowa.....	18	20	1356	212 38	947 50	
	Missouri River.....	13	22	716	216 65	2575 00	
			57	82	4271	\$601 64	\$6952 91
WHEELING.....	New Lisbon.....	17	26	2990	\$327 80	\$326 00	
	Staubenville.....	29	40	3974	941 63	519 15	
	St. Clairsville.....	18	29	3630	187 50	392 50	
	Washington.....	33	36	5392	1399 15	865 83	
	West Virginia.....	12	22	1144	122 10	2012 50	
			109	166	10,980	\$2978 18	\$4114 96
WISCONSIN.....	Dane.....	11	20	948	\$144 26	\$1416 67	
	Milwaukee.....	9	11	983	367 67	516 67	
	Winnebago.....	21	20	930	78 15	2744 44	
			41	51	2861	\$590 07	\$4677 78
	Catawba.....	7	27	1970	...	\$1000 00	
	New Orleans.....	5	8	178	\$91 00	\$1421 66	
	Holston.....	3	5	377	\$40 00	\$3 00	
	Nashville.....	3	2	105	75 00	525 00	
			8	7	482	\$116 00	\$1983 00

Missionary Labor in Iowa.

Work Plenty—Money Scarce.

Dear Brother:—During the past three months my regular work each week has been this: On Sabbath morning, at eight o'clock, start to P—, attend Sabbath-school, and preach at half-past ten o'clock. Then come home to E—, and preach at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon, (our Sunday-school being at ten o'clock, I cannot pay much attention to it). At five o'clock preach at B—, in the timber, every other Sabbath, and the alternate Sabbath attend a five o'clock prayer-meeting on the prairie, south of town; then at eight a Teachers' Meeting, or Missionary Concert in the church.

The work increases and is encouraging. I am encouraged to see a growing willingness to work among the members. We have a good working Sunday-school at E—. At P—, this summer, an elder has agreed to superintend the Sunday-school, and has infused new life into it. At B— we have commenced a mission school with a good degree of interest, where nothing of the kind has been tried before. My health is good: I cannot be too thankful. Two years ago I thought I must "dry up" as the boys say; but now I am enduring all the work I can get time to attend to.

Besides the Sabbath work, I attend a Teachers' Meeting at P—, on Wednesday nights, and a prayer-meeting at E— on Thursday nights.

We have discouragements. Others have gathered, to some extent, what seemed to be the fruit of our labor. One elder at P— has sold out and goes away, taking several members of the church, and thirty dollars from the salary. Then the Board finds it necessary to withhold twenty-five dollars from the amount asked. I am not disappointed in this, but still the sun has not shone with sufficient clearness yet, to show me how a salary already stretched apparently to its utmost, thus clipped at both ends, with a few breaks in the middle, is to be extended that the ends may meet at the close of the year. My wife has always contended there is "no place to stick fast," but during the last six weeks, that she has hardly been able to do anything, and we have had no girl, and no money to pay one, I have wondered whether she may not be mistaken.

But I have no disposition to complain of the Board. It is a great institution! It has helped us through many a tight place. During the last sixteen years I have had from it nearly \$1800! It is very convenient to be sure of some cash at the end of each quarter. I believe it pays to give the money—if not to my churches, at least in the case of others. I wish the Board would appoint me agent

for some of the old churches; I think I could persuade them that it pays, and that it would pay better to give ten-fold more. We can furnish at least three good missionary fields in this Presbytery. Can you send us the men? Direct some to correspond with me if they are willing to work hard.

Yours, &c., C.

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN JULY, 1867.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—Pby of Albany—Charlton ch 7.	Pby of Londonderry—Londonderry ch 40 50.	Pby of Troy—Green Island ch 6 75;	Stillwater 1st ch 58	112 25	
SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—Pby of Allegheny City—Manchester Ger ch				3 46	
SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—Pby of Baltimore—Twelfth ch, Baltimore. 30.	Pby of Carlisle—Rocky Spring ch, add'l, 3			33 00	
SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—Pby of Warren—Lenox ch 2 65					
SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—Pby of Kaskaskia—Rev P Ha-singer 10.	Pby of Palestine—Pleasant Prairie ch 21.	Pby of Saline—Odin ch 7 96		38 96	
SYNOD OF INDIANA.—Pby of Vincennes—Mount Vernon ch				2 00	
SYNOD OF IOWA.—Pby of Cedar—Red Oak ch 10 15.	Pby of Dubuque—Epworth ch 2.	Pby of Vin-ton—Salem ch 20		32 15	
SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—Pby of S W Missouri—Marmanton ch				10 00	
SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—Pby of Elizabethtown—Rahway 2d ch 60.	Pby of Monmouth—Shrewsbury ch 20.	Pby of Passaic—Chester ch 20.		100 00	
SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—Pby of Nassau—South 3d st ch, Williamsburg 10;	Astoria ch 60.	Pby of New York—Westminster ch, N Y, 25 86.			
Pby of New York 2d—Delhi ch 20.	Pby of North River—Newburg 1st ch 173, of which Sab-sch 43			295 58	
SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—Pby of Crawfordsville—Warren ch				2 00	
SYNOD OF OHIO.—Pby of Hocking—New Plymouth ch 5.	Pby of Marion—Salem ch 3 25.	Pby of Wooster—East Hopewell and Nashville chs 25		33 25	
SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—Pby of Donegal—Colerain ch 6 11.	Pby of New Castle—Green Hill ch 24.	Pby of Philadelphia—Fifteenth ch 22 50.	Pby of Philadelphia Central—Second ch, half mo coll 10 86.	Pby of Philadelphia 2d—Chestnut Hill ch 132	195 47
SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—Pby of Blairville—Somerset ch 9 80;	Fairfield ch 7 24.	Pby of Clarion—Elkton ch 6, of which 2 40 from Brandy Station; Mill Creek ch 6.	Pby of Saltburg—Cherry Tree ch 21;	Glade Run ch 31	85 04
SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—Pby of S Minnesota—Ashland ch				2 00	
SYNOD OF IOWA.—Pby of Iowa—Middletown ch 6 85;	Round Grove ch 11 25			18 10	
SYNOD OF WHEELING.—Pby of Steubenville—Monroeville ch 5.	Pby of Washington—Wheeling 1st ch 29 65.	Pby of West Virginia—Morgantown ch 18 04		62 69	
SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—Pby of Milwaukee—Waukesha ch				6 00	

Total receipts from churches, \$1,022 60
 LEGACIES.—Legacy of Lydia Coombs, dec'd, late of Newburyport, Mass, 1009, less U S tax 60 = 940; Legacy of Simeon Lindsley, dec'd, late of Morris Co, N J, 500, less stamp 50 cts = 499 50; Legacy of Rebecca Steel, dec'd, late of Huntingdon Co, Pa, 300, less tax 18 = 282 17 21 50
 MISCELLANEOUS.—Big Oak ch, Va, 5; A friend 5000; "D," interior of Pa, 10; Austin ch, Texas, 20; A friend 2; "Annie," Wheeling, W Va, 10; A lady 10; "Home Missions collection," 5 36; Jas Boughton 5; "W H" New Jersey, 5 5,072 36

Total Receipts in July, \$7,816 38
 S. D. POWEL, Treasurer,
 No. 907 Arch street, Philadelphia.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTIFUL, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW: PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit, shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.—Gal. vi. 7-9.

Men ought always to pray, and not to faint.—Luke xviii. 1.

Our Aarons and our Hurs.

AN APPEAL FROM THE ELDERS IN ATTENDANCE ON THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT CINCINNATI, IN MAY, 1867, TO THEIR BRETHREN IN THE ELDERSHIP THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES.

A spot was found by the armies of Israel, after they had left the wilderness of Sin, so fertile and quiet that it received the joyful name of Rephidim, which signifies "beds of rest." But if there Joshua had given them rest, then would he not have spoken of another day. It proved the scene of the drought and the judgments of Meribah, and of the bloody exterminating fight with Amalek. The last will be memorable while the kingdom of Jehovah on earth shall endure, on account of the wonderful exhibition, made upon the cliff that overhung the place of conflict, of the power of prayer with God. While Joshua fought with Amalek in the valley, "Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands: the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword."

Fully possessed with the spirit of Aaron and Hur, the devoted elders who were present at the last General Assembly assembled in a room of the edifice where it was convened, each morning, and prayed with the God of Israel for

his blessing upon those sessions, and upon the Church throughout the country. The Church needs the prayers of such men. This is not its rest. It finds here no satisfying streams of comfort. Its most deadly enemies plot against it, and assault it. It must exterminate them, or they will fight till they exterminate it.

The best act of those elders was to send forth an appeal, with "their cordial greetings, to their brethren in the elder-ship through the United States." This paper closes with the following *suggestions*, which "in the spirit of meekness" are submitted "for their prayerful consideration." We insert them here to give them as wide a circulation as possible throughout our churches; and hope that every pastor will mention them to the session of his church.

First. The importance of holding up the hands of our pastors, by our labours, our prayers, and our counsels; of being ready for any good word and work in aiding them to promote the cause of Christ; and of providing liberally for their temporal support and comfort.

Second. The establishing and attending meetings for prayer, and by direct personal efforts endeavouring to persuade others to come under the means of grace. The visiting from house to house among the members of the church and congregation, and, so far as practicable, making these visits the occasion for prayer and conversation on personal religion; as well as instructing, advising, and encouraging young converts in their new relations and duties as disciples of Christ—thus aiming at the glory of God, the salvation of souls, and the growth in grace of God's children.

Third. Particular attention to the children of the church, and to the neglected ones among the poor; bringing all under our influence, by our example, our labours and our precepts—striving to lead them to more highly esteem our blessed religion, and to awaken in them a more lively interest in the teachings of the catechism and scriptures; and by our faithful and prayerful instructions at home and in the Sunday-school, to endeavour to cultivate in them a love for the truth, and the exercise of a liberal Christian benevolence towards the enter-

prises of the Church. As we cannot too highly prize the great and good cause of the Sunday-school, we most earnestly urge upon all our brethren to engage in this work, either as teachers or scholars, believing it to be highly instrumental in saving souls and building up Christ's kingdom, the great Shepherd commanding us not only to feed his sheep, but also the lambs.

"*Fourth.* The great importance of establishing a daily prayer meeting at every meeting of the judicatories of the church. Our own experience, beloved brethren, of the happy influence of such meetings during our stay in this place, and the many pleasant and long to be remembered acquaintances with brethren, which but for these opportunities would never have been formed, has prompted us to make this suggestion.

"*Finally.* Our brethren of the eldership, we beseech you to awake to a renewed diligence in the discharge of your official duties, remembering that you have been called by the voice of the church to the position of office-bearers therein; and you cannot be *idle* without being *unfaithful*. Our duties are not simply to attend church, and Sabbath-school, and meet with the session, but we are to be working in the vineyard of the Lord, doing something *daily* for the salvation of poor dying sinners, and the extension of our Redeemer's kingdom. *Unite with us, every evening, at sundown, in asking God to pour out his Spirit on our families, our churches and the world.*

MONT. WALKER, Pres. of Washington, Pa.

E. ANSON MOORE, Pres. of St. Louis.

R. C. MARQUIS, Pres. of Fort Wayne, Ind.

M. B. BROWN, Pres. of Ohio, Penn.

A. CAMERON, Pres. of Allegheny City, Pa.

C. C. COLE, Pres. of Des Moines, Iowa.
Committee, &c.

An Important Volume called for.

In no department of Presbyterian literature is there such a lack as in what relates to the present living work of the Church. Narratives of labours in this land, and in foreign fields, information as to the results of the operations of the several Boards, comparative statistics, compilations of the most important facts and principles necessary for pastors to know in order to present with effect the claims of the several Boards at the times appointed by the General Assembly, and for popular distribution in order to interest our people in their own Church,

and guide them in the appropriation of their money—such books are greatly needed; and every man bestows a real boon upon the cause of the Redeemer who aids to meet this want. It is, therefore, gratifying to receive the following resolution of the Assembly: "That it be recommended to the Board to consider the expediency of preparing a volume of permanent educational documents, which may be brought within the reach of our churches generally; this volume to be composed of choice selections from the annual reports, in which are many valuable and elaborate discussions of important topics connected with the cause of education, but not now generally accessible; and also of such other documents as may seem most suitable."

In accordance with this resolution the Board has appointed a committee to consider the subject, and prepare such a volume as may seem best calculated to meet the end in view.

The Way to make Teachers and Preachers.

The following sketch of what one earnest man has done should encourage others to be like-minded. The Rev. J. D. Caldwell, of Chatham, Iowa, writes as follows:

I have had the pleasure of establishing a parochial school in Iowa, in the Presbytery of Dubuque. I had often longed that something should be done in this direction. I always felt that many precious youth could be reached in this way whom we could get within our influence in no other. I determined to make an effort, and without any assistance or aid from any quarter, I earnestly entered upon the work. I was, (and still am,) a missionary. My field embraced about two thousand square miles. I talked to all who I thought would appreciate my enterprise in my field. I opened with six scholars in May, 1863. I drilled them effectually. The next term they increased to twenty-five; and the next to thirty-five, or thereabouts. Afterwards the room was always filled to the capacity of our accommodations, which never exceeded forty. At the present time owing to families moving in and renting houses instead of building, and thus occupying room that we ought to have for scholars, we cannot accommodate over twenty.

Now let us look at the results. Since I opened the school there has been a very rapid improvement among the youth generally. Our church has had a better influence, and we have received a good-

ly number of hopeful accessions, which never would have come to us had it not been for the school; and last winter we had a precious revival which bore the richest fruit in those localities which sent the greatest numbers of scholars. Quite a number of promising young men trained in my school, I have had the pleasure of receiving into the church by baptism. Some, I think, will find their way into the ministry; and some twenty are teaching in common schools; all of them, I believe, have brought the scriptures into their schools; some against much opposition, and all of them are giving good satisfaction. The second year I hired an assistant, who took charge of music and mathematics. He was a member of one of my mission churches, and a splendid teacher. We both spent our time, he all his, and I about three-fourths of mine, determined to make our work thorough; the scriptures were studied as other lessons, and a half-hour spent every morning in their instruction. The tuition just paid my hired help, and I received the satisfaction of doing good without any pecuniary compensation. My brethren visited my school, and were delighted. For the future our prospect is good, by removing the school to another point five miles distant from its present location. There we have a very thriving village on the R. railroad, a rapidly growing church, sufficient accommodations, and a subscription for a building, thirty feet by sixty, two stories high, to be owned by the Presbyterian Church, and the chapel used by us as a place of worship until we can build a church. We are few. There are all denominations to be sustained. We are willing and ready to contribute to the Board of Education, and all others, as the Lord shall prosper us. We desire your encouragement and prayers and fostering care for a little while. We feel that there is not a doubt of our ultimate success, indeed, we are having the well wishes and co-operation of other denominations, and they are anxious to have us go on and build and possess and control the whole enterprise, which is what we propose to do.

Thorough Study of Scripture.

In undertaking preparation for preaching or teaching, earnestly seek the aid of the Holy Spirit. Prayer gives spiritual perceptions. One hour of prayer over a passage of Scripture is worth ten hours among the commentaries. With the psalmist, pray: "Open thou mine eyes,

that I may see wondrous things out of thy law."

Take ample time for study. Read, re-read, memorize, repeat, and ponder.

Study not only the passage itself, but all *parallel passages*. Compare Scripture with Scripture. [Examine it thoughtfully, if it be in your power, in the original, or in other translations besides the English.]

Think about your subject constantly. Before consulting any commentary or other help, think over and study for yourself, *independently, closely, persistently.* Looking at God's word without human interposition is the best way for getting at God's meaning. This power of independent thought God gives all, to some extent. We should employ and thus cultivate it for God's glory. It is a wonderful power. The mental energies are applied to a subject, and it opens its treasures of truth. The process is inexplicable. An electric beam playing upon a lump of ice gradually melts it. Crystal after crystal breaks from the solid mass. Thus the beautiful dissection goes on, until the lump of ice is a cup of water. So we may accustom ourselves to apply the mental forces to a subject until it yields and opens before us. Isaac Newton said, concerning his habit of investigation, "I keep the subject constantly before me, and I wait until the first dawns open little by little into a full light."—*Rev. J. H. Vincent.*

Interest in Students around You.

The Autumn is setting in. Students are again going to their colleges, or academies, or seminaries, for the long, cold winter season which is drawing near. Is there not some young servant of Christ struggling to fit himself for the work of preaching the gospel who would be greatly assisted and cheered by a little kind help from you, or from those who may be prompted to it by you? A present of a suit of warm clothes—the cost of his journey—a liberal gift of books—a donation of his winter's fuel—how many things are there you might bestow upon him and do for him, *and for his and your Master*, that would greatly comfort and strengthen his soul! And there are some who need it greatly. There are heroes in the cloisters of our places of learning, suffering for Jesus' sake, as worthy of honour and of generous requital, as those that hungered and were naked, and endured reproach, in former ages. Christian brethren, forget not in your works of loving kindness the heroes of the kingdom of heaven.

What a Transient Visit may Accomplish.

During a visit at Shelburne, Mass. the Rev. Dr. Alexander conversed with a Mrs. Fisk, who was in the deepest distress, and had been waiting for the Spirit's influences. On the following day, when preaching in an orchard to the crowd whom the church could not contain, he saw her approaching the table on which he stood, with a changed and joyful countenance. This woman was the mother of Rev. Pliny Fisk, missionary to Palestine, as Mr. Fisk himself afterwards informed Dr. Alexander: and connected with her was Miss Fidelia Fisk, the late faithful and beloved missionary in Persia. In another family of the same name, Dr. Alexander conversed with a lad of ten years who was under serious impressions; and in after-life, the Rev. Dr. Ezra Fisk of Goshen, Orange county, told him he was that boy.

Educational Items.

SPURGEON'S COLLEGE.—An American writing from England, says: His college has already educated 106 young men, now settled in the ministry, besides five evangelists, who together baptized during the past year 1235 persons. They are working admirably between the ritualism and the rationalism of England. They mostly break ground in new fields, building chapels and then filling them. One went to a spot where a very large percentage of the people spent the Sabbath in strolling about the streets, and their evenings in music halls and theatres. In three years *three thousand* of them had given evidence of conversion, and a chapel, into which only a thousand could crowd, has become so strait that measures are already in progress to build a larger. Every Sabbath afternoon over two hundred young men, most of them engaged in open-air preaching, house-visitation, or other evangelical work, meet together for praying, conference, and the study of the Bible. The class is presided over by one of the elders of his church.

FRUITS OF THE METHODIST CENTENARY COLLECTIONS.—The Methodist colleges, in different parts of the country receive substantial benefits from the centenary contributions. The Ohio Wesleyan University will realize from this source about \$160,000, Dickinson College, Pa., \$150,000, and Ashbury University, Ind., \$77,000.

STUDENTS AT NEW ENGLAND COLLEGES.—Harvard University, 961; Yale,

709; Dartmouth, 348; Bowdoin, 232; Amherst, 225; Brown University, 190; Williams College, 186; Wesleyan University, 131; Vermont University, 127; Holy Cross, 120; Boston College, 70; Trinity, 70; Tufts, 54; Colby University, 54; Middleborough, 52; Norwich University, 40; total, 3,508.

ENDOWMENT FUND OF COLLEGES IN NEW YORK.—New York has sixteen colleges, whose united endowment amounts to \$4,286,000. Cornell University will soon add at least \$2,000,000 to this sum.

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN JULY, 1867.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Saratoga Springs ch	Sab-seh	
23 38; Kingsboro ch	33 60; West Galway ch	
8	69 98	
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Manchester Ger ch,	1 00	
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Blairsville ch,	90 00	
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Onarga ch,	11 00	
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Bedford ch,	48 00	
<i>Pby of Columbus</i> —Groveport ch	4 10; London	
ch 15; Blendon ch	4 23,	23 33
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Silver Spring ch,		14 50
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Chestnut Level ch,		20 00
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Baskinridge ch	25; Lam-	
lington ch, 61; Rahway ch	30; Perth Amboy	
ch 6 75,		112 75
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Milroy ch,		60 00
<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Mt Pleasant ch	46 60; Burlington	
Ger ch 4,		50 60
<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —Huntingdon 2d ch,		22 20
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Jamesburg ch,		18 00
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Trenton 1st ch		120 00
<i>Pby of New York 2d</i> —Peekskill ch,		47 70
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Newton 1st ch,		60 50
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Salem ch,		10 00
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Throop Av ch, Brooklyn,		18 50
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Pittsburgh 4th ch,		25 00
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Boiling Spring ch,		17 17
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Hestonville	ch,	
		2 25
<i>Pby of Richland</i> —Mt Vernou ch,		41 00
<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Freeport 2d ch		24 00
<i>Pby of Schuyler</i> —Bardolph ch	9; Mt Sterling	
ch 11,		32 00
<i>Pby of Shanghai</i> —Shanghai ch,		28 70
<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Woodsfield ch,		5 00
<i>Pby of Troy</i> —Malta ch,		4 05

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LEGACIES.

Estate of Rev John Steele, Bloomville, O. \$50, less tax, &c, bal of Legacy = 314 20; Estate of Lydia Coombs, Newburyport, Mass, 1000, less tax, &c. 60, = 940, 1254 20

MISCELLANEOUS.

"A Friend." New York. 1000; Rev E C Wines, D.D., N Y. 5; Annie, Wheeling, W Va. 10; Jno Anderson, Esq, Anderson's Mills, Butler Co. Pa, 2 50, 1017 50

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II. FUND FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, &C

<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Williamsburg, L I, Ger ch,	10 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Germantown 1st ch,	
	309 08
<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Mays' Landing ch,	5 00

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Total amount acknowledged, \$3,650 99

WILLIAM MAIN, Treasurer.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Recent Intelligence.

MISSION HOUSE, NEW YORK, }
August 16th, 1867. }

THE LETTERS received, of latest dates, are from,—

Seminole Mission, July 24th;
Creek Mission, July 27th;
San Francisco, June 28th;
Hangelau, May 7th;
Futtehgurh, June 17th;
Dehra, June 1st;
Ambala, June 15th;
Kasowli, June 1st;
Lodiana, June 13th;
Corisco, May 22d;
Liberia, June 2d;
Rio de Janeiro, June 25th;
Baranquilla, June 29th.

ADDED TO THE CHURCH.—The Rev. J. M. Priest, of Liberia, reports the admission of five new communicants to the church at Sinou during the last year. This church, he thinks, though labouring under some disadvantages, is yet in a satisfactory condition. The Rev. T. H. Amos, of Monrovia, speaks well of the church in that place as to its general interests, though not permitted to mention the admission of new members lately. At Sabathu, India, the Rev. A. Rudolph baptized the wife of the head teacher there early in June. She was a pupil of the orphanage at Lodiana, and her profession of faith in the Saviour was every way satisfactory. The Rev. J. H. Morrison, D.D., reports his having "had the privilege of admitting to the communion of the church on earth six inmates of the poor-house at Ambala, all blind lepers, all ignorant and unable to read. But they have learned enough by hearing the word read and preached to them to direct them to him who gave physical and spiritual sight to the blind, and healed body and soul of the most dreadful of all spiritual or bodily diseases, leprosy." Dr. Morrison speaks of two inquirers, a man and his wife, who seem to be sincere. The Rev. S. H. Kellogg mentions the admission to the church at Futtehgurh of an inquirer,

who gave very satisfactory evidence of his faith in Christ. It was expected that his wife would soon follow him, and two or three others would probably soon be received as members of the church. The Rev. M. M. Carleton reports the baptism of a Brahmin fakir, of middle age, whose education and good sense, Mr. Carleton says, "combine to make him one of the most interesting converts I have been permitted to receive."

THE WORK NEEDING WORKMEN.—Besides appeals for more men in Japan and China, which have been heretofore published, we find in the letters acknowledged above several references to the same subject in other missions. The brethren at Corisco are urgent in requesting a missionary, who is appointed to that field, to be sent out without delay. In Brazil, doors are open for missionary work. The Rev. A. G. Simonton writes, "Several places are waiting to be occupied in the province of Sao Paulo, and the itinerant work there is full of promise and interest." We are glad to see from a letter of Mr. Simonton's, dated in May, that a beginning is made in the great work of training native youths for the ministry. He says; "Three young men have begun their studies. They are zealous and diligent and give good hopes of usefulness, yet they need much mental training." In India Dr. Morrison, now in charge of the station at Ambala, gives his views of the work in progress at that place and the enlargement needed, urging that at least two new missionaries should be stationed there. Other brethren also refer to the need of more laborers in this country; and we observe with special interest a remark in Mr. Brodhead's letter from Futtehgurh, "We are glad to hear of Mr. Ullmann's proposed return. We hope upon his return to inaugurate a more systematic course of instruction for our young men, who are looking for-

ward to the ministry." Our readers will learn with interest that four new men are expected to sail in a few weeks for India, besides two returning to their labors there, Mr. Ullmann and Mr. Herron. With gratitude for the labourers raised up or in preparation, the Church should still plead for more men. The fields are white unto harvest. The labourers are few.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF MISSIONARIES.—John G. Kerr, M.D., and his wife, of the Canton Mission, arrived at this port on the 24th of July. The health of Mrs. Kerr is so much restored, that they hope to return to China this fall. The Rev. Hugh W. McKee and his wife sailed for Brazil, on the 22d of July. Mr. McKee is a member of the Presbytery of Transylvania.

THE LATE REV. ISHWARI DAS.—It is with sincere regret that we learn the death of this Hindu minister of the gospel. He died at Futtehgurh, May 2d, after a long illness, which he bore with exemplary patience; and to the last he was sustained by a good hope through grace. He was a man of more than ordinary talents, very useful as a teacher and a preacher, and perhaps even more useful as a writer. He was the author of several works well adapted to do good among his countrymen; one of these, Lectures on Theology, received the prize for the best treatise in Hindustani on that subject offered by a benevolent Englishman. His life, from the time when as a poor, outcast, orphan boy he was taught by the late Mrs. Henry R. Wilson, to the end of his course as a minister of the gospel, strikingly exemplified the importance of missionary labour, and illustrated the sovereignty and richness of divine grace. We mourn over his departure in the midst of his days, but we doubt not that for him it was gain to die.

RECEIPTS OF THE BOARD.—We are glad to mention that the receipts to the 1st of August, were \$59,922, being \$24,983 more than the amount received in the corresponding three months of

last year. This increase was made up of \$3743 from churches, \$2013 from legacies, and \$19,225 from "miscellaneous." In the miscellaneous donations, may be classed most of what has been given to remove the debt of the Board, including two noble gifts of \$5000 each in the last month, one a second donation of this amount from the same friend, and the other from another friend; (besides a gift of the same amount from still another friend for the general purposes of the Board;) but a part of the contributions for this special object are found in the amount acknowledged as from the "churches." In a large number of cases, we suppose, the regular collections of the churches will be increased to meet the exigencies of the cause; and our Sabbath-schools, we hope, will very generally send in their offerings. On no part of the income of the Board do we look with so much interest and hope as on the gifts of the children of the Church, thus early learning to do good in their day.

And in general we may add, in view of the receipts of the first quarter of the year, that the income of the Board will undoubtedly be sufficient, if our churches and friends generally will but keep this cause before them as their Christian brethren have kept it, in their gifts above acknowledged. We trust that grace and gifts may still abound, for the glory of our Lord in the great advance of his cause in the world.

Questions and Answers.

(Continued from page 131.)

NO. 33. AS TO SENDING OUT A MONTHLY MISSIONARY STATEMENT TO BE READ AT THE MONTHLY CONCERT MEETING.—Inquiries as to this, are sometimes made. A recent correspondent thus refers to it: "Ministers confessed that they knew little of missionary operations themselves, and they wished an article [for this meeting] which they could use without trouble."

Nothing can be done, let us remind ourselves, in teaching this or any

other duty "without trouble;" previous thought, reading, and prayer are indispensable, if we would make the stated meetings of the church attractive and edifying. But with the sacred Scriptures and the missionary periodicals at one's hand, preparation for the missionary meeting can readily be made. Is it not, in too many cases, just because brethren do not take the trouble of earnestly making preparation for this service, that they do not know more of missionary operations themselves, and awaken more interest in them among their people? This inquiry is suggested in no severe spirit, but as the result of some experience, as well as of some observation. And surely the object in view is worthy of all this preparation.

The *Foreign Missionary* is published chiefly to assist ministers in making such preparation; it furnishes them with extended and varied materials for use at the Monthly Concert meetings. It gives pretty full accounts of the missions of our Church, and also of the missions of other Churches, selected from a score of missionary periodicals. The pages devoted to foreign missions in the *Record* are quite too few to admit the insertion of extended articles, or of a large variety of missionary intelligence. They give a brief summary of the news from our missions each month, costing labour to make it brief, which is intended to keep up in the churches a general acquaintance with the progress of the work. This is followed by articles from the pens of the missionaries, usually, which are necessarily short, but which in many cases are of deep interest. These pages of the *Record*, leaving the *Foreign Missionary* out of view, not only give information but suggest thoughts and awaken emotions, which could not fail to be of interest at a missionary meeting, especially when the latter come fresh from a beloved pastor's mind and heart; while an article prepared by another would not ordinarily answer as good a purpose—as well indeed might a minister read somebody's printed sermon on the Sabbath, instead of preaching one of his own.

We know that it easy to criticise our missionary publications, and we have no wish to prevent this; on the contrary we are grateful for the remarks of brethren who have at heart the interests of this cause. Our object is not to deprecate kindly criticism, but to suggest the proper use of our pages, limited as they are in number, and to be viewed by minis-

ters in connection with the pages of the *Foreign Missionary*. We are glad to learn that the circulation of both these publications is increasing.

"Some are giving their Hearts to Christ."

The Rev. D. D. Green, Hangchow, China, thus writes under date of May 7th.

With reference to encouragements, we have of course the promise and covenant of Christ himself. "Lo I am with you *always*." If Christ be for us, we have nothing too powerful to be overcome.

Then again, some are giving their hearts to Christ in the ordinary way. They hear the word preached time after time, and become convinced of its truthfulness, and believe. This is true of many of those brought in from our older congregations here, and from our schools.

Again, some are giving their hearts to Christ in an extraordinary way. They perhaps hear the gospel but once, and immediately go about obeying it. I found some of that class in visiting a new place by the name of Binz-ziao two or three weeks ago. A comparatively ignorant native Christian, about four or five months ago, went there to see a friend. He spent one night and preached Jesus as he was able. His friend said he believed, and commenced to pray to the true God at once. The friend left next morning, but he, the host, continued to pray, and one and another of his friends joined him, until six in all were praying wuen we went there two weeks ago.

All the preaching they had ever heard was by that one man, that one evening. Consequently we found them very ignorant. They prayed to the true God, but they did not give up the worship of the false gods. They knew nothing of the Sabbath. We saw them first on Monday morning, and the assistant stayed with them that day and part of the next. The next Sunday, some of our natives went out there again and preached, but they seemed afraid to go forward. It occurred to the native helpers that it might be best to ask the native Christian from Sing-z who had first preached there by the tea-table of his friend, to go again. The matter was suggested to me, and he was sent for. He with two of our student assistants spent last Sunday there, with apparent good effect. He went there on Friday, and his friend said to him, now you tell us what

we ought to do in order to follow the doctrine of Jesus. He said, I am afraid to tell you all for fear you will not be able to stand it. He answered, oh yes, we will. Only tell us what we ought to do. He said, if you become Jesus' disciple you must do what God commands you. God has said that we ought to work six days, but on the seventh we ought to worship him all day; that is his day. Can you do that? He said, yes. God says you must not worship any other gods, now you worship the true God, but you still worship the false god. Can you leave that off? He said, yes. And so he went on from one thing to another in his simple way, and the simple people give their assent as he went on. Not only so, but when the Sabbath came, they immediately commenced to do as they had promised. It is too soon to predict what the end of this will be, but we can but bless God for the encouragement.

Another species of encouragement is that of seeing many of the native Christians faithful. I saw an example of this on last Sunday, in a man of the Church (Eng.) mission, who has but lately been baptized. He has been telling the simple story of the Cross to his neighbours, until one of them seems to be praying in earnest, and others are thinking of the subject.

I have no room to speak of the discouragements this time; nor need I. Whatever they are they are not too hard for the Saviour. All power is his.

Missionary Life in India.

(Concluded from page 181.)

A Quiet Congregation.

Not gathered in lofty church, under vaulted roof, dimly lighted by stained glass windows, where save the rustle of silk dress or fan or leaf of hymn-book no sound interrupts the stillness; not gathered in country meeting-house, sitting reverently in high-backed pews, and lulled to quiet by the drowsy drone of bees floating in through open door and window from the rose bushes, which bloom above the graves which lie so still and peaceful under the shadow of the house of God; not gathered in trim village church, lifting its ambitious belfry above the red brick pavement, erst resonant with the hurrying footsteps of trade or pleasure, whose Sabbath stillness seems so preternatural to the hushed senses of the waiting crowd within. But why should fancy indulge herself with

pleasant memories of other days: alas! little resemblance have they to the actual present.

We were sitting reading before our tent doors in the shade of a beautiful grove, when we were informed that a *pent* would be held that afternoon at a village some three miles distant. This region is studded with villages almost as thickly as Ohio is with farm houses, and but a small proportion of these villages contain shops for the sale of the necessities of life, so that at a distance from large towns or bazaars it is usual to hold a market on an appointed day each week, where the buyers and sellers of a circle of three or four miles radius, can meet and transact their business. There is a great advantage in preaching at these markets, because you are sure to find representatives from all the villages and hamlets of the neighborhood, intent on buying provisions for the coming week or clothing for the coming season. To search out all these scattered villages would be a work of great labour, with the added discouragement that in many of them no one would be found to preach to, the villagers being absent working in their fields.

Two of our assistant preachers started immediately to the indicated market, and we soon after followed. The road was a rough one, sometimes over narrow raised footpaths, amid green wheat-fields, sometimes skirting an impenetrable sugar-cane patch. Sometimes we stumbled across ploughed ground, or jumped ditches, or clambered over garden enclosures. When we reached the spot we found one of our men preaching. Without a photograph I should despair of giving any idea of what the scene was like. Just before us two short rows of houses met in the shape of an L. The platforms on which the houses stood projected somewhat in front, and on this projection, and on the verandahs and steps of the houses sat the flour, sweet-meat, cloth, and leather sellers, with their customers. Occupying the rest of the square was a bank of made earth, about six feet high, and level on top. On two sides of this bank and between it, and the houses already indicated, ran a sunken road. Here there was church, people, and pulpit. Mounting this convenient rostrum, we sat down on a fallen tree until our native brethren had ended their discourses, and afterwards spoke at some length ourselves. Meanwhile the people before us, numbering perhaps two hundred men, had, as if by common consent, ceased their trade and their conver-

sation, and during all four addresses there was scarce a sound save that of the voice that spoke "of righteousness, temperance, and a judgment to come." To any one familiar with the ordinary hubbub and confusion of these gatherings, the comparative stillness was most striking and encouraging, and we could not but hope that some of those so willing to hear might also be willing to heed. "The shades of night were falling fast" when we left this interesting meeting, and, as may be supposed, the difficulties of our homeward way were not much decreased in consequence.

And now, Christian friends, is there not a moral to every record of incident such as these. The missionary would wish to enlist your sympathy in his work, in the hope that awakened interest may lead to active co-operation on your part, and chiefly that these ignorant villagers, both the seriously disposed and the careless, may have a share in your petitions at a throne of grace.

Here and there, over a region larger than many a State of the Union, the five missionaries of Futtehgurh, Mynpoorie, and Etawah, with an able band of helpers, have, during the present season, preached the gospel of the Crucified One. In large cities and towns, amid thronging thousands at melas, in noisy bazaars, and quiet villages, on the steps of heathen temples, and under the shadow of old-time fortresses, to credulous Hindu, and fanatic Moslem, and sceptical Zain, the truths of salvation have been proclaimed. The sowers have gone forth and sown the seed, in weakness and discouragement often, no doubt, but still the seed is sown. Will it be fruitful? A prayer-hearing God waits to bestow the blessing, if his people will only ask it. Will you? Oh, that there should be here such an outpouring of God's Spirit, as in these latter days is causing many another wilderness to bloom and blossom as the rose.

W. F. J.

Our Struggle with Hinduism.

The steps by which the Christian faith overthrew the heathenism of the Greeks and Romans were marked by

incidents of the most varied kind. At times the old Pagan fanaticism seemed to gather fresh life, and, under rulers like the Emperor Julian, made desperate efforts to recover the ground that had been lost. The light sometimes penetrated into the inmost recesses of the heathen mind, either to stir up the bitterest opposition or to modify the beliefs of the adherents of the gods. The conflict between light and darkness often seemed to waver; truth nevertheless slowly and surely winning the victory.

Similar results appear in our work in India, and we propose to bring before our readers two or three characteristic incidents illustrative of the strife in which we are engaged. It is well known that Hinduism sanctions the shedding of human blood in honour of the gods; but that the British Government of India counts it murder to destroy life, though it be performed as an act of worship and homage to the deities the people serve. Yet ever and anon a sort of idolatrous frenzy breaks out, and in defiance of every penalty idol worshippers will commit the most atrocious crimes. The Calcutta papers tell us that, on the 17th of January last, two pilgrims passing through Shahabad, in Behar, found a man named Bishendarry sitting at the mouth of a cavern, within which is a famous shrine of Mahadeva (the Great God), with his throat partially cut. He told them that he had sacrificed his son to the god. They pass on and report it to the police of the next village. Late next morning the police reach the spot, and there was the father still sitting, unable to speak, but strong enough to try to prevent the police searching the shrine, and to write a confession of the deed in Hindi. It was to the effect that he had made a vow, if a son was born to him, he would sacrifice Ganges water and do Poojah. A son was born, but no wealth came; and for this reason he sacrificed his son. A full thousand yards within the cave there lay on a stone, which, jutting out below the idol formed a rude natural altar, a little boy only five years old, with his throat cut, and quite dead. The god had, he said, deceived him, and he returned the gift he had received. By the act he threw on his god the responsibility of the boy's death, and would surely win his approval in the life to come.

The next incident illustrates the influ-

ence which the light spreading on every hand has upon the most staunch upholders of idolatry. Lately has died in Calcutta, Rajah Rhadakant Deb; he was very rich, and was regarded by the Hindus as their leader in the van of opposition to all progress. In perfect consistency with his whole life, he died amid the filthy idolatries of the filthiest god of the Hindu Pantheon, Krishna, at Bindrabun. A few years ago he built a handsome temple to Krishna within his own grounds in Calcutta, and the idol is said to be cast from nine of the most precious metals. The Unitarian preacher Mr. Dall, relates that one day he asked the Rajah, "Do you worship that idol?" "No; *men* never worship idols," was the reply, "they are for our little ones." With a smile he added, "You give your children dolls?" "Yes to play with, not to worship." "We give *our* children dolls," he continued, "until they grow big enough to worship without such help." "Then if you never worship idols, what do you worship?" "My worship," he replied, "my religion is, to be always in the same place with God; to be drawing nearer and nearer to God; to be in conscious communion with God; to be lost in God, as a star in the morning light."

In this statement the Unitarian minister says he saw his own views on religion embodied. We see in it the purest pantheism: but it is evident that this eminent Hindu was unable to hold on to the bald idolatry of his country, in the midst of influences which on every hand are destroying it.

The last incident we shall adduce exhibits the gospel working powerfully on the heart of a leader of the people, and bringing him to an open confession of Christ in the presence of the most powerful influences to the contrary. It is the case of a man named Rati Ram; he was the chief of the Hindu sect of Ram Snehs. He had been the chosen disciple, and became in time the successor of a priest who had built and acquired property in a Ram Dwara, or monastery, in Beawr, N. W. Provinces. Ram Rati increased the property and was worshipped as God by hundreds of devotees. About four years ago some missionaries of the United Presbyterian Church came into the district, and their teaching attracted the attention of the Guru. He soon showed an inclination to adopt Christianity, but his position as a priest and a god, as the owner of the temple and the rich offerings brought to it, held him back. A year ago he became very

ill, and his attendants placed him under a tree to die like a dog, according to their inhuman custom. He recovered, however, and last November resolved to abandon Hinduism. "Come what may, I *must* confess Christ," he said. Great excitement followed, and attempts were made by his old followers to arrest his purpose by charging him with a criminal offence before the magistrate. This failed, but the hope of depriving him of all his property is still cherished, and the case awaits the decision of the courts.

Thus the conflicts on our Indian field proceed. Here apparent failure, there success; idolatry in some places seems to hold its ground; in others it is weakened, and its strongest advocates are compelled by divine grace to bend their necks to the gentle yoke of Christ. The final victory may be far off; but tokens are abundant that the Lord is with us, breaking down all obstacles, and preparing the way for the establishment of His kingdom.—*Missionary Herald, (Eng.) August, 1867.*

General Aspect of Missionary Work at Corisco, Africa.

In the general aspect of the work, the brethren speak of discouragement rather than of gratifying progress, with the exception of the station at Alongo and at Ugobi, now reported as an out-station. Even at Alongo opposition is encountered. The mass of the people adhere to idolatry, and the rum brought by European traders exerts a powerful influence for evil in many ways. The unworthy conduct of some of the church members, and even of some of the native helpers, is a cause of grief. The missionary at Evangasimba mourns that so much of his time is necessarily occupied with secular matters, and that he is able to do hardly anything in preparing books, such as are greatly needed—a complaint that would be echoed from the other stations. But the Lord has not left his servants without witness of his blessing on their labours. They refer particularly to "the ingathering at Benita of the fruits of our lamented Brother Paull's labours and the recent religious interest at Alongo and vicinity." They also refer to the school at Ugobi, and to the measure of success at Hondo in the attempt "to apply the principles of the Gospel to those domestic, industrial and civil relations, which underlie and so

deeply affect all higher development,"—both of these places being under the charge of native brethren. This mission greatly needs, however, an increased supply of missionaries from this country. The brethren are particularly desirous to be favoured with the services of a medical missionary, and hardly anywhere could such a man be more usefully employed. The Committee would be glad to send out a well qualified missionary of this class to Corisco at the earliest practicable day.—*Annual Report, May 1st, 1867. pp. 19, 20.*

Darkness and Light in New Granada.

Whilst there is much to discourage the labourer in this portion of the great field, from the blighting influence of Popery, from ignorance, indifference and infidelity, there is on the other hand much to cheer and inspirit to renewed diligence and effort. "The prejudices of the people respecting Protestantism," Mr. Wallace writes, "are slowly but surely wearing away; as an evidence of this, one or two native ladies have attended our services, and several others have expressed a desire and determination to do so. We have had also, attending quite regularly of late, several young men of intelligence and some position. These are encouraging features in our work, and I think we may justly, as we do joyfully, accept them as indications of God's favor and approbation."—*Annual Report, p. 12.*

How the Missionaries view their Work in Siam.

In taking a general view of our field and work, we would say that the interest is increasing: the work is deepening; the truth is taking hold of the hearts of the people. A spirit of inquiry has recently been awakened in the minds of the people generally, and we look for glorious and blessed results. It is the work of God by his Spirit, and to him would we ascribe all the praise and glory.—*Annual Report, p. 32.*

DONATIONS

TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN JULY, 1867.

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- SYNOD OF ALBANY.**—*Pby of Albany*—Northville ch 3 15; Northampton ch 3 36; West Galway ch 47, Sab-sch 3; 1st ch, Bethlehem, 10 66 50
- SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.**—*Pby of Allegheny*—Tarentum ch, Fem Miss'y Soc'y, 12 45. *Pby of Allegheny City*—Manchester Sab-sch 20; Highland ch 16 89; Pine Creek ch 21 15; Manchester Gerch 3 46. *Pby of Erie*—Greenville Sab-sch 36; Conneautville ch 10; Fairfield Sab-sch 2 45; Georgetown ch, add'l, 5; Greenfield ch 4 50 131 40
- SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.**—*Pby of Baltimore*—Ellicott City ch 36. *Pby of Carlisle*—Piney Creek Sab-sch 4 26; Silver Spring ch 71 93; Hogestown Sab-sch 3 13; Mechanicsburg Sab-sch, for Tunngchow sch, 35 63; Lower Path Valley ch, a member, for debt, 21 90 172 87
- SYNOD OF BUFFALO.**—*Pby of Genesee River*—Oakland ch 7. *Pby of Ojdensburg*—Knowlton ch 10; 2d Oswegatchie ch, for debt 12 71; Hammond ch, to con Mrs W Rodger Life member, 30; Jas Rodger, add'l, for son's Life member, 10; Agnes Fairbairn 5; H Lyon 2; Sab-sch bal Life member, 25 25; Rossie ch 10 55 112 51
- SYNOD OF CHICAGO.**—*Pby of Bureau*—Arlington ch 2; Lower Rock Island ch 12; Mrs Margaret S Montgomery to con self Life member, 30; Millersburg ch 20. *Pby of Chicago*—Sab-sch, 1st ch, Aurora 1. *Pby of Schuyler*—Perry ch 10 75 00
- SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.**—*Pby of Chillicothe*—First ch, Chillicothe, mo con 37 60, Sab-sch 37. Infant class 13. *Pby of Cincinnati*—Seventh ch, Cincinnati, mo con, 15 68; 1st ch, Cincinnati, 71; 1st ch, Walnut Hills Sab-sch, 23 51. *Pby of Miami*—Monroe Sab-sch 5. *Pby of Oxford*—Somerville ch 20. *Pby of Sidney*—Troy ch 19 241 69
- SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.**—*Pby of Bloomington*—Waynesville Sab-sch 2; Salem ch 8. *Pby of Palestine*—Prairie City Sab-sch 2; Kansas ch 21. *Pby of Saline*—Odin ch 11 13. *Pby of Sangamon*—West Okaw ch 20 70; Farmington ch, for debt 22 50; Sab-sch for Corisco 25; Irish Grove Sab-sch 6 118 33
- SYNOD OF INDIANA.**—*Pby of Indianapolis*—Kingstown Sab-sch 6 71. *Pby of Madison*—Hanover ch, for debt 10. *Pby of Vincennes*—Washington ch, Helphinstone Miss'y Soc'y 7 23 71
- SYNOD OF IOWA.**—*Pby of Dubuque*—Dubuque Sab-sch 20; Epworth Sab-sch 3 25. *Pby of Vinton*—Vinton ch 4 27 25
- SYNOD OF KANSAS.**—*Pby of Leavenworth*—Le-compton ch 1 86
- SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.**—*Pby of Ebenezer*—Maysville ch 100; 1st ch, Corington, 182 60; Burlington ch, Hon J M Preston 30. *Pby of Muhlenberg*—Hopkinsville Sab-sch 6 30. *Pby of Paducah*—Marion ch 15. *Pby of Transylvania*—Columbia ch 5 50 839 40
- SYNOD OF MISSOURI.**—*Pby of St Louis*—Second ch, St Louis, for Ningpo Mission 200; 1st Ger ch, St Louis 7 28. *Pby of Upper Missouri*—Savannah ch, for debt 15 15 222 43
- SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.**—*Pby of Nashville*—Second ch, Nashville Sab-sch, for debt 100; Savings of a Little Girl 5 25 105 25
- SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.**—*Pby of Burlington*—Second ch, Camden 31 17; Allentown ch 33. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—Baskinridge ch, for debt 50; 2d ch, Rahway 190; Elizabethtport ch 25, Sab-sch 7; Perth Amboy ch 21 40. *Pby of Monmouth*—Holmanville ch 6; Shrewsbury Sab-sch 10 75. *Pby of Newton*—First ch, Newton, mo con 50; 2d ch, Oxford Sab-sch, for debt 12; Belvidere ch 130, for debt 101, Sab-sch for debt 50; Lower Mt Bethel Sab-

sch for debt 8. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Lawrence ch mo con at High School 25 08; 1st ch, New Brunswick, for debt 82; Cranberry litch 102 50. Sab-sch for debt 40; Bound Brook ch 20. *Pby of Prussia*—Wickliffe ch mo con 10 20; 1st ch, Morristown, mo con 234 91. Sab-sch 25; Central ch, Orange, mo con 92 75; 3d ch, Newark, mo con, 20 66, Col'd Sab-sch, Elizabeth, for debt 8. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Towanda ch, mo con 120. *Pby of West Jersey*—Greenwich ch 35 1,521 42

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—White Plains ch 44 73; Rye ch mo con 28 05; Port Chester Sab-sch, for debt 25 69. *Pby of Hudson*—Cochecton ch 8 75; Monticello Sab-sch 39 65; Monroe ch 14 50; Scotchtown ch 23 20; Washingtonville ch, Blooming Grove, Mrs Luther Halsey 10; Florida ch 10. *Pby of Long Island*—First ch, Huntington 108; 1st ch, East Hampton mo con 86 86. *Pby of Nassau*—Genevan ch, Brooklyn, mo con to con J C Farnham *Life member* 21 25; South Third at ch, Wmsburg, 27 76; a Friend 20, Miss Bruce 20; a Friend 5; Astoria ch mo con 27; 1st ch, Brooklyn 45 69; Lawrence at Sab-sch, Brooklyn 14; Throop ave ch, Brooklyn 46 62; Wallabout ch 22 06. *Pby of New York*—Clifton ch, E C Bridgman 20; Palisades ch 90, Dr C R Agnew 20; Chelsea ch mo con 20; Alexander ch 672; 1st ch, Jersey City mo con 34 60; University Place ch, James Brown, for debt 500; Brick ch mo con 53 26; 1st ch, New York Sab-sch 55 62, Mission sch, for sch in Shanghai 48 71. *Pby of New York 2d*—Scotch ch, John T Johnston, for debt 250; Peekskill ch mo con 61 06; Canal street ch 27 80; Mt Washington ch 224 26. *Pby of North River*—First ch, Newberg 100, Sab-sch 40 2,200 74

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Fort Wayne*—Lagrange Sab-sch 3 63; 1st ch, Fort Wayne 8 77. Sab-sch 10. *Pby of Lake*—Valparaiso ch, Wm Powell 8; Crown Point Sab-sch 2 50. *Pby of Logansport*—Lexington ch 7 111 90

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Columbus*—Groveport ch 3 83; Sciota ch 7 85; Blendon ch 9 35; Westminster ch mo con 17 02. *Pby of Marion*—Salem ch 3. *Pby of Richland*—West Carlisle ch 20; Wakatomoka ch 5; Lexington Sab-sch 14; Haysville ch 19, Sab-sch 7. *Pby of Zanesville*—Washington ch 57 75 163 77

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of California*—Chinese ch 23, Ching Chap 10, Capt J P Creasy 20, J W Stow 26. *Pby of Oregon*—Clatsop ch 3 69 81 60

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Strasburg ch, add'l, 5; Chestnut Level ch 41 18. *Pby of Huntington*—Hollidaysburg Sab-sch 15 40; Bethel Sab-sch 5; Clearfield Sab-sch 6 73. *Pby of New Castle*—First ch, Oxford, Sab-sch for Lahor Fem sch 4 50; Benev's Fund of New London congregation, add'l, from M N C 10. *Pby of Northumberland*—Washington ch, Slifer, Emma Clark's class in col'd Sab-sch 1; North Point Sab-sch 5; Williamsport ch 300, Inf't class in Sab-sch for Rio chapel 12; Buffalo ch 88 75; Rohrsburg Fem Miss'y Soc'y 12 08, Contents of three children's miss'y boxes 1 58. *Pby of Philadelphia*—Mariner's ch, Phila, 11, Rev C N Ewing 5; Scotch ch 50 40, Sab-sch 49 60. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Cohocksink ch 51 55; 2d ch, half mo coll 10 87; Kensington Sab-sch 17 60. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Abington ch 40 90; Providence ch, a Friend 2. *Pby of Shanghai*—First ch, Shanghai 77 74 14

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—Blairsville ch 22 18; Blairsville Fem Seminary 38 15. *Pby of Clarion*—Mt Pleasant ch 10; Mrs H Leason 40; Brookville Sab-sch for Chefoo sch 37; Bethesda Sab-sch 1 75; Academia ch 8 75. *Pby of Ohio*—Fairview ch 5; Central ch, Pittsburg 25; Three new contributions, 73 29; Sab-sch 75; East Liberty ch mo con 72, Sab-sch for debt 60 07; Lawrenceville ch, Ladies' Mite Soc'y, to con Mrs Mary Robinson *Life member*, 30; Canonburg ch 17. *Pby of Redstone*—Tyrone ch 5; Uniontown ch, Ladies' Sewing Soc'y 21 71. *Pby of Saltsburg*—Cherry Run ch 8 83; Mt Pleasant Sab-sch 2 25 655 98

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of St Paul*—Hudson Sab-sch 2 10; Westminster ch, Minneapolis, mo con 5; 1st ch, St Peter's Sab-sch 10 17 70

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Western Reserve*—Tiffin ch 18 75. Sab-sch 2 50 16 25

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Fairfield*—Shiloh ch, Fairfield 6. *Pty of Iowa*—Wappello ch 8 30 14 30

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Columbus ch 4 15; Bethesda ch 10; Hanover ch 5; Yellow Creek ch, for debt 81 80, Sab-sch 8 20; East Palestine ch 5 25. *Pby of Steubenville*—Carrollton ch 10 43; Kilgore ch 9 57; Beacon Ridge ch 16, Sab-sch 2 50; Two Ridges ch, for debt 66 56; Waynesville and Bethlehem chs, for debt 20; Wellsville Sab-sch 10; New Harrisburg ch 5; 1st ch, Steubenville 100; Island Creek ch 15 33. *Pby of St Clairsville*—Nottingham ch 143. *Pby of Washington*—First ch, Wheeling 31 40, col'd Sab-sch, for Africa 9; 1st ch, Washington, Sab-sch for Corisco 34 43, and 83 57, to con John Hoon, Wm H Hartzel, Mary S Brown, and Florence S Bausman *Life members*; Claysville ch 15 60, Sab-sch, for debt 6 80; New Cumberland ch 82; Mt Prospect Sab-sch 3 21 780 80

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Blue Mounds ch 10. *Pby of Winnebago*—Kilbourne City ch Cent Soc'y 2 12 00

Total received from churches. \$7,948 79

LEGACIES.—Lydia Coombs, dec'd, Newburyport, Mass, less tax 940; Edward Avery, dec'd, Wooster, O, 100 1,040 00

SYNOD OF REV PRESS'N CHURCH.—Scholarships 188 75; Dehra sclt building 147 90; Six mos Salaries of Messrs Calderwood and Caldwell 600; Premium for gold 238 50 1,175 15

MISCELLANEOUS.—Basle, Switzerland, 5; J Penn Jones, Portland, W Va, 20; Franklin Knight 10; a Friend 5,000; Z 500, for China; A A Mc M 20; Cash, for debt, 1,000; Grace Lee, blind five years old, to con self *Life member* 32 13; Sab-sch Ref ch, Hackensack, N J, 22; Mrs Mary P Davis, Mansfield, Ohio, for debt, 1; Miss L G Sanford to con Myron Sanford *Life member* 20; for Rio 10; Mrs Mary L Gow Devere, Wis, 10; Sab-sch, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 5; H K Corning, N Y, for Brazil, 1,000; G P R 50; Two Ladies of Bozrahville, Conn, for Chinese Mission in California, 500; Rev Chas J Collins 20; Widow's Mite 1; R D James, Bridgeton, N J, 2; Rev A G Ross, Champagne, Ills, 5; Rev J Farris 50; John C Green, for debt, 5,000; Jas Boughton, Carlisle, N Y, 5; Jas Bayard, Phila, for debt, 50; Mrs Julia A Whittaker, Unionville, N Y, 30; —, for debt, 5,000; a Friend 21 41; Rev A B Maxwell, Salem, O, for debt, 5; Carso Crane 90, and Mrs Crane 10, Phelps, N Y, to con Rev Daniel Foster, Mrs J V D Wyckoff, and Alice Brinkerhoff *Life members*; O M Dorman, Norfolk, Va, 50; G P Reeves, Yonkers, N Y, 50; Rev J J Thompson 50; Ger Ref ch, Wauken, Iowa, 15 50; S T C 25; Rev J A M 80 cts; Henry Day, for debt, 100; Secret Alms 5; Wm Sidney Smith 100; J Harmanus Fisher, Baltimore, gold 360, prem 144; Mrs E C L 2; Proceeds of gold ring found by boy, for debt, 5; Wm Rankin, Jr, for debt, 200 19,609 84

Total receipts in July, 1867. \$29,773 78

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The Hymnal.

The last General Assembly resolved, "That the Hymnal, as now reported, be approved by this General Assembly, and that its use be recommended to the churches."

The Board of Publication now has in press a smaller and cheaper edition of the Hymnal, which will be issued in a few weeks. It will be about the size of the 18mo Confession of Faith, perhaps a little thicker, and probably about half the price of the present 12mo Hymnal. It will contain page for page the same matter, both in music and hymns, as the large Hymnal.

Minutes of Assembly.

The Minutes of the General Assembly of 1867 are now published, and may be obtained by inclosing the price, (75 cents,) to PETER WALKER, 821 Chestnut St., Philadelphia. A copy has been mailed to each person entitled to receive it, so far as is known.

The Sabbath-School Library.

An unusual and remarkable degree of interest was manifested in the last General Assembly on the subject of Sabbath-schools. A variety of memorials and overtures relating to this important matter were placed in the hands of the Assembly, which referred them to a Committee, who after some days of careful consideration reported a well-digested series of resolutions in reference thereto. (See *Minutes*, pp. 351 and 352). The third of these resolutions is as follows:

"The books of the Sabbath-school library should be wholly subject to the supervision of the pastor and ruling elders, and no work, *except it be published by the Board of Publication*, shall be admitted, which they have not approved. In this examination, care should be taken that no book receives their sanction, which might give the minds of the children a bias unfavourable to the order, doctrine, and practices of our Church, or which might beget a taste for frivolous literature, or which does not impart some weighty truth, or important information."

The attention of pastors, ruling elders, and superintendents and teachers of Sabbath-schools, is respectfully and earnestly called to this important utterance of the highest judicatory of our Church.

From the West Indies.

Some months ago a request was received by the Board of Publica-

tion, from Captain James H. Hewit of the bark *Linda*, for a donation of Sabbath-school books, papers and tracts, for the people of Navassa, a small island of the Windward group of the West Indies. This island contains a population of one or two thousand people, of various origins, but which had long been living greatly neglected, and in entire destitution as to religious advantages. An intelligent Christian physician having not long since gone to reside upon the island, became profoundly interested in the religious condition of the people, and has been earnestly exerting himself to do all he could on their behalf. At the request of Captain Hewit a large package of Sabbath-school books, and other requisites for Sabbath instruction, was sent to this physician, who sends to the Board a most grateful letter, in which he says: "We have built a neat little chapel, organized a Sunday-school, and have regular services on the Sabbath, and also on Wednesday and Friday evenings; which will be greatly benefited by the recent additions to our library, through the kindness of the Board of Publication."

Many requests from the destitute and needy are coming every week to the Board for such donations, and it is responding as freely as its resources enable it to do. But its Distribution Fund is again beginning to run low, and we must appeal to liberal Christian friends, for the necessary means to continue these donations.

Dr. Franklin's Early Reading.

The whole colour of our life, both mental and moral, is frequently

taken from what we read during childhood; and I am here reminded of an instance in point. A very little book, exceedingly prized in old-time families, seems to have had great effect upon the mind of Dr. Benjamin Franklin. In a letter written from France, in 1784, he thus addresses Dr. Mather of Boston: "When I was a boy, I met with a book, entitled, *Essays to do Good*, which I think was written by your father. It had been so little regarded by a former possessor, that several leaves of it were torn out; but the remainder gave me such a turn of thinking, as to have an influence on my conduct through life; for *I have always set a greater value on the character of a doer of good, than on any other kind of reputation*; and if I have been, as you seem to think, a useful citizen, the public owes the advantage of it to that book." These are notable words. Let them have their due weight with the young. They were uttered by Dr. Franklin when he was in his seventy-ninth year; they were therefore not the fruit of sudden excitement. Their import is, that if he had been useful, it was owing to a torn book read in his childhood.—*Dr. James W. Alexander.*

Tendency of Novels.

The *general tendency* of novels is to evil. They present vice and virtue in false colours. They dress up vice in gaiety, mirth, and long success. They put virtue and piety in some odious or ridiculous posture. Suspicion, jealousy, pride, revenge, vanity, rivalries, resistance to the laws, rebellion against parents, theft, murder, suicide, and

even piracy, are so represented in novels as to diminish, if not to take away the horror which all the virtuous feel against these sins and crimes. Almost all that is shocking in vice is combined with some noble quality, so as to make the hero on the whole an attractive character. The thief, the pirate, and especially the rake, are often presented as successful, elegant, and happy. Novels abound in immodest and profane allusions or expressions. Wantonness, pride, anger, and unholy love, are the elements of most of them. They are full of exaggerations of men and things. They fill the mind with false estimates of human life. In them the romantic prevails over the real. A book of this sort is very dangerous to the young, for in them the imagination is already too powerful for the judgment.—*Selected.*

The Truth.

Love of truth is one mark of the true disciple. He delights in the truth as God has revealed it in his word. The doctrines of the Bible are precious to him. They are the basis of duty, the foundation of hope, the food of faith. God permits error to prevail often to try his people, and to make manifest those who are not his. The prevalence of error leads the faithful disciple to study the truth and to adhere to it the more firmly; and he tries to defend it and to acquaint others with it. He shuns controversy; he assails not others; but he is firmly persuaded in his own mind, and finds it for his comfort and peace to be so; and when the

truth is assailed, he tries to correct the misrepresentations that are made, and to furnish others with the means of arriving at a correct knowledge of the truth. Some of the publications of the Board are admirably adapted to this end. Its books and tracts assail not others, but meet the misrepresentations that are made, and give full and correct information as to the system of doctrines we hold. Among these may be named, "Perseverance of the Saints;" "Sovereignty of God;" "Young Convert Instructed;" "Misrepresentations of Calvinism;" "What Presbyterians Believe;" and "Are Infants Elected?"—all excellent tracts of the Board. Let them be scattered abroad; and also the books, "The Great Supper," and "What is Calvinism?" M.

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Not less than five and twenty of the ministers aided are beyond the age of seventy, several are more than eighty, with wives nearly as old as themselves, and one is ninety-two. Nearly all have been missionaries, and not a small portion of the churches, Presbyteries, and Synods, not to mention literary and other useful institutions in various parts of the West, are monuments of their apostolical labours. But like David, they "have become old and grey headed," and their "strength has failed." With

hearts still glowing with the love of Christ, they are too aged and infirm to continue their active ministry, and have very properly asked their discharge from the Board of Missions. But none of them have property enough for their own support, and some have little more than what they receive from the fund.

One of these venerable men was for many years among the Cherokees. In a letter, acknowledging a remittance, he "blesses God for having put it into the hearts of his brethren to make provision for the aged and disabled like himself. I have no property, and little strength," he says, "for any sort of labour, and my sight has become much impaired. My wife can hardly distinguish between day and night, yet, our domestic labour is done by her, though groping about the house, in almost total blindness. I would like, if I were able, to go back to the Indians, among whom I lived so many years, and be buried with those of my children who are sleeping there, side by side with the humble children of the forest. But alas, the wish is vain: my work on earth is done, and my days are well nigh numbered."

A minister of middle age, after a description of his hopeless physical condition, loss of strength, exhausting cough, hectic fever, and other attendants of consumption, begs the Committee to accept the thanks of himself and family, and adds, "God bless both the donors and the managers of the fund."

A little girl, the oldest sister in a family of four orphans, writes the chairman, "when our money was all gone, and we did not know what to do, I went to my closet and asked my Heavenly Father. After that, it came into my mind that I would write to you, and I know that you will pardon me if it is wrong, and I am too bold. I think that we must be the most dependent family on which your gifts are bestowed. But if God is pleased to appoint us such a humble lot, we should not murmur. He will surely reward every act of kindness done in his name."

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Words from the Labourers.

Our space is too limited to permit any adequate view of the wide field occupied by the missionaries of our church, among the Freedmen. If we could but present the reports of a single month, with the ever varying, and ever fresh appeals of the faithful men and women who are planting the church and school among the poor, we are persuaded that a new interest would be awakened in the work. Letters filled with perplexity and discouragement, with hopes blasted, when almost realized, come in the same mail with letters full of joy and thankfulness for special tokens of the Saviour's presence and the Spirit's power. Now they tell us of some dear old saint who has finished the course with joy, whose tottering steps they have followed until the Lord came. Now of some contentious spirit seeking the pre-eminence and planting roots of bitterness. Now of some precious little one brought to the Saviour's arms; now again of heedless ones wandering too far to be followed save by the great Shepherd himself. Now of schools unexpectedly and wonderfully successful. And then of schools that exhaust strength and wear out patience. Then they tell us of blessed communion seasons, in the forest, or in the log church, just completed, where the Lord has manifested himself "in the breaking of bread;" and the souls of penitent worshippers are borne away heavenward in songs of thanksgiving and praise. Sometimes the letter tells us the labourer is weary and exhausted—that he feels that he must leave the field; that others more fresh and hopeful may take up the uncompleted task. And yet, perhaps, before this message has started on its way, new light falls upon the labourer's head, and new voices are heard begging him to be strong. Souls blessed by his labours lay hold of his skirts, and he closes the letter with the words—"We have thought that our part of this great work would be done at the end of the year, but as we have listened of late to

the humble, earnest prayer of this people; that God would send us back—Providence may hedge up our way and indicate that it is our duty to return. We had a precious communion season last Sabbath—really if the path of duty is made clear that we should leave this field, it will be hard to part with this people. A more grateful people never were; and never were more earnest prayers offered up for any, than have been for us."

We have no letters from the labourers that were written for publication. They are simply brotherly epistles, telling us of trials and perplexities, seeking for sympathy and advice, or cheering us with assurances of the Lord's hand in the work; that we may not grow weary. Words added to monthly reports. Addenda of the heart, to the labours of the hand—written upon blank corners—words creeping in, tortuously among statistics, like the refreshing stream that winds among the briers and cane-brakes of the great field they cultivate. Words from the *heart*—let us listen to some of them *with the heart*. Peradventure there is a blessing in them.

These words from the labourers in the last month, present two things with singular uniformity; first, the special blessing of their work, in the conversion of souls, and harmony of the churches. Second, the promising fields opening on every side, which the labourers are too few to attempt to enter.

We present a few of these words from the labourers, without attempting to correct them in any particular order. They all came about the same time.

Thus one who has recently added more than forty to the Committee of the Church. "I have continual application for teachers, and help in building school-houses. Men and money, with God's blessing are all we need have to establish a Presbytery in the field *right away*. *Now is the time*." Another in another State, says:

"The work goes on here among the people very well. I find I have firm hold. We are having excellent meetings here now. There are about forty anxious enquirers, and there have been up to this date five professed conversions. The people began the meetings them-

selves, and had lively times before I came. At F. they still carry on the meetings without a minister. I believe there have been eight professions at that place." Says another—a coloured man:

"On the 20th I left home for J., the president of the college received me kindly, and after making known to him my business, he invited me to attend his Sabbath-school, for our poor children; and gave me the use of his chapel on the 21st; and spoke to the people at 4 P. M. in the chapel, and made known all our plans. I made the acquaintance of all the professors, and had their hearty co-operation. They received sixteen names for membership. I preached at night again and received *ten* more. I spent the week seeking a place to organize the church and school, but failed. On the 28th I preached again in the chapel, and increased the number ready to go into an organization to forty. All we need is a place to worship in." Another—a teacher: "This people need a preacher very much; they are in a miserable state of wickedness, yet the school is doing very well. Freedmen are coming the distance of four miles to get their children into it, fearing the school may be filled and there be no room for them. I can only say I trust in Him who is the head of the Church to help these poor people, for they are not able to help themselves."

Then a lady, who has been living alone in her "own hired house." "All seem so anxious to have a school; I hardly know how to decide the question of having a vacation, but I feel that a change would be most agreeable at this time, being wholly banished from society with any white person."

Another lady, just leaving for a vacation. "I think we are all glad to have a rest, scholars as well as teachers. The people are all anxious to have us return, and we hope to do so. We rented our house for a year." This lady is associated with another from the same church, and they have been keeping house together. "We have a nice lot of potatoes and other vegetables growing, which you know to be a matter of interest in this land of scarcity. I think the prospect for a church is very good now. Mr. D. has been here three weeks holding meetings. To-day we had a meeting for church members, which was very interesting. I felt that it was good to be there. We have seventeen members now; four of them new converts from our Sabbath-school. We hope for more, as there are many who seem truly inter-

ested for their souls. We closed the school with quite a display of the little fellows, which gave great satisfaction to the people. We leave to-morrow. I tell you the prospect of breathing once more the pure air of a Christian land is soul reviving."

RECEIPTS IN JULY, 1867.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Saratoga Springs ch Inf Sab-sch	\$3 25
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Ger ch, Manchester, 3 46; Emsworth ch 3 50	6 96
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Mt Pleasant ch	15 14
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Cross Roads ch	19 00
<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Chillicothe 1st ch 40; Marshall ch 5 10; Rocky Springs ch 5 40; Cynthia ch 1 05; Hillsborough ch 81 35; South Salem ch 28 17; Rev Mr Knight, Williams-on and Session, 3 60	173 07
<i>Pby of Chicago</i> —Fullerton av ch 25; Rockford 1st ch 25 28	50 28
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Georgetown ch 11 30; Greenfield ch 5	16 30
<i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —First ch, Fort Wayne	70 00
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Bellefonte ch	104 98
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Hopewell ch	20 00
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Clifton ch	42 00
<i>Pby of Milwaukee</i> —Ottawa ch 4 23; Delafield ch 2 77	7 00
<i>Pby of Maumee</i> —Delta ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —East Liberty ch, add'l, 50; Central ch Pitts, in part, 20	70 00
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Canton ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Raritan</i> —Fox Hill ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Dunlaps, Creeks, and New Salem chs	22 40
<i>Pby of Richland</i> —Perrysville ch	11 75
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —East Springfield ch	8 00
<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —West Liberty ch	8 00
<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Mrs E. Van Horn	5 00
<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —Zion's branch of Providence ch	6 00
<i>Pby of Vinton</i> —Blairsville ch 6 90; West Irving ch 3	9 90
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —First Washington ch 65 44; Sab-sch of do 25; 2d ch Wheeling, special, 25	115 44
<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Muskingum ch	28 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rent for part of office 50; Mary Calens, Butler co, Pa, 5; J A H 1st ch New York 5; Miss Sallie Cooper, Georgetown, D C, 10; Rev W Reed, Long's Run, O, 5; H K, special, 10; Harriet Huntingdon, Iowa, 10; Rev Geo Morris, Mansfield, O, 500; Rev J D Paxton, D L, Princeton, Ind, 18 50; Mrs Ellen McCullough, Mercer, Pa, 5; A Lady, Depera, Wis, 5; Annie, Wheeling, Va, 10; A Friend, Plainfield, N J, 5; Rev Jos Platt, Thank-offering 20; Dixmont Hospital Employes 5 50	664 00
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Received at Philadelphia.

<i>Pby of Burlington</i> —Camden ch	42 52
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Poundridge ch	15 00
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Lamington ch	7 00
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Wallabout ch	19 50
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Princeton ch, additional,	5 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

O M Dorman, Hampton, Va,	30 00
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Total receipts in July, \$1634 09

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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Pleasant Tidings—Sown Seed soon Ripens.

Iowa.

To-day closes another quarter of missionary labour. During this quarter I have laboured as formerly in South Ridge and Bethel, and also extended my labours into a new missionary field seven miles west of Marango. The last meeting of Vinton Presbytery appointed Elder Arbutnot and myself a committee to visit this new field, and, if the way were open, to organize a church. After labouring in it some three months a portion of my time, we organized a church consisting of eighteen members, fourteen on certificate, and four on examination. Out of this number three intelligent, efficient elders were elected, ordained, and installed. Three weeks ago, I administered the Lord's Supper to this infant church, when a large number were assembled of very orderly hearers, giving signs that the Spirit of the Lord was at work in their midst. It was a most precious season, long to be remembered by the children of God. *Every* male member of the church prays in public. They now have a

flourishing Sabbath school and prayer-meeting.

Two of the four received on examination are young men of great promise. One intends applying to our Board of Publication through Presbytery for a commission to become our colporteur. The other is about entering on a course of study (probably with myself) preparatory to a Collegiate education and the work of the ministry. He is the only member of a large family who has made a profession of religion. His grand-parents were Old School Presbyterians. I am the first Old School Presbyterian minister he ever heard preach, and, what is strange, he never saw our Confession of Faith until a few months ago. When awakened to a sense of his sinful and miserable condition he took his Bible and went into the woods, and there spent half a day in reading and prayer, and there he believes he passed from death to life. And there it was deeply impressed upon his mind that he must devote his life to the work of the ministry, and aid in building up the kingdom of that precious Saviour whom he

had found. He is a noble youth, seventeen years old, nearly six feet high, of amiable manners, and if I do not greatly misjudge, possessed of a fine intellect. He is able in prayer, carries his Bible and Confession of Faith with him into the fields, improves every minute, and has acquired quite an extensive knowledge of both. The conversion of such a youth is a rich compensation for all my toils and feeble labours in this field. I learned yesterday that his conversion has in some measure awakened the whole family—parents and children.

Abundant Labours.—The peculiar need of many parts of our Land met by Itinerant Labours.

Illinois.

Rev. and Dear Sir :—As the first quarter of my service as a commissioned labourer under the Board draws to a close, I hasten to make out a sketch of the work accomplished. I am at a loss as to how to shape it, having had but little experience as to what is expected. The service rendered has been of a very different kind to what was anticipated and far more expanded. When my kindly relations with the M—C— church was broken up, by my opposition to tableaux, &c., as a means of raising money for church purposes, I little thought as I do now, that God was loosening me from a barren Gilboa, to send me abroad to the scattered sheep. It was some time before I could think of entering the service of the Board. But the churches within reach of F— were supplied. I preached for this one missionary church for some months

all the time. The result has taught me a lesson about the nature of frontier work. It is *better* for our feeble churches that they be united, two or three of them, where contiguous, on the support of a minister. It is better until the work is consolidated and a generation or two passes—both for minister and people. Raw recruits enlisted out of the world do not make good Presbyterians at once, and will not kindly bear the full service expected from a trained soldier. It is, I am persuaded, a waste of moral strength to carry on the churches in the frontier on the “pastoral plan.” The strain is too great. The relation is soon broken. We are in a missionary field with a *missionary work* to do, and although a pastor to each church is what things should be shaped to, yet *now* a necessity is laid on us to *go out* into the highways and hedges. The time for settling down has not come yet in this vast and destitute West.

But to my report :—

May 18 found me preaching to the F— church and conducting the parochial school.— June 7—the school closed, and on Saturday, the 8th, started on a missionary tour. Found the W— church engaged in a communion season. This congregation, five miles northeast of F—, is the mother of all the Presbyterian churches in this region. Preached to this beloved flock for whom I laboured thirteen years. Drove on in the afternoon sixteen miles northwest, to the R— church in Richland county. This church has been vacant, with temporary supplies now and then, for some years,

and in a sad state of variance. On Sabbath, at eleven, preached to about two-thirds of the members and others, the rest absenting themselves on account of bad feeling. P. M. Rev. John C——, who was present, preached at four o'clock—an exceedingly solemn sermon. Evening I preached again in the bounds of the congregation. Engaged to supply them half the time for three months. They have a good house of worship.

June 14.—Went to A——. The church here is in connection with the Cumberland Presbytery, but I am very tenderly attached to them, having been much blessed in my labours among them during communion meetings—at one season there were nineteen added—two were added during this meeting.

June 23.—After preaching at Friendsville in the morning, drove down and preached in Mt. C—— in the evening. The few faithful souls there seem discouraged—perhaps they may yet repent and turn to the Lord. Monday—I received your letter conveying my commission.

July 6.—Preached in the evening in the bounds of the R—— church, and in morning of Sabbath the 7th preached at the church. A candidate for the ministry, under the care of this Presbytery, was in the congregation. I had a long interview with him, and felt encouraged with his spirit and experiences. I trust that he will be very useful. That evening, drove fifteen miles, and preached in a region which a Presbyterian minister had never visited, about nine miles west of this. The vast crowd were gathered in a grove, and lis-

tened with close attention to a long sermon leveled against Campbelism and Universalism, both which delusions abound in that district of country.

Thursday, 18th of July.—Started to C——, forty miles. This church has been greatly strengthened and blessed recently. There has been a great turning to the Lord there, and the prospects are bright, for a strong and useful church. The Lord bless and keep them. They have just finished a plain and good house of worship, Rev. J. ——, S. S. Enjoyed a very tender and solemn communion season throughout.

On Monday, went out twelve miles southwest to O— S——, organized by James McGready, 1816, the first Presbyterian church in the State. Political animosities, deaths and emigrations, have wrought great havoc in this congregation. Visited and conversed with many of disaffected. Evening, preached to a full congregation. Was up until near midnight in a congregational meeting. Whether good was done remains to be seen. There is a wing of the church, of excellent people, intelligent and efficient, in a community, five miles away from the church. They are anxious to be organized into a church, and set to work.

Saturday 27th.—Went to T——, about seven miles east. A very reckless people. Some godly people have been petitioning Presbytery for an organization. Here Rev. Wm. H. S—— of Allegheny, 1866, has preached one-quarter his time for a year. At eleven, the Committee of Presbytery met, and after sermon, eight persons were enrolled and organized into the —— church. During the meeting that followed, a very considerable interest was awakened, and one young lady connected—others are enquiring—old and young—and who knows but this "Sodom" of W—— C——, may yet be as the the "garden of the Lord."

Thursday, August 1st.—Preached at P——, five miles south of R—— church. A full and attentive meeting. A church could be organized here with a prospect of good, if a suitable man could be found to occupy the field. Friday, preached three miles west of —— church, in a disaffected and careless part of the congregation. Was delighted with the attention of the children and youth. Here one old Methodist brother, so far forgot himself, as to audibly “bless the Lord,” at several stages in the sermon. Saturday morning preached at the —— church, and so on, until the next Tuesday evening. Two were added to the church—several more are, I hope, seeking God. Sabbath—there was the largest congregation that ever met at the church, the session told me. Collected sixteen dollars and thirteen cents for the Foreign Mission Board.

August 11th, Saturday evening.—Went to T—— and preached—a good and solemn auditory, and so Sabbath morning; and the Spirit is not poured out in such measure as to convert the convinced and decide the halting. Oh that God may not delay his coming.

Such is a sketch of the labour performed. It has been of the nature of an itinerary. It is vacation in the parochial school. When that takes up I will be more confined. I have greatly enjoyed this service of missionating, but it is very wearing, and exhausting. I have no idea whether this is the kind of report you wish, or whether it is only statistics required. Please apprise me if this is not satisfactory.

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN AUGUST, 1867.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.— <i>Pby of Albany</i> —Carlisle ch 12 00
SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.— <i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Central ch, Allegheny City 171 00
SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.— <i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Churchville ch 20. <i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Hagerstown ch 35 55 00
SYNOD OF BUFFALO.— <i>Pby of Buffalo City</i> —Central ch, Buffalo, 74 90
SYNOD OF CHICAGO.— <i>Pby of Chicago</i> —Aurora 1st ch 7. <i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Scales' Mound ch 2. <i>Pby of Schuyler</i> —Mt Sterling ch 8 86; Per-

ry ch 12 75. <i>Pby of Warren</i> —Monmouth ch Sab-sch 21 51 00
SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.— <i>Pby of Miami</i> —Carrollton ch 9 70. <i>Pby of Oxford</i> —College Corner ch 22; Hamilton ch 5 50 37 20
SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.— <i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Salem ch 5; <i>Pby of Saline</i> —Richland ch 15 75; Olney ch 8 46 29 21
SYNOD OF INDIANA.— <i>Pby of Madison</i> —Madison 1st ch 68 00
SYNOD OF IOWA.— <i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Dubuque 1st ch, from a member 25; Sherrill's Mount ch 7 35 32 35
SYNOD OF MISSOURI.— <i>Pby of St Louis</i> —1st Ger ch, St Louis 5 70; Bonhomme ch 23 85; “Little David” 1 45; Pacific City ch 10 85, of wh 10 from Rev D L Rathbun 41 85
<i>Pby of Holston</i> —Mount Bethel ch 10; Madisonville ch 10 20 00
SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.— <i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —2d ch, Rahway 75; 1st ch, Metuchen 16; Logansville ch Sab-sch 2 50. <i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Summit Hill ch 30, of wh Sab-sch 5 80, P 6 78; Jamestown Sab-sch 2; Tunkhannock ch 14 50; Meshoppen ch 8. <i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Port Washington ch 12; Jamesburg ch 25. <i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —First ch, Hightstown 19 70. <i>Pby of Newton</i> —Newton 1st ch 100. <i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Barclay ch 4 43. <i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Greenwich ch 40 361 33
SYNOD OF NEW YORK.— <i>Pby of Long Island</i> —Speonk ch 10. <i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Newtown ch 6; Astoria ch 35 25. <i>Pby of New York</i> —Alexander ch 4; 3d ch, Jersey City 15; Palisades ch 87 75 158 00
SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.— <i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —Roanoke ch 2 25. <i>Pby of Lake</i> —First ch, Constantine 27 00 29 86
SYNOD OF OHIO.— <i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Congress ch 8; Jackson ch 27 61; Dalton ch 31 66 61
SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—“Almareda” 50; Pres ch of Jackson co, Oregon 38 34. <i>Pby of Benicia</i> —Vallejo ch 45. <i>Pby of Oregon</i> —Brownsville ch 12 50; Diamond Hills ch 12 50 153 34
SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.— <i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Shaver's Manor Hill ch 13 50. <i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Rohrsburg ch 4 14; Sugar Loaf ch 4 12; Orangeville ch 4 43; Warrior Run 30. <i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> 2d—Abington ch 97 03 152 22
SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.— <i>Pby of Clarion</i> —New Bethlehem ch 5. <i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Central ch Sab-sch 73 25; Long Island ch 14. <i>Pby of Sultsburg</i> —Indiana ch 2 50; Eldersridge ch 20 03; West Lebanon ch 12 56; Harmony ch 16 52; Rayne ch 2 53 146 39
SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.— <i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —La Crosse ch 9; Eau Claire ch 50 75 65 75
SYNOD OF WHEELING.— <i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Poland ch 115. <i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —New Philadelphia ch 11; Amsterdam ch 7; Still Fork ch 4. <i>Pby of Washington</i> —West Alexander ch 13; Cross Creek ch 114 14 386 13

Total receipts from churches, \$2,115 75

MISCELLANEOUS.—Miss Helen T Barry, Hillsboro, O, 5; Mrs E C Junkin, Wyandot, O, 3; Mrs J L Whitaker, Unionville, N Y, 10; Miss Nancy Boggs, Ky 500; R H McEwen, Nashville, Tenn 5 623 00

LEGACIES.—Legacy in part of Edmund Avery, dec'd, late of Ohio, 100 00

Total Receipts in August, \$2,738 75

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No. 907 Arch street, Philadelphia.

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN THE SYNOD OF KENTUCKY AS REPORTED BY L. L. WARREN, Esq., TREASURER, FROM APRIL 1ST TO SEPT. AMBER 1ST, 1867.

<i>Pby of Transylvania</i> —Richmond ch 37; Lebanon ch 139; Columbia ch 62; Mumfordsville ch 17 50; Ebenezer ch 7; Mrs Youce, Danville 40. <i>Pby of Louisville</i> —Shiloh and Olivet chs 16 50; Shelbyville ch 40; Cloverport ch 28. <i>Pby of Ebenezer</i> —Paris ch 270 50. <i>Pby of West Lexington</i> —First ch, Lexington 117. <i>Pby of Muhlenburg</i> —Bowling Green ch 17 50 792 00
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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTIFUL, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

Verily, verily, I say unto you. He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do, because I go to my Father.—John xiv. 12.

Faith:

WHAT TWO GREAT GENERALS THINK OF IT.

It is not often the world gets into the secrets of a great man's heart, and is permitted to discern the hidden springs of his power. In a recent volume of public documents, there escape a couple of confidential letters of a most interesting character.

Generals Grant and Sherman, the first men in the army of the United States, were old and intimate friends. When the office of lieutenant-general was established by law, and the name of the former was sent to the Senate of the United States as a person suitable for the occupancy of it, he wrote a grateful letter to his comrade, modestly attributing to him, with others, the credit of a large share of his eminent success. And now comes the touching and instructive reply.

"You do yourself injustice, and us too much honour, in assigning to us so large a share of the merits which have led to your high advancement. I know you approve the friendship I have ever confessed to you, and will permit me to continue, as heretofore, to manifest it on all proper occasions. You are now Washington's legitimate successor, and occupy a place of almost dangerous elevation. But if you continue, as heretofore, to be yourself—simple, honest, and unpretending,—you will enjoy through life the respect and love of friends, and the homage of millions of human beings, that will award you a large share in securing to them and their descendants a government of law and stability. Until you had won Donelson, I confess I was almost cowed by the terrible array of anarchical elements that presented themselves at every point; but that admitted the ray of light which I have followed since. I believe you are as brave, pa-

triotic, and just as the great prototype, Washington: as unselfish, kind-hearted and honest, as a man should be; but your chief characteristic is the simple faith in success you have always manifested, which I can liken to nothing else than the faith a Christian has in a Saviour. This faith gave you victory at Shiloh and Vicksburg. Also, when you have completed your best preparations, you go into battle without hesitation, as at Chattanooga—no doubts, no reserves; and I tell you it was this that made us act with confidence. I knew, wherever I was, that you thought of me, and if I got in a tight place, you would come if alive."

This extraordinary letter, like the private talks of Napoleon with his surgeon, O'Meara, at St. Helena, opens up the soul of these two men. They confess to each other (and where in all the earth is there such experience and such authority as theirs?) that it was not great intellect, not unbounded resources, not the fighting capacity of the men, that turned the tide of the stupendous contest that shook the continent, and indeed, the world. But important as these are, there is something higher. It was *moral qualities*. And that the chief characteristic of the great conqueror was his "*simple faith in success*"—like—"the faith a Christian has in a Saviour."

Brother soldier of that Saviour! Study, from the beginning of your discipline, that fine ideal, which, whether it was realized or not in the man addressed, is certainly one of the noblest ever painted. To exhibit in their highest excellence those moral qualities, will surely band around any man the respect and love of friends, and the homage of the hundreds, or thousands, or millions, who are affected by his efforts. And this is the very method of securing victory. But, you need something higher still,—"*simple faith in success*." Have you that same kind of "*faith in your Saviour*," that these two generals had in the justice of their nation's cause, and in the power of their nation's arm when once fitted to execute it? Be just as simple, as brave, as honest, as unselfish, as you can imagine a great soldier ought to be. Make the best preparations for meet-

ing the terrible array of all the elements of anarchy and rebellion, against God, and the best interests of man. Then "go into the battle without hesitation," with "no doubts, and, what is vital to the follower of Christ, with "no reserves!" What a government, what a Master you serve! Surely, *you* may press forward with "simple faith in success."

"A word of His almighty breath,
Can swell or sink the seas;
Build the vast empires of the earth,
Or break them, if he please."

This is the Master who says, "Go preach, saying the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Heal the sick; cleanse lepers; raise the dead; cast out devils. Freely ye have received, freely give." "Lo, I am with you alway." "Whosoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

What scenes of glory to the Father, and to the Son, would be witnessed speedily, if your closets and halls of prayer were filled with urgent requests for the outpouring of the Holy Ghost, in the spirit of "simple faith in success." And if the Presbyteries and Synods to meet this autumn will then plead with God, and appoint further conventions for special prayer together, the God of Jacob, the God of Moses, the God of Joshua, the God of Peter, the God of Paul, will visit the people. He wondrously gave us all the victories of our nation's conflict. He will, yes, he is waiting, waiting now, to give mightier victories, and more glorious by far to his own Church, redeemed by the blood of His dear Son. Giant fortifications, and strong defences, even upon mountain-ridges seeming higher than the clouds, and impregnable, shall be quickly overrun by the shouting regiments of those who plant upon them the flag of a kingdom all restored to the blest and holy reign of Immanuel, if we are ready to "go forward" with "simple faith in success."

Who will help the Schools?

This department of the Board of Education needs immediate replenishment of its Fund, for the following reasons:

1. The Board has been compelled to double the amount usually given five years ago to educational institutions, on account of the greater expense of their maintenance. Instead of seventy-five dollars to a school, as the General Assembly then directed, they must have a hundred, or a hundred and fifty dollars. Academies appeal to us for two or three hundred dollars, instead of the former

usual appropriation of a hundred and fifty.

2. Several new schools and academies have made urgent requests for liberal aid. Their continuance must be imperilled without it. Some of these are of a very promising character, and in regions where their influence is most important for Christ.

3. A number of French and German schools have sprung up, from which already have come some candidates for the ministry, who will preach to their own people. These schools are of a missionary character, and can contribute little to their own maintenance.

4. The balance of money in the treasury was at the beginning of the year, considerably less than usual; partly on account of the increased appropriations of the preceding year.

The Board is anxious not to interfere with the appointments of the General Assembly, in regard to the regular collections for the several Boards and Committees. The set time in the year for making the collection for this fund was the last Thursday in February. It is more especially to the congregations which then neglected it, that we now earnestly appeal for means to meet these calls, which the Church cannot, must not refuse to hear.

There are numerous liberal and intelligent friends of Education, to whom this condition of the treasury has but to be mentioned, and we are confident of a response in larger or smaller amounts.

A Negro Linguist.

Employed as a Government teacher at a colored school, on St. Andrew's Island, near Charleston, is a negro whose remarkable capacity to acquire languages is thus described, by a gentleman who recently saw him there, from whose account the following is abridged.

Said is a native African, having been born in the Kingdom of Bornou, Central Africa, and is now about thirty years of age. He has the thoroughly marked African type of face and skull, with woolly hair and black skin, and he shows the savage aspect the more pronouncedly from the fact that his face is covered with the tribal marks. These are not of the nature of tattooing, but consist of incisions in the skin, (or, perhaps, rather, excisions out of the skin,) made in early childhood. In person he is of medium height; his gait is shambling, his look shy and sad. He is not in the least communicative or disposed to ex-

hibit himself, but must be drawn out by sympathy and gentle confidence.

He was captured, when fourteen years of age, by a party of Bedouins; carried to Tripoli, thence to Constantinople, where he was sold to Reshid Pasha, the Minister of Foreign Affairs. In 1852 he was transferred to the Russian Prince Menzikoff, then Minister at Constantinople; and with him or his son remained, at various points on the Continent of Europe, till 1859, when he came to America.

In 1863 he entered the military service as a volunteer in the Fifty-fifth Massachusetts, a coloured regiment. With his regiment he came to North Carolina, and remained until the close of the war; but, being then left without employment, and without means, he was forced to hire himself out as a plantation hand. In this condition he remained till last year, when he was taken up as a teacher, an employment for which he seems to be specially adapted. His scholars, even aged negroes, learn with marvellous rapidity under his instructions.

With this natural aptitude, joined to his opportunities, he has certainly made himself a remarkable philologist. Remarkable it would be in even the most cultured of Caucasians, but still more so in one who bears on his black visage the symbols of his savage race. For he knows, in addition to English, and his native tongue, Arabic, Turkish, Russian, Hebrew, Greek, German, French, and Italian—some more perfectly than others, but, in most cases, so that he can read, and write, and speak them with ease and accuracy. Nor is it merely a parrot-like faculty of imitation, for he has deep perception of their genius and affinities, and, in some instances a fair, in others, a profound acquaintance with their literature.

When he came to travel over the different countries of Europe, he made himself acquainted with the language of each. But what is remarkable is that in the acquisition of every language he was self-taught. After picking up what he could orally, it was his habit to get a grammar and vocabulary, and thus perfect himself. He afterwards resided in England, his mode of speaking our language shows, in a slight accent, his Continental training. His latest linguistic acquisition is the Hebrew. Having, a few months ago expressed a great desire to study that tongue, some of his friends provided him with a grammar, dictionary, and Bible. His religion, with that of his nation, was

originally Mohammedan. At this time, through evil influences, perhaps originating from his former fellow-soldiers, he is inclined to spiritualism. Would that he were brought to "see Jesus."

The case of Said is a most suggestive one. It shows the native aptitude of many of the negro race, who excel often by none of a fair race of mankind,—from which the world has much to hope when it shall be developed and clarified by the influences of freedom, education, and full Christian privileges, extended through a few generations. And it sets an example of patient, assiduous, and successful efforts to overcome great difficulties in the way of self-improvement, that should put to shame many a young man in this land of opportunities, who, with ten times the advantages, does not reap one-tenth of the benefit from them, that this poor negro slave, or servant, did from those permitted to him.

A Blest Old Age.

Mrs. Sally Hopkins, who died in August, at Kingston, Iowa, at the age of 87, had been taught in childhood the way in which she should go. She early gave herself to Christ. For *seventy years* she followed his footsteps as her Saviour, and he kept his promise, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee," for he is faithful that promised. Her peaceful old age is thus pictured by her pastor:

"She was a diligent student of the Bible, and had also a remarkable fondness for sacred poetry. Her memory held firmly within its grasp, and in perfect obedience to her will, nearly every hymn in the Assembly's collection, together with a vast amount of the very best thoughts of the old poets. Page after page could be called up at her pleasure. Many hours, too, when too weary to read, were spent in repeating what she treasured up in her youth. And thus she had an apt quotation, either of poetry or of Scripture, ready for every emergency."

What a bright contrast to the gloomy decline of many that either know not God; or, professing to know him, yet, like Peter, follow afar off.

"How shall the Church be Educated to Give?"

A faithful pastor of a church, in a letter on the subject in the *Presbyter*, pointedly replies to this question, as follows:

The answer is: Let every pastor and stated supply, and session (of vacant churches) give all diligence to sustain the operation of our admirable financial machinery.

We have seven Boards and Committees, and the time of collection for each is appointed at proper intervals, by the Assembly's plan. So far all is as it should be. *Nothing, I believe, is wanting to secure a perennial flowing of means for all these noble objects, into their respective treasuries, but faithfulness on the part of Zion's watchmen.*

Certainly, brethren, to preach on systematic beneficence you can find texts enough in God's word. If you can find nothing to say yourselves, just take your concordance and you can readily collate a respectable sermon from your Bible.

In material strength the Presbyterian Church is one of the first in the land. With this fact in mind, take the reports of the several Boards and Committees, and examine them; it is strange if you do not blush for the negligence of the Church in the grace of liberality.

Let each minister and session remember what their respective church has done. Talk on the subject in the parlor; renew it in the exhortations of the prayer-room; and preach it from the pulpit, till your conscience is satisfied.

"Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said: *It is more blessed to give than to receive.*" "JOHN."

Items.

A NATION'S TRIBUTE AND HONOUR.—The American Association for the Advancement of Science, at their recent sessions, voted their thanks in behalf of the nation to George Peabody, Esq., for his contributions amounting to four millions of dollars, in aid of education and science in the United States.

BAPTIST MUNIFICENCE.—A writer in a Baptist paper mentions the following among the contributions of men within that denomination to educational and kindred purposes. Mr. Vassar, of Poughkeepsie, has given nearly \$500,000; Gardner Colby, of Boston, \$75,000; Colgate and Trevor, of New York, \$75,000; Tracy H. Harris, of New York, \$25,000; John Rathbone, \$25,000. Besides these gifts, Rochester University has received \$200,000; Lewisburg University, Pennsylvania, \$100,000; and Brown University \$2000 or \$3000 from Baptists in Rhode Island and elsewhere.

PROCEEDS OF THE METHODIST CENTENARY MOVEMENT.—Twenty-seven Conferences have reported the contributions

within their bounds. These amount to \$4,342,895. It is estimated that the whole amount from the forty Conferences of the church will be probably *six millions and a half of dollars.*

A NEW EPISCOPAL SEMINARY.—Benjamin P. Reed, Esq., of Boston, has contributed \$100,000 for the establishment of an Episcopal Theological Seminary at Cambridge, Massachusetts. The trustees of Harvard College have granted its students the use of their library of 112,000 volumes, also free attendance upon the University lectures, and access to the museum and lectures of Professor Agassiz. The professors elect are Rev. Francis Wharton, D.D., LL. D., Rev. Henry C. Potter, DD., Rev. P. H. Seenstra, and Rev. G. C. Converse. It promises to be a vigorous institution.

THE INCOMES OF THE LEADING MISSIONARY SOCIETIES OF GREAT BRITAIN have increased, within fifteen years, from twenty to ninety per cent. The incomes of the leading Societies in America have, in the same time, nearly doubled. New fields have been opened within ten years and new stations established, bringing under the sound of the gospel at least 150,000,000 souls.

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN AUGUST, 1867.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Guilderland ch 12 75; Charlton ch 10	22 75
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Harmony ch	46 88
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Fayetteville ch	15 00
<i>Pby of Dane</i> —Platteville Ger ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Slateville ch, add'l	1 00
<i>Pby of Lake</i> —First ch, Constantine	15 88
<i>Pby of Mohawk</i> —Oneida ch	40 56
<i>Pby of Neotoma</i> —Blairstown ch	28 00
<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Scales' Mound ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Saine</i> —Olney ch	10 90
<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Plum Creek ch	24 40
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Holmesville ch	6 00
	\$218 37

LEGACIES.

E-state of Hon Edward Avery, Wooster, O, 500, yearly instalment 100; George W Marquis, Bellefontaine, O, 164 75	264 75
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Miss Nancy Boggs, of Walnut Hill ch, near Lexington, Ky, 500; A Friend, Gloucester, N J, 20	520 00
	\$1,003 12

II. FUND FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, &c.

Rev W C Cattell, D D, Easton, Pa, special, 5 00	5 00
Transferred from Ministerial Fund by consent of donors 160; Jacob R Palen, Pa, special, 7	172 00
	172 00

Total amount acknowledged, \$1,175 12
WILLIAM MAIN, Treasurer.

Letters and Communications in regard to the objects of the BOARD OF EDUCATION may be addressed to Rev. WILLIAM SPEER, D.D., Corresponding Secretary, No. 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia. Remittances of money should be made to WILLIAM MAIN, Esq., same address.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Recent Intelligence.

THE LATEST LETTERS received at the Mission House, New York, to the 17th of September are as follows: from—

Yokohama, June 22d;
Peking, June 6th;
Shanghai, June 22d;
Ningpo, May 25th;
Hangchow, May 20th;
Canton, June 11th;
Allahabad, June 18th;
Mynpurie, July 1st;
Lodiana, July 17th;
Kasowlie, July 18th;
Corisco, June 20th;
Rio de Janeiro, July 31st;
Sao Paulo, May 17th;
Bogota, August 18th;
Creek Mission, August 23d;
Omaha, September 2d;
San Francisco, August 17th.

CONVERTS BAPTIZED.—The Rev. J. H. Myers reports the baptism of three persons at Lodiana, July 14th, and speaks of others as "hopeful inquirers." The Rev. J. M. Alexander mentions the recent admission to the church at Allahabad of a Mohammedan convert. The Rev. E. N. Pires refers to the application of four persons for admission to the church at Rio de Janeiro, but it was deemed best to defer their reception. In reporting the number of baptisms at Canton in the *Record* of July, we learn that we were in error as to one or two points. Ten persons were baptized by Dr. Happer after his wife's death, nine of them after his children had left for this country. Of these nine, "three were pupils of Mrs. Happer, and there was one other woman."

THE WORK IN BRAZIL.—The Rev. J. F. C. Schneider communicates the request of the missionaries for funds to establish a school in Rio de Janeiro and one in Sao Paulo. They are also anxious to have more missionaries in that country, and intend to send a memorial to the churches on the subject. And they also desire to employ two colporteurs for the

province of Sao Paulo; suitable men can be obtained for this service, if funds were furnished for their support.

A CHURCH NEEDED IN BOGOTA.—The Rev. T. F. Wallace refers again to the urgent need of a church or chapel in Bogota. The only place for public worship is one of the rooms in the dwelling house of the missionary, and it is quite too small, and in other respects not a suitable place.

AT PEKING, the Rev. W. A. P. Martin, D.D., speaks of the growth of the church as slow; there are "unlimited opportunities for sowing, but no rain, and no harvest." There, as everywhere else, the missionary longs for the outpouring of the Spirit. Much interest is felt in the establishment by the government of a College for instruction in Western learning; Dr. Martin promises to write more fully concerning it. It is a great step in advance for the Chinese to take.

IN JAPAN, Dr. Hepburn refers to the translation of the Scriptures into Japanese, as commenced by the missionaries; to the need of more men, so that a new station could be occupied by our Board, the way for which is now open; to the encouraging opportunities now enjoyed to some extent for direct missionary work; to the *not* encouraging prospects of that country in its public and commercial interests, and to the growth of French and Romanist influences, as a matter of great regret.

AMONG THE CREEKS AND SEMINOLES, the cholera was disappearing. Many persons had been attacked, and many had died. Our brethren had been kept in safety. The Rev. W. S. Robertson sends on copy revised for another edition of the Creek Hymn book, which is much called for.

AMONG THE CHINESE IN CALIFORNIA, the Rev. A. W. Loomis reports the

employment of another native assistant, to be supported by two ladies in Connecticut, who have generously given \$500 for this purpose.

NOTICES OF MISSIONARIES.—The Rev. J. F. Ullmann was to embark on his return to India, on the 6th of August. He leaves his family in England, Mrs. Ullmann's health not permitting her to go back at present. The Rev. J. L. Scott and his family arrived in New York on the 17th inst. We are glad to learn that his health is much improved. The Rev. J. M. da Conceicao arrived here on the 13th of September, on a visit for his health, by the advice of the missionaries in Brazil.

THE RECEIPTS of the mission treasury in August, we regret to say, were not in advance of the sum received in the same month last year. A strenuous effort is evidently needed to meet the demands of this work.

Pray for the Indians.

These are trying years for our American Indians. (1). The late Rebellion swept the most advanced tribes in the Indian Territory, west of Arkansas, into its ruins, causing the overthrow of mission stations, churches, schools, and property, and the loss of thousands of human lives. The Creeks before the Rebellion were estimated at 20,000; last year, the Indian Commissioner's Department estimated their number at 14,396; Choc-taws, then, about 20,000, now, 12,500; Chickasaws, 5000, now 4500; Seminoles, 3000, now 2000; Cherokees, 19,130, now 14,000. These returns show that the loss of life amongst a people partially civilized and for some years increasing in number, was indeed appalling. (2). The Indians in California, Oregon, and Washington have also become largely reduced in number, and were estimated last year at 51,233; the returns of 1851 in Schoolcraft's work made their number over 120,000. This was probably much too large an estimate, but there has been no doubt a lamentable waste of life among the tribes in our Pacific States.

(3). The tribes east of the Rocky mountains, and west of our settled States, are estimated in the Commissioner's Report of 1866 at about 132,500, mostly uncivilized. Most of them are indeed savages, living by the chase, though some of them cultivate the soil in a poor way. (4). The remnants of tribes on the western and northern borders of the States of Kansas, Nebraska, Michigan, &c., number about 51,000. Some of them are increasing, others diminishing, others still nearly stationary. Among these are the Omahas, Chippewas, &c. They are mostly peaceful, and anxious to live on kind terms with their white neighbours. It is among the Indians of this division and of the first division that missionaries are to be found, and they are not many in number; our own Church counts but three or four ministers of the gospel among them. We fear that other Churches are also coming far short in their duty towards them.

Such is a very brief outline of this "missionary field." Among the Indians of the second and third classes, so far as we know there is but one protestant missionary. It is with the Indians of the third class that we are apparently on the eve of a war that will cost us thousands of lives and many millions of money. This hostile state of things seems to lay an arrest on a very interesting movement by the Committee and some esteemed friends, which it was hoped would result in establishing a mission in one of the tribes of the third class, numbering over 8000 souls.

What is to be done? What is really practicable in the peculiar and difficult circumstances of the case? Doors are open, or can be opened in some cases, if the men and the means of their support could be obtained. And in other cases the Supreme Ruler could, in answer to the prayers of his people, so order his providence, and so restrain and control the hearts of men, as to avert war and to prepare the way for the spread of the religion of peace. This we can do—we can offer prayer to God for help. Is it not a time when special prayer should be made for these our heathen neighbours?

Not Alone.

We have known brethren in the ministry in this country and missionaries in heathen countries, to feel somewhat disheartened by their being separated from other Christian brethren and finding their work in some respects a solitary work. And we have known some of these Christian friends to be cheered by thoughts such as are well expressed in a letter lately received from a respected minister, who has lived and laboured nearly thirty years in the interior of one of our Southwestern States. We insert an extract that will be read with tender interest by many. But the main source of comfort will be found in our Lord's blessed promise—"Lo, I am with you always."

"I am truly glad to hear that the missionary work still enjoys the divine blessing. . . In former years I used regularly to receive the Reports of all the Boards, the Minutes of the Assembly, and other documents pertaining to the interests of the Church. They were sources of intense interest and delight; one of my great pleasures was through them to trace the location and labours in various parts of the world of brethren in a common cause. The knowledge which I derived from them made me feel that I was not a lone labourer in the world, unsympathized with, and uncared for, but a member of one body with brethren beloved for the work's sake, who were preaching the identical doctrines and advancing the same cause, to which in my humble lot my life was consecrated. This thought often imparted encouragement and strength in seasons of despondency and weakness. But these documents long since ceased to come to me. I have not seen one for several years. The privation produces indescribable sadness."

Native Agents in India.

These include Pastors, Evangelists, Licentiate, Catechists, Scripture-Readers, Colporteurs, Teachers and Bible-women. The ordained natives are either occupying sub-stations, or are ministering to native churches. Hoshiarpore and Mozuffernugger have been occupied, and an ordained evangelist is labouring at each. The churches of Futtehpore, Ambala, Dehra, Jalandhar, are supplied by native ministers. The next class of native helpers—Catechists, Scripture-Readers and Colporteurs have no fixed charge, but go from place to place, preaching or

distributing the word of God. Greater attention is paid to their education and training than in former years, so that not a few are prosecuting their studies in theology with reference to higher positions. Besides these, there are others in course of training for the ministry. At Futtehgurh, there is a theological class of five young men. These go out preaching with the Catechists, and are learning the practical part of their work. The Bible-women are engaged in reading the Scriptures to their ignorant and benighted country-women. This is an important agency for the instruction and elevation of the females of India. Few, owing to social laws, come under the influence of the missionary, and nothing perhaps tends more to perpetuate the religious bondage of the Hindus, than the ignorance and degradation of their women. "Sad experience" says Goloknath, "has forced upon us the conviction that the fall of idolatry, moral improvement in society, and the spread of Christianity in the Punjab, will be co-eval with the amelioration of the condition of their women."—*Annual Report*, p. 27.

Concerning the interests of Religion in Liberia.

The interests of religion in Liberia are much affected by the imperfect and forming condition of the country. For the most part, the people are poor, and not well able to support their religious teachers. Many of them have been accustomed, moreover, to depend not so much on themselves as upon others, to provide both the means of grace and the means of education. It is of great moment that a spirit of self-reliance, of industry, of energy and of self-sacrifice should be fostered among them. This is clearly recognized by their leading men. And the plans of the Board should be so shaped as to lead the churches to do all that is within their power for their own support, and for the extension of the gospel in Liberia, with a special reference to the heathen Africans in the limits of that country. Eventually, it is hoped, these Liberian churches and schools will exert a happy Christian influence among the heathen in "the regions beyond."—*Annual Report*, p. 17.

GENERAL VIEW.—We insert the tabular Summary View of the Missions, taken from the Annual Report. It will be found useful for reference. Some errors of the press in the copy printed in the Report are here corrected.

A S U M M A R Y V I E W
OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MAY 1, 1867.

MISSIONS.	NAMES OF STATIONS.	Mission Begun	Missionaries & Ass't Missionaries.						Communicants	SCHOLARS.					
			Ministers.		Lay Teachers and Others.		Native.	American.		Boys.	Girls.	Day.		Total.	
			American.	Native.	Male.	Fem.						Boys.	Girls.		
INDIAN TRIBES: SEMIPOLES. CREEKS. OMAHAS. CHEYENNES AND OTTAWAS.	Tallahassee.....	1849	2	...	...	...	2	...	62	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Blackbird Hills.....	1846	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	64
	Grand Traverse or Grove Hill.....	1838	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
	Little Traverse.....	1852	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
	Total of Indian Missions.....		3	...	...	...	9	...	147	...	...	...	...	...	108
SOUTH AMERICA:	Bogota.....	1856	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
	Rio de Janeiro.....	1859	2	1	...	...	1	...	60	...	...	...	...	...	12
	Sao Paulo.....	1862	1	...	...	...	1	...	82	...	...	...	...	...	...
	At home.....	.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total of South American Missions.....		7	1	...	...	3	...	142	...	...	...	...	...	12
AFRICA: LIBERIA.	Monrovia.....	1842	2	...	...	...	1	...	41	...	...	...	...	...	68
	Kentucky.....	1860	1	...	...	...	1	...	56*	...	...	...	...	...	34
	Harrisburg.....	1864	...	...	...	...	3	...	13*	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Greenville, or Sinou.....	1847	1	...	...	...	1	...	70*	...	...	...	...	...	15
	Careysburgh.....	1860	...	...	...	...	1	...	26*	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Marshall.....	1863	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Setra Kroo.....	1841	4	...	...	...	1	...	56*	...	...	...	...	...	69
Corisco—3 stations, 6 out stations.....	1850	1	...	...	...	...	4	...	90	...	...	...	...	...
At home.....	.....	.....	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	181
	Total of African Missions.....		9	1	...	...	7	6	351	...	...	...	...	...	14

Preaching in Hindu Villages.

The Rev. A. Rudolph, of Lodiana, now twenty-seven years a missionary, sends us the following interesting narrative. It is preceded by notices of converts, who were afterwards employed as Scripture readers.

A Kashmere Convert.

December, 1866. Early in the year two men, natives of Kashmere, came to us here at Lodiana, with the intention of embracing Christianity. One of them, named Ahmadshah, who appeared to be a superior man, had received his first religious impressions in his native land, through the preaching of Qadirbakhsh, formerly a catechist at Lodiana. He made rapid advances in acquiring a knowledge of the Bible, and was baptized after a trial of about six months. The case of his fellow-countryman had to be postponed to a later period.

A Converted Jogee.

Another inquirer, named Totu, came to us about the same time, but, as he said, only for the purpose of seeing his sister, who had been received in time of famine as a pupil into our Girls' Orphanage. After a stay of a few days he made up his mind to remain and inquire into the claims of Christianity. He had been a Jogee, a mendicant, as his father had been, and his brothers still are, but unlike most in this brotherhood, had learned to read the Persian character in childhood in a village school. He had forgotten much, but soon picked it up again. He seemed to search diligently the Scriptures, and soon sought admission into the church. He was baptized the same time with Ahmadshah. Both had thus far supported themselves by working in the bookbindery. After baptism they made the request to be appointed as Scripture readers. Another native Christian, who had been baptized several years ago, and had hitherto been labouring as a bookbinder had repeatedly made a similar request. We promised to bring their cases to the notice of the mission at our next annual meeting of the mission, and we encouraged them in the meantime to go on with their studies.

Suffering Shame for Christ.

They then came again and asked whether they might not be permitted to speak to the people of the city in the evening after the day's labour was over. This we gladly permitted, but urged them to be cautious lest their former co-re-

ligionists should find occasion to insult and maltreat them. Nor was it long before they had to suffer shame for Christ's sake, but he also gave them grace to bear it patiently. They were mobbed, beaten, and otherwise roughly used. Ahmadshah speaking of it afterwards, said to me, with a smile, Has the Lord suffered so much for us, and shall not we bear that little for him?

After the annual meeting the three candidates were examined and passed for the lowest grade of Scripture readers. They now went to work heartily to preach the gospel to their countrymen daily.

The Evangelizing Party.

On the 11th of December we started out on an itineration. Brother Myers, myself, our wives, Mathias one of our catechists, and the newly appointed brethren, two of the latter having their wives with them also, formed the little Christian band that set out to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ and salvation through him alone.

The six preachers generally were divided into three parties, Brother Myers taking with him one of the Scripture readers, I another, and the catechist the third. There was, therefore, preaching in the morning early in different villages at the same time, and so also in the afternoon. In the forenoon several of our number laboured in the village where our camp was pitched. Thus the word was spoken to the people of from five to ten villages daily.

Our wives together with the two native Christian women had their work confined to the women of the village where our tent happened to be. They visited them in the afternoon, and had sometimes visits from them at the tent.

The Region Visited.

The encamping ground was changed daily, except when we happened to be at a large place, or where the neighbourhood was thickly studded with villages. Then we left the camp two or three days, and started out in different directions to places that were within convenient reach. The district passed through lay towards the east and southeast from Lodiana. It is inhabited chiefly by Hindus, and we have consequently met with little opposition, if any. Encounters with Mohammedans were very few. In most villages our reception was most cordial, and in almost all the places the people heard us willingly, if not gladly. In the larger places the number of our hearers was about fifty, though in some

instances it was swelled to between one and two hundred. On such occasions it is curious to notice how large a number of natives can squat or stand together within a small compass. They can bear being packed together in a manner that no European audience could endure.

Services at Sangowl.

The most remarkable place, so far as our work is concerned, was Sangowl. We arrived there on a Saturday morning, December 22d, and stayed over Sabbath. Immediately after my arrival in the morning I went into the town, the other brethren having gone to different villages off the road we travelled. There was nothing remarkable in my audience in the morning. A good number listened with interest, while others seemed not to care.

I returned for breakfast to the tent, and then called our native helpers in for family worship. Quite a number of people had come out from the town, they followed the native Christians and sat down in the tent, listening while we had worship, and then remarking, that this was a proper mode to worship God. About one o'clock another crowd came out and requested to hear "gyan ki bat," (the word of wisdom). We laid aside the work in which we were engaged in the tent, and took our seats among them. There were several Brahmans amongst their number, and I feared we would be drawn into a discussion; but they made no attempt of the kind, and listened with apparent interest. Before they left us we gave notice that there would be divine service in the tent on the following day (Sabbath) noon. In the afternoon I went again into the town with two of the helpers, the other brethren having gone out to neighbouring villages. We addressed in turn a quiet audience.

Attention Paid to the Gospel Preached.

On Sabbath morning we all started out to villages, and after preaching in several places returned for a late breakfast. At noon we began to look out for a congregation, and prepared for service. We had opened the one end of the tent, lengthened out the two sides, and rolled up the curtains at the doors, so as to accommodate as many hearers inside and outside of the tent as possible. A small company soon arrived, which grew while the service was going on until the number was about two hundred. It was most likely the first time that Christian worship was held at that place, and it was a wonderful sight to see so many

who had never witnessed such a scene before, flocking so readily to the tent. We commenced by singing a hymn, this was followed by the reading of the second chapter of the Epistle to the Philipians, and a prayer. Then was sung another hymn, after which I preached from the fifth to the eleventh verses of the same chapter. It was a solemn hour, and it seemed to be a great privilege here, under a frail roof of canvas, before the gates of a heathen town, to be permitted to conduct a service in quietness among a crowd of heathens, that had never attended a service before. The quiet was only interrupted by a word of assent or approval here and there among the crowd. The whole was concluded by a prayer, the singing of another hymn, and the benediction.

The People again Wish to Hear.

Brother M—— and the native helpers started out in the afternoon to some villages. I, however, intended to take rest, having preached in the morning at a distant village, and having conducted the service at noon, which, on account of the large attendance, had taxed my strength more than was good for an invalid, as I still was. The people of the town, however, had decided differently. They came out again in numbers, and standing at a little distance, were waiting for a sign to come near the tent, and be seated. It would have been cruel to disappoint them. I discoursed on religious subjects till it was nearly dark, and then they had yet a number of questions of a miscellaneous nature. We shall long remember our visit to Sangowl.

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IN AUGUST, 1867.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Esperance ch 10; Carlisle ch 10; Balston Centre ch, annual coll 51 12, Sab-sch for debt 40 08, Fern Heathen sch Socy, for Siam 41 50, Silver dollar from effects of dec'd Sab-sch scholar 1 31; Charlton ch for debt 13 50; Johnstown ch 20; Saratoga Springs ch 66 14; Kingsboro' ch for debt 69 62 323 26

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny City*—Fairmount ch 19 53. *Pby of Erie*—Washington ch 3 50; Georgetown Sab-sch 3; Harmonsburg ch 8 84 08

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SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Indianapolis*—New Prospect ch 4. *Pby of New Albany*—Rehoboth Sab-sch 3. *Pby of Vincennes*—Carlisle ch for debt 3. *Pby of White Water*—Pleasant Grove ch 3 13 00

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—Le Claire ch 4; Princeton ch 6, Sab-sch 5. *Pby of Dubuque*—First ch, Dubuque, a member 26; Bellevue 1st ch 10 83 50 83

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Ebenezer*—Flemingsburg ch for debt 20. *Pby of West Lexington*—Walnut Hill ch, Miss Mary Boggs 500 520 00

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of S W Missouri*—Deep Water ch 5 26

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Elizabethtown*—First ch, Metuchen, mo con 27 25; New Providence ch, mo con 5; Loganville Sab-sch, Baskinridge 2 50. *Pby of Luzerne*—Hazleton Sab-sch 20. *Pby of Newton*—Philipburg ch 20. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Second ch, New Brunswick, mo con 26 70; Dutch Neck ch, mo con 40. *Pby of Passaic*—Boiling Springs ch, mo con 23 35; Central ch, Orange, mo con 48 17; 1st ch, Morristown 1,615 20; Wickliffe ch, mo con 10 96; 3d ch, Newark, mo con 22 58; Young People's Miss'y Soc'y 167 28. *Pby of Susquehanna*—First ch, Towanda, mo con 20. *Pby of West Jersey*—Bridgeton First ch 235; Millville Sab-sch 4 90; Blackwoodtown ch 6 20 2,295 00

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—Croton Falls ch 12, Sab-sch 2 26; Rye ch 253 42, mo con 17. *Pby of Hudson*—Florida ch, mo con 6; Cochecton Sab-sch 5; West Town 1st ch 42, Sab-sch 14. *Pby of Long Island*—Smithtown ch 9 20. *Pby of Nassau*—Astoria ch, mo con 100; 1st ch, Brooklyn, mo con 86 11; Central ch, Brooklyn 34 59, Sab-sch 3 39, for debt; Newtown ch 165, Sab-sch 28; South Third St ch, Wmsburg mo con 28 47; Ross Street ch, Brooklyn 202 12; Ger ch, Wmsburg, a member 1. *Pby of New York*—Brick ch, mo con 51 45, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lord 200; Alexander ch 4; 3d ch, Jersey City, mo con 16. *Pby of New York 2d*—West Farms Sab-sch 12 10, for debt; Scotch ch, John T Johnston, for debt 250. *Pby of North River*—Calvary ch, Newburg, mo con 57 93; Proceeds of Children's Festival 7; Pleasant Valley ch, Dutchess Co, 12 50 1,563 53

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Crawfordsville*—Warren ch 7 50. *Pby of Fort Wayne*—Decatur Sab-sch 5. *Pby of Lake*—First ch, Constantine 21 93, Sab-sch 39 70 74 13

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Marion*—First ch, Bucyrus, J W S and family 10; Marseilles ch 15. *Pby of Richland*—Perryville ch 14; Fredericktown ch 28; Valley and Jefferson chs 6; Savannah ch, John Gault 50; Clearfork ch 7 20. *Pby of Wooster*—Mt Eaton Sab-sch 50 cts; Chester Sab-sch 1; 1st ch, Canal Fulton 15 75 146 45

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—Presb'n ch, Jackson Co, Ore. 33 33

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Waynesburg ch for debt 37 42; Union Sab-sch for

debt 8 45. *Pby of Huntingdon*—East Kishacoquillas ch 10; Spruce Hill Sab-sch 8 03. *Pby of Northumberland*—Grove ch Sab-sch Miss'y Soc'y 20; Warrior's Bun ch, to con Rev S P Herron Honorary member, 50. *Pby of Philadelphia*—Scots ch Sab-sch, add'l 50 cts. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Cohocksink Sab-sch 23 81. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Slatington ch 10; Abingdon ch 16 74; Neshaminy Sab-sch 21 304 96

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Ohio*—East Liberty ch 8 75; Hopewell ch 36 62; Long Island ch 28, Sab-sch 12. *Pby of Redstone*—West Newton ch 19 54, Sab-sch 5 60; Laurel Hill ch 50, Fem Miss'y Soc'y 12 25, Lucy Lucas 4, Rev John McClintock 1; Mt Pleasant ch 65. *Pby of Salisbury*—Indiana ch, a friend of Missions 2 60; West Lebanon ch for debt 8 71; Elder's Ridge ch for debt 20 85; Crooked Creek ch, John D Huston 5; Appleby Manor ch 15 293 82

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of St Paul*—Rockford ch for debt 7 40; Westminster ch, Minneapolis, mo con 1 8 40

SYNOD OF SAKDUSKY.—*Pby of Findlay*—West Union ch for debt 8 41; Enon Valley ch for debt 6 30. *Pby of Western Reserve*—Guilford ch 30 44 71

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Poland ch, Fem Miss'y Soc'y 23; Concord ch 5; Madison ch 10; East Liverpool ch 20; Longs Run ch 21 29. *Pby of Steubenville*—Fairmount ch 4; New Philadelphia ch 20; Cross Creek ch for debt 7; Minerva ch 5; Still Fork ch 5. *Pby of St Clairsville*—Bellair ch 67; Fairview ch 7; Birmingham ch 4; St Clairsville ch for debt 60; Mt Carmel ch for debt 31 05. *Pby of Washington*—Lower Ten Mile ch 20 26. *Pby of West Virginia*—Clarksburg ch 3 317 60

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Milwaukee*—Janessville ch 36 57

Total received from churches, \$6,808 07

LEGACIES.—Miss Agnes Ritchie, dec'd, Lexington, Ohio 50 00

MISCELLANEOUS.—Prince Wilham and Manasses chs 5; Rev J B Garritt, Hanover, Ind, for debt 10; Gen Loomis 5; E M G, for Japan 2; N J B 5; Miss Mary McCrachen 5; Masters John, Robert and William Watson 2 30; Waverly for debt 2; J K W and family 18; a thankoffering for debt 6; Ellesdie Sab-sch 2; M L S for debt 200; Thomas Pringle 50; E S Woodhull, to ed child at Shanghai, gold, 35; Mrs Caroline Wilson, Oxford, O 10; W J and M F J Thankoffering for debt 100; Mrs A Bolten for Chefoo sch 15; Rev H R Wilson, D.D. for debt 60; Rev R H Jackson; a friend 20; Tithe offering 50; New Village Congregational ch, L I 61, Sab-sch 1 65; Miss H Parks, Elmwood, Mo 2; James Hamilton, Carlisle, Pa, for debt 60; R H McEwen, Nashville, Tenn 5; Rev Dr Taylor, Princeton, N J 10; Gastonville Miss'y Sab-sch 6 50 669 06

Total receipts in August, 1897, \$7,527 13

WM. RANKIN, Jr., Treasurer.

LETTERS relating to the Missions, or other operations of the Board, may be addressed to WALTER LOWRIE, Esq., Rev. JOHN C. LOWRIE, or Rev. DAVID IRVING, Secretaries, Mission House, Centre street, New York.

LETTERS relating to the pecuniary affairs of the Board, or containing remittances of money, may be sent to WILLIAM RANKIN, Jr., Esq., Treasurer—same address.

FORM OF BEQUEST.—The Board is incorporated under the laws of the State of New York. The corporate name to be used is—The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

PUBLISHING HOUSE, 321 CHESTNUT STREET
PHILADELPHIA.

Letters relating to agencies, donations of books and tracts, the appointment of Colporteurs, manuscripts and books offered for publication, and the general interests of the Board, to be addressed to the Rev. WILLIAM E. SCHENCK, D.D. Corresponding Secretary and Editor, No. 321 Chestnut street.

All communications, reports, remittances of money, donations, and orders for books, to be addressed to Mr. WINTHROP SARGENT, Superintendent of Colportage, Business Correspondent, and Treasurer.

Subscriptions to the *Home and Foreign Record*, and the *Sabbath-School Visitor*, and payments for the same, to be addressed to Mr. PETER WALKER.

An Interesting Incident.

We make the following interesting extract from a letter from a colporteur in Kansas. The brother has a correct idea of what our colportage work is intended to be, and of what it will be made just as far and as fast as *the donations to our Colportage Fund will allow*. Farther and faster we cannot go. Will not incidents like this encourage our churches to make such liberal donations to this work as will enable us to give our colporteurs a larger margin for donations?

"I suppose the object of our colportage work is to supply destitute places with good books, selling them as far as possible, and giving where the people are unable to buy. Are there any more destitute places in the United States than some portions of Nebraska and Kansas? Very many people there never hear preaching, have no religious books, and are without the Bible. Infidelity and false notions of religion and of sin are working eternal death where religious reading would

do much to save the rising generation and many of the older people, bless the country, and honour and advance the cause of Christ.

"Sometime ago I gave a man a copy of '*What is Calvinism?*' He read the book again and again, and says it gave him new light. He told me that, up to that time, he had been an infidel, but was one no longer, and that he now desires to serve God and lead a different life. He is now a regular attendant where I preach, and brings his wife and family with him. They ride several miles on a rough wagon with a few loose boards laid on it, and, the best of all is, the man is exerting a good influence on others. Several of his neighbours have asked him to procure books of me for them. These people are poor but industrious, and are trying to build new homes. Money is scarce and many can scarcely procure necessary clothing. There is a prospect that their condition will be greatly improved in a few years. A Sabbath-school is much needed, but the people are too poor to buy books. Pray for them and for me.

"With kind regards, J. L."

Kind Words from Missouri.

The following is a part of a letter from a pastor in Missouri, to whom the Board had sent a donation of Sabbath-school books and tracts in response to an urgent application.

"Dear Brother,—I received the package of Sabbath-school books

and tracts. This addition to our little library has awakened fresh interest in the entire school. It is impossible to estimate the value of these little volumes in the hands of children and youth. Each little book is a gem radiant with the light of truth. I am frank to confess my friendship for the Board of Publication, even from boyhood, and my admiration for its excellent works, and especially for the Sunday-school books, catechisms, &c., found on your catalogue. The publications of the Board stand in the first rank in comparison with those of any similar institution. What the Church at large needs is, cordial and united co-operation in furnishing the means to disseminate by colportage and other methods the incomparable works of the Board. An inferior scheme even, executed with rigour and constancy, is better than endless modifications and substitutions by way of experiment.

"Please find inclosed a copy of the resolutions passed by our Sunday-school in acknowledgment of the Board's favour to us.

"Permit me personally to tender to the Board my grateful acknowledgment of the favour of five thousand pages of tracts for distribution. Many of these have already gone as winged messengers, proclaiming the gospel, and warning the sinner to flee from the wrath to come.

"Every pastor, and especially every missionary, should have a constant supply of tracts. If they served but the one purpose, to introduce the missionary in a familiar way to the people that is enough.

"May God ever bless the Board in its good work."

The Young Officer.

"In the discharge of my professional duties," says a physician, "I was requested to attend on a lieutenant of the army, who was suffering from severe disease. He was a man universally beloved and respected, and his company was so generally sought after, that he became devoted to all the follies and pursuits of pleasure falsely so called. On his recovery, he called at my apartments with a ticket for the theatre. I expressed my sense of obligation for his intended favour, but told him that neither my principles nor my inclination would permit me to use it. Being in the act of arranging some tracts, I put into his hand one published by the Religious Tract Society, and said to him:—'As you seem so anxious to confer an obligation on me, put this tract into your pocket, and read it to oblige me.'

"He left me to dress for the theatre, to which place he went early to secure a seat. He sat in a corner box; and, as he afterwards told me, merely to pass away some part of the time before the play began, he took the tract from his pocket, and began to read it. So signal and mighty were the operations of the Spirit of God on his mind, that he became wholly absorbed in the contents of the tract, and, after midnight, left the theatre without having felt the slightest interest in the performances. To use his own words, 'Conscience was the only performer before me that night.'

"It was about three o'clock in the morning, after having returned from the theatre, that he came over to my apartments, and requested

to be admitted. With a look of despair, he cried, 'Tell me, is it possible that *I* can obtain mercy and forgiveness from my offended God?' I hastily dressed myself, and sought to direct his mind to the truth. I then prayed with him, that *He* who ever lives to save to the uttermost all who come to God by him would reveal himself to his soul.

"In a few days it pleased God to enable this young officer to cast himself by faith as a ruined, helpless sinner on the power of the Saviour.

"Within a month after this time he embarked with his regiment for the West Indies, and scarcely had he reached his station when it pleased God to arrest him by yellow fever, which resulted in death. In his dying moments he spoke to his brother officers of Christ crucified as the only refuge from the wrath to come, and the only source of solid happiness. During this time he held in his hand the identical tract that he had received before going to the theatre, and with it firmly grasped, he expired."

Bad for the Soul.

Books of mere fiction and fancy are generally bad in their character and influence. Their authors are commonly bad men, and wicked men do not often write good books. A stream does not often rise higher than its fountain. Their principles are often corrupt, encouraging notions of chivalry, worldly honour, and pleasure, at war with the only true code of morals. They insult the understanding of the reader by assuming that the great object of

reading is amusement. The *effects* are such as might be expected. Familiarity with popular fiction gives a disrelish for simple truth; engenders a habit of reading merely for amusement, which destroys the love of sober investigation, and blasts the hope of mental improvement; renders scientific and historical reading tedious; gives false views of the perfectibility of human nature, thus leading to disappointments in the relations of life; and dwarfs the intellectual and moral powers, except the imagination, which is rendered morbid and unhealthy by constant excitement. The Bible becomes a wearisome book; spiritual classics, like those of Baxter, Bunyan, Flavel, and Doddridge, though glowing with celestial fire, become insipid and uninteresting, and the influence of the pulpit is undermined by diverting the attention from serious things, and lessening the probability that truth will take effect upon the conscience; or if it does for a time, the bewitching novel furnishes a ready means of stifling conviction and grieving away the Spirit of God. A merchant in H— was under conviction for sin, during a revival of religion. A pious friend called, and, to his surprise, found him engaged in reading a worthless novel. To his remonstrance against such trifling, he replied, "I'm so interested in this book, I must finish it, and *then* I will attend to the affairs of my soul." He finished the book. He attended to the concerns of his soul—never. Thousands have perished by similar seductive influences.—*Selected.*

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

I. The Blue Umbrella. By Fleeta, author of "Principle and Interest," "Norah Neil," &c., &c. 18mo. Price 55 and 60 cents.

An admirable delineation of the shelterless condition of a soul without an interest in Christ or the peace and safety which flow from the favour of God. It is the narrative of the life of a young girl led by the Spirit of God from such a condition into the possession of hope and joy in the Holy Ghost.

II. By and By, and other stories. Compiled for the Board. 18mo. Price 55 and 60 cents.

A delightful little volume, full of pleasing and attractive exhibitions of divine truth.

III. Harold. By the author of "Jennie Graham," &c., &c. 18mo. Price 60 and 65 cents.

A sweet little volume in which young readers cannot fail to be greatly interested and profited. The author is one of our best writers of books for children.

IV. The Bible Baptist. By Thomas P. Hunt. 18mo. Price 15 cents.

This is an unanswerable little work on Baptism—I. Its mode, and II. Its proper subjects. It was first published many years ago, and had a wide and useful circulation. Having been carefully revised and improved, it is now issued by the Board in a new and neat dress. Pastors or others who may desire to circulate among their people something on this vexed subject, can hardly do better than to make use of this little work. It is pungent and popular, and in form a dialogue.


V. Bible Baptism: two letters to a young Christian. 32mo, pp. 20. Price 8 cents.

The first of these two letters was published two or three years ago and many thousands of it were circulated. An attempt was made to answer it, some time since, and this attempt called forth the second letter, which effectually disposes of what little argument was offered in the answer. We recommend every pas-

tor to circulate it among his people, especially when the topic is exciting any discussion.

VI. Under the Oak. By the Rev. Wm. P. Breed, D.D., author of "Lessons in Flying," "Grapes from the Great Vine," &c., &c. 18mo. Price 75 and 80 cents.

A volume rich in religious instruction in the form of children's sermons delivered by a city pastor during his summer holidays, and under the pleasant shadow of a wide-spreading oak. The great facts concerning sin and salvation are very impressively set forth, and the book will doubtless be read with great interest and profit by the youth of our church.

 A single copy of any publication of the Board will be sent by mail, prepaid, on receipt of the catalogue price. Address orders to WINTHROP SARGENT, Esq., 821 Chestnut Street, Phila.

DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE COLPORTAGE AND DISTRIBUTION FUNDS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION, SINCE LAST ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Amsterdam Village ch 22 50;	
Albany 1st ch 49 16	\$71 66
<i>Pby of Burlington</i> —Camden 1st ch	23 80
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Big Spring ch	43 39
<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Caledonia ch 6; South Bend ch 4	10 00
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Somerset ch	5 05
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Croton Falls ch 7 50; Bedford ch 22 89	30 39
<i>Pby of Craefordsville</i> —Terre Haute ch	19 00
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Member of Dubuque 1st ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Lamington ch 8 50; Perth Amboy ch 9; do. Sab-sch 10	27 50
<i>Pby of Fairfield</i> —Birmingham ch 5 50; Ottumwa ch 4 50	10 00
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Caledonia 1st ch	14 72
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Mt Hope ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Clearfield ch	7 43
<i>Pby of Indianapolis</i> —Bethany ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Mt Pleasant ch	36 80
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Salem ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Slatington ch 16; Newshammy ch 11; Newtown ch 21 32	47 32
<i>Pby of Richland</i> —Savannah ch 12; Ashland ch 34 25	46 25
<i>Pby of Rochester City</i> —Phelps ch	16 00
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Centre Unity ch Hanna Fund	80 00
<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Cantom ch	5 75
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Wheeling 3d ch	13 00
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Wooster ch 25 81; Mt Eaton ch 19 50	45 31

\$683 37

WINTHROP SARGENT, Treasurer.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Corresponding Secretary, Rev. H. I. COB,
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St. Louis, Mo.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION IN JULY, 1867.

(Continued from page 213.)

<i>Pky of Marion</i> —York ch 4 10; Upper Sandusky 6	10 00
<i>Pky of Crawfordsville</i> —Eugene ch 6; Lebanon ch 4	10 00
<i>Pky of Albany</i> —1st ch Albany, 23 85; Kingsboro ch 21	114 85
<i>Pky of Winnebago</i> —Winneconne ch 6 20; Depere ch 12; Weyauwega 3; Plover ch 7 28 20	
<i>Pky of Allegheny</i> —Westminster ch 5 65; Buffalo 7; Leesburg ch 10; New Salem ch 7; Scrub Grass ch 15; Centre 12 25; Tarentum ch 9 74; Concord 15 23	81 87
<i>Pky of North River</i> —Hughsonville 5 10; Rondout ch 45	60 10
<i>Pky of Topeka</i> —Auburn ch,	4 00
<i>Pky of White Water</i> —Union ch 5; Ebenezer ch 2 01	7 01
<i>Pky of Mohawk</i> —Park Centre ch,	51 25
<i>Pky of Chippewa</i> —Winona ch 14; Chippewa Falls 11	25 00
<i>Pky of Londonderry</i> —Newburyport ch,	58 00
<i>Pky of Dane</i> —First ch, Madison, 23; Richland Centre ch 2; Richland City ch 2; Fancy Creek ch 3	30 00
<i>Pky of Milwaukee</i> —Port Washington ch,	9 00
<i>Pky of New Lisbon</i> —Bethesda ch 5; Hanover ch 4	9 00
<i>Pky of Steubenville</i> —New Hagerstown ch 14; Corinth ch 10; 1st ch, Steubenville, 16 75; Waynesburg and Bethlehem 10	50 75
<i>Pky of New York</i> —First ch, Alden 5 50; Alexander ch 7; Yorkville ch 9 20	21 70
<i>Pky of Elizabethton</i> —First ch, Elizabeth 50 32; Liberty Corner ch 18; 2d ch, Rahway 20; 1st ch, Mtchen 19 82	108 14
<i>Pky of Newton</i> —Lower Bethel ch,	20 00
<i>Pky of West Jersey</i> —Mays' Landing ch 4; Brainard ch 4 15	8 15
<i>Pky of Donegal</i> —Strasburg ch,	16 45
<i>Pky of Philadelphia Central</i> —North ch 52 84; Spring Garden ch 72 08; Central ch 138	262 92
<i>Pky of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Newtown ch,	35 07
<i>Pky of New York 2d</i> —Peekskill ch,	48 46
<i>Pky of Pussaic</i> —Wickliffe ch 23 38; 1st ch, Paterson 76 50	95 86
<i>Pky of Redstone</i> —George's Creek ch 8; Rehoboth ch 54 75; New Providence ch 10; Round Hill ch 10; Long Run ch 24	106 75
<i>Pky of Allegheny City</i> —Freedom ch 6 95; Leetsdale ch 6 10; Manchester 20 61; Manchester Ger ch 3 46	37 12
<i>Pky of Salsburgh</i> —Ebenezer ch,	17 66

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev Peter Hassinger, Ill, 5; Orange 15 29; A Friend 2000; A Chapman, M. D., Ind, 5; Rev J W Knott 1 15; Rev R G Ross, Champagne 2; Muncie, Ind, no name 5; a member 4th ch, Louisville, Ky 10; "Annie," Wheeling, W Va, 10; A M B 5; Annie H 5; Kentucky 5; D K 3; Z 600	2671 44
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Total for July, \$7,751 24
DAVID KEITH, Treasurer,
St. Louis, Mo.

DONATIONS IN AUGUST, 1867.

Total Receipts for August, 1867, \$2,619 76, as follows:—

<i>Pky of Hocking</i> —Decatur ch 2 45; Barlow ch 4 55	8 00
<i>Pky of Fort Wayne</i> —Kendallville ch 8 25	
<i>Pky of New Brunswick</i> —South Amboy mission ch 6; Lawrenceville ch 79 75; 2d ch, Princeton 31; 4th ch, Trenton 29	145 75
<i>Pky of Miami</i> —Monro ch	10 00
<i>Pky of Missouri River</i> —Bellevue ch	8 00
<i>Pky of Bloomington</i> —Towanda ch, special 75; Farm Ridge ch 14 75	89 75
<i>Pky of Baltimore</i> —Twelfth ch, Baltimore	40 75
<i>Pky of Logansport</i> —Frankfort ch 11; Wea ch 7	18 00
<i>Pky of Cedar</i> —Tipton and New York chs 35; Summit ch 10; Long Grove ch 5; Marion ch 13 60	63 60
<i>Pky of Madison</i> —Hanover ch 11 20; Pleasant Township ch 3; Bethel ch 6 25; Donaldson ch 6 50	26 95
<i>Pky of Dubuque</i> —Lime Springs ch 5; Le Roy ch 1; 1st ch, Bellevue 7 90	13 90
<i>Pky of Allegheny City</i> —Manchester ch 10; Sewickley ch 62 66	72 66
<i>Pky of Washington</i> —Cross Roads ch 16 55; Moundsville ch 13	29 55
<i>Pky of Erie</i> —Oil City ch 17; Meadville ch 35; Sugar Creek ch 8 50; Fairfield ch 9; Franklin ch 51 80, special	121 30
<i>Pky of Northumberland</i> —Lycoming Centre ch 7; Sunbury ch 21 55; Washington ch 11 50	40 05
<i>Pky of Zanesville</i> —Norwich ch 4; Salem ch, Ger, 8 32	12 32
<i>Pky of Richland</i> —Orange ch 4 44; Lexington ch 12; Savannah ch 12; Ashland ch 27 64	56 08
<i>Pky of Beaver</i> —Neshanock ch 38 50; Little Beaver ch 7 60; Westfield ch 10	56 10
<i>Pky of Ohio</i> —Centre ch 46; Forest Grove ch 9; Montours ch 15; Haccoon ch 40	110 00
<i>Pky of Blairsville</i> —Beulah ch 23 37; Poke Run ch 13 23	35 60
<i>Pky of Steubenville</i> —Minerva ch 7; Wellsville ch 17 50; Centre Unity ch 5 50; East Springfield ch 8	38 00
<i>Pky of Salsburgh</i> —Harmony ch 7 07; East Union ch 2 81; Glade Run ch 21	30 88
<i>Pky of Redstone</i> —Sewickley ch	7 28
<i>Pky of Clarion</i> —Licking ch 13; Callensburg ch 12; Concord ch 15	40 00
<i>Pky of Allegheny</i> —Portersville ch	6 35
<i>Pky of St Paul</i> —Minneapolis ch 55 54, special; St Anthony ch 34 46; Rockford ch 4	104 00
<i>Pky of Saline</i> —Pisgah ch 8 45; Union ch 5 55; Olney ch 4 43	18 43
<i>Pky of Findlay</i> —Rockport ch 1 50; Patterson ch 3	4 50
<i>Pky of Troy</i> —Second ch, Troy 34 67; Park ch 58 06	90 73
<i>Pky of New Lisbon</i> —Newton ch	7 10
<i>Pky of Albany</i> —New Scotland ch 22; Tribes Hill ch 4 40; 1st ch, Amsterdam 6 04; Mariaville ch, special 7; Hamilton Union ch 12 25; Carlisle ch 5; Esperance ch 4	60 60
<i>Pky of Winnebago</i> —Kilbom ch	7 10
<i>Pky of Muncie</i> —Jonesboro ch 2; Union ch 5; Hartford ch 3	10 00
<i>Pky of Bureau</i> —Geneseo ch	10 60
<i>Pky of Ravitan</i> —Flemington ch 70 11; German Valley ch 27 42	97 53
<i>Pky of Palmyra</i> —Kirkville ch	10 00
<i>Pky of Geneseo River</i> —Tuscarora ch 3 25; 1st ch, Caledonia 14 73	17 98
<i>Pky of Elizabethtown</i> —Second ch, Elizabeth, 32 25; Westfield ch 39 71; New Providence ch 18	89 99

(To be continued.)

FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS, AND THE NEEDY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

The following amounts have been received since last report, viz.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Albany 1st ch,	104 95
<i>Pby of Troy</i> —Cambridge 1st United ch,	14 25
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Bull Creek ch 5; Glade Run ch 5,	10 00
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —North Pres ch	52 00
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Fayetteville ch,	12 00
<i>Pby of Rochester City</i> —Port Byron ch,	14 79
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Arlington ch,	7 00
<i>Pby of Chicago</i> —Thank-offering of pastor and wife of Manteno ch 10 00; Marengo ch 23	33 00
<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Middle Creek ch 23; Scales Mound ch 2 25,	25 25
<i>Pby of Schuyler</i> —Camp Creek ch,	12 00
<i>Pby of Indianapolis</i> —Shiloh ch,	4 50
<i>Pby of Vincennes</i> —Washington ch,	10 00
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Elizabethport ch,	20 00
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Mauch Chunk 1st ch,	167 82
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Trenton 1st ch,	135 23
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Newark 3d ch,	87 39
<i>Pby of Raritan</i> —Ringoes ch 16; German Valley ch 17 40; Fox Hill ch 3,	35 40
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Port Chester ch 17 10; Bedford ch 16,	83 10
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Cochecton ch,	10 00
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Newtown ch,	4 00
<i>Pby of North River</i> —Newburgh 1st ch,	85 00
<i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —Bluffton ch 2 60; New Lancaster ch 2 20,	4 80
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Holidaysburg ch 23 80; Clearfield ch 13,	46 80
<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Muncy ch 14 11; Derry ch 7; Washingtonville ch 7 99; Mifflinburg ch 9 45; Sab-sch of Grove ch 20,	58 55
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —West Arch St ch,	58 49
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Poke Run ch,	13 23
<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Tent ch,	9 45
<i>Pby of Findlay</i> —Ada ch,	3 90
<i>Pby of New Lebanon</i> —Salem ch,	16 55
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —East Springfield ch,	8 00
	\$1,047 95
A member of 1st ch, Dubuque, Iowa,	10 00
A Friend,	20 00
Rev D M L,	25 00
Rev Dr Wines,	10 00
Robert Colt, Esq,	100 00
Mrs Mary Vance, of Washington, D C,	5 00
Interest on Permanent Funds,	165 00
	\$1,382 95

GEO. H. VAN GELDER,

Treasurer Trustees of General Assembly,
Office No. 320 Walnut Street.

Philadelphia, September 6th, 1867.

In remitting money to this Fund, the name of the Church and Presbytery to which it belongs should be distinctly stated, that it may be correctly acknowledged. And where checks or drafts are sent they should be drawn to the order of "Geo. H. VAN GELDER, Treasurer."

Three that draw their chief support from the fund are paralytics, and two are at an advanced stage of consumption. One preacher at the early age of thirty-seven, has been arrested by hemorrhage of the lungs. The two houses of worship in which he was preaching, were burnt during the war, after which his people gathered together in the open air. His exposure to the cold, and the greater effort of lungs to be heard in these circumstances, caused hoarseness, inflammation of the throat, and a discharge of blood. He has neither property nor friends to support him, while he is hoping in silence to recover, and is greatly relieved in mind and saved from want, by the fund.

Among the seventy widows on our list, are many mothers with children of tender age, whom they are enabled to keep at home by an appropriation from the Trustees. Quite a number of these ladies are far advanced in life, several are incurable invalids, and wholly dependent for support on our annual disbursement. In numerous cases only enough is asked to supply a lack in the earnings of the applicant to enable her to pay her rent, or send her children to school.

APPLICATIONS for aid from this Fund must be made on the recommendation of a Presbytery and addressed to Rev. JOSEPH H. JONES, D.D., Chairman and Secretary of the Committee, No. 524 Spruce street, Philadelphia, Pa.

FORM OF BEQUEST FOR DISABLED MINISTERS, AND FAMILIES OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

I give and bequeath to my executors herein-after named, _____ dollars, in trust, nevertheless that they shall, within _____ months after my decease, pay the same to George H. Van Gelder, Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, or to his successor for the time being in said office, for the use of such disabled ministers and their families as the said the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America shall or may designate.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

Rev. S. C. LOGAN, *Corresponding Secretary*,
A. CAMERON, Esq., *Treasurer*,
Box 224 Pittsburgh, Pa.
WM. MAIN, Esq., *Receiving Agent*,
907 Arch street, Philadelphia.

Pastors and Elders

Will please remember that the FIRST SABBATH IN OCTOBER is the day appointed by the General Assembly on which to take up a collection for the Freedmen. The treasury is now overdrawn, and much depends upon the liberality of the people on that day. God give them a willing heart.

A Successful Minister.

The Rev. Luke Dorland—last year the Moderator of the Synod of Sandusky, accepted a commission to labour among the freedmen, and settled at Concord, N. C., the 1st of January last. He organized a school in which his wife and Miss Garrett, of Pennsylvania, have laboured with great success. The church was organized at Concord, just previous to his arrival, with seventeen members, also a church a few miles from Concord with fifty members. Mr. D. began the work systematically. With the aid of a coloured Catechist he explored the whole country about him; procured a supply of books, both for schools and Sabbath-schools, which he sells to the freedmen, and has maintained regular services at five different points. He has just completed six months of labour in this field, and the results give us an idea of the success which attends the labours of a faithful minister who enters this field with the single purpose of saving souls and building up the Church.

He now has five churches, one of which has completed a house of worship. The remaining four are beginning to build, and with the aid given by the

Board of Church Extension they will all be worshipping in new churches before winter.

He has gathered into these five churches over *three hundred communicants*, of these more than one-fourth have been received upon examination and profession of faith. He has established three day-schools, and three Sabbath-schools, having an average of pupils in both of about three hundred.

The white Presbyterians have treated Brother D. with kindness, and have encouraged him very much in his work.

These facts ought to encourage earnest ministers to enter this great field of missionary labour, where the Lord allows the labourer to see the work prospering in his hands. And they ought to encourage the Church to sustain the work with such benevolence as will sustain every faithful man who is willing to preach the gospel to the freedmen.

The Work goes On.

About the last of December, the Committee sent Miss Bausman, of Washington, Pa., to Sumter County, S. C., upon the request of a planter, who is an elder in the Southern Church. This planter built a house in his own yard for school purposes, and proposed to board one of the teachers. Miss B— organized the school and Sabbath-school, which increased very rapidly, and in March Miss Moorhead, of Rochester, Pa., was sent to her help. These ladies laboured faithfully until the middle of July, when they took a month's vacation. On the 1st of July the Committee sent the Rev. J. C. Gibbs to visit this school, and after a few weeks' labour—preaching to the people, he organized a church consisting of one hundred and sixty-six members, which in gratitude to their friend and

helper, the people have named **KNOX CHAPEL**.

Mr. Knox has donated to this church a lot of twenty acres for a church and parsonage, and they have begun the work of erecting a house of worship at an estimated cost of five hundred dollars. The freedmen are destitute of money, and of property of any kind, but they have subscribed one hundred and ten days' work upon the building. A "wide and effectual" door has been opened for the missionaries of this region, and we hope to enlarge operations among these destitute people.

Rev. S. C. Alexander reports three congregations in the neighbourhood of Charlotte, as ready for organization. These congregations have been gathered without houses for worship, through the labours of Brother Alexander and the catechists in Biddle Institute, within the last month.

Statesville Church.

Rev. W. L. Miller sends us glad tidings from the Statesville church. He says: "We have had abundant evidences that the Holy Spirit is in our midst. Night after night the church has been crowded with solemn and attentive audiences, and the members of our little church were thoroughly aroused to take hold of the precious promises. As the result of the meetings we have received nine on examination, and there are several others inquiring. Last November this church was organized with thirty-two members. Since then we have received fifty-nine additions, making our total number ninety-one. The elders and deacons are warm-hearted Christians, willing to labour for the church and the advancement of God's glory. They pray as if they expected the Lord to hear them. The church has now one candidate for the ministry now at Biddle Institute. Last evening we had monthly concert. A number of addresses were made, and a collection, which amounted to two dollars, was taken for Foreign Missions." This is the first collection reported from the Freedmen's churches for Foreign Missions. We trust it is the beginning of a great and persevering effort in that

direction. We trust this offering of the poor will be blessed of Him who bade us "go into all the world."

The Committee acknowledge the following donations:

For "Suffering poor" of Sumter, S. C., sent to Miss Moorhead by personal friends, \$60 59.

From young ladies in Miss H.'s Seminary at Washington, Pa., for Sumter school \$15.00.

Forty volumes theological works, for Biddle Institute, from Rev. John Dale of Ill.

Grant for the same, from the Board of Publication of 35 volumes.

Seventy-five copies Sabbath-School Visitor, for Edisto Mission, from same.

One box of clothing from Presbyterian church of Pulaski, Ohio, valued at \$72 40.

One hundred copies of the "Freedman," from the A. Y. S., Boston, Mass., per Dr. W. Childs.

RECEIPTS IN AUGUST, 1867.

<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Worthington ch 26;	Glade	
Run ch 5		30 00
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Unity ch		26 00
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Callensburg ch 11;	Concord ch	
11; Leatherwood ch 8 80		30 80
<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Concord ch 12;	Pisgah ch 10	
		22 00
<i>Pby of Crawfordville</i> —Bethany ch		10 00
<i>Pby of Fairfield</i> —Birmingham ch 13 50;	Eddyville ch 2	
		15 50
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Beulah ch		5 00
<i>Pby of Lake</i> —Valparaiso ch Sab-sch. paid in		
April last		100 00
<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —Second ch, Huntington.		22 65
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —First ch, Springfield 75; 2d ch,	Springfield, special 70	145 00
<i>Pby of Marion</i> —Bucyrus ch		2 00
<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Jersey Shore ch 13 25;	Grove ch Sab-sch 20	
		33 25
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Montours ch		10 00
<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Laurel Hill ch		16 80
<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Centre ch 4 55; Indiana ch		58 55
<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —Piqua ch		4 00
<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —Providence ch		8 00
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Wellsville ch		17 00
<i>Pby of St Paul</i> —First Rockford ch		3 00
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Upper Buffalo ch		43 00
<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Beulah ch 12; Senecaville	ch 10; Rush Creek ch 5; Bethel 2 50	29 50

MISCELLANEOUS.

"Egypt's First Fruits," 5; A Friend, Moshanon, Pa. 2; A member of 1st ch. Dubuque, Iowa 10; T. S. O. special 150; Rev S C Alexander, N C, 10; Wm Linn. E-q. Piqua, O, 5 182 00

Received at Philadelphia.

<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Rye ch		100 08
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —First ch. Bellevue		4 60
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —"From P."		20 00
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Third ch. Newark		24 56
<i>Pby of Raritan</i> —German Valley ch		12 56
<i>Pby of Rochester City</i> —Phelps ch		19 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

M L S, 100; N J, 10, 110 00

Total receipts in August, \$1104 85
A. CAMERON, Treasurer.

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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

To the Sessions of Presbyterian Churches.

MISSION HOUSE, 907 ARCH ST. }
PHILADELPHIA, OCT. 7, 1867. }

Dear Brethren:—The early Sabbaths in November are assigned as the time for contributing to the funds of the Board of Domestic Missions. Our treasury is now exhausted, and unless more amply replenished the salaries of the missionaries cannot be paid with that punctuality which it has been our happiness to observe. We said, in our last Report to the General Assembly, "If the measure of the Church's liberality be the same during the year on which we have just entered, our treasury will be exhausted, balance and reserved fund, by the beginning of October next." The collections for the six months past have *not* increased, they are slightly below the amount of the corresponding months of last year. In the meanwhile, we have to carry the enormous load of the last year's appropriations, and are now at the mercy of God's people. Great pressure was laid on us last year—strangely exaggerated reports of our supposed large means were put in circulation, and if we sought to repress these demands, intimations were sometimes given that the Presbyteries would manage independently of the Board. This

state of things was not unforeseen, as the extract from the Annual Report shows. The Committee on Freedmen, unable to collect funds to carry on, as they wished, their work, applied to us for aid to the amount of \$9,000. Willing as we all were to aid them, prudence seemed to require that the Board should not issue promises to pay, which they might not be able to fulfil,—aid was, however, granted. This hastened to embarrass us, and it will be *impossible* to continue this aid, unless we receive the means from the churches. The appropriations last year to March 1st, were \$153,437 84—largely in advance of the year preceding, but surely inadequate to the grand necessities of the wants of the hour. Our receipts were \$96,977 81, which, added to the balance on hand, made our resources \$120,622 09. But for a Reserved Fund, which prudence had retired against the day of pressure, so likely to overtake us, we should have been crippled before this. Our receipts for six months, to September 1st, were \$33,099,—not enough by one-half to meet the obligations which matured. Thus our Reserved Fund has melted away, and our present embarrassment has occurred. The General Assembly urged that at least \$300,000 should be raised this year, to carry on the work of sustentation,

in connexion with this Board. We were not told *how* it could be accomplished. You know we have no collecting agents, and the other societies employ these, and sweep our churches; the policy of our Church ignores the system. Our reliance is upon you; failing here, we shall be compelled to decline new and important fields, and contract the salaries, already too small. We dare not promise in the Church's name what she will not enable us to perform.

And never was the field so inviting, and the hope of success more brilliant than now. Opportunities are offered, soon to pass from us—other Christian bodies will pass us in the race of usefulness. Our country advances with gigantic strides. The completion, so near at hand, of the new road to the Pacific, will work marvellous changes; shall we miss these opportunities and fall behind in this struggle? The answer *you* must give. Cripple our means, check our advance, and the whole array of our Boards suffer alike. Many Sabbath-schools of our mission Church are helping to pay the debt of the Foreign Board. The school at Santa Fe, a mission of ours scarcely a year old, has already made its contribution. The Board of Publication can find no field opening for their volumes except through us. The Board of Church Extension need erect no churches, unless we send out men to gather the congregations; and the Board of Education will find it useless to urge men into the ministry only to starve, or turn to secular pursuits. And yet, relatively, this Board, so essential to all church success, is the most poorly supported of them all. We have done all we could—we have urged leading brethren in the Presbyteries and Synods to present our claims, and strive to arouse a slumbering church; with what success we know not yet. The crisis is upon us, and the question

of our future will soon be determined. If the Church wills contraction and the arrest of all advance, the Board has only to obey—our measure can only be with the ability conferred. We can only expend what, as your almoners, you permit. We implore you, brethren, to consider the case as presented—cast not aside this circular. The collections of last year are inadequate—they must be largely increased, or we must fall back.—Give facts to your people. Spread the vast proportions of this work before them,—the twenty millions of our native population,—the in-flowing immigrants, cast upon our sympathy—the four millions of emancipated slaves, whose future must soon be determined—spread them out and ask them for the love of Christ to give to this magnificent cause as God has prospered them.

By order of Executive Committee.

THOMAS L. JANEWAY,
Cor. Secretary.

Pleasant Results—Church Self-sustaining.

Iowa.

Dear Brother: It is with pleasure that I take up my pen to write my quarterly report; not that we have anything of a specially encouraging character to relate, as having transpired during the last three months, but because this is, for the present, at least, my *last* quarterly report. When application was made for the renewal of my commission, one year since, it was with the understanding that the church hoped thereafter to be self-sustaining.

In a congregational meeting, held on Monday last, the determination henceforth to be self-sustaining was renewed, and along with it the pledge of \$1000 for my yearly salary. It will require great effort and no little self-denial, but I trust their determination and effort will be crowned with success.

And now let me indulge in a little of the retrospective. I have been a labourer here twelve years, coming here a licentiate, to a little church just organized, and which had no house of worship, only four of its members living in the village, and only eleven living nearer than eight miles distant. Here I have laboured in much weakness twelve years, ten of these under commission from your Board. My difficulties and discouragements were not inconsiderable. My field of labour was, I thought; a peculiarly discouraging one. Skepticism and immorality abounding, and religion uncared for. Poor health, meagre support, and the want of a commodious house of worship, were additional difficulties.

On the other hand, the town was a growing one. My little flock, though few and pecuniarily poor, were harmonious, and there was no other church of a Presbyterian name within ten miles.

After being here several years, I was solicited to give encouragement to a call from another place. Again, and again, was I invited to an older and stronger church, but I said no. These people where I am are unanimous in desiring me to stay. *They* think and *I* think that my leaving would imperil the very existence of this church, and involve the risk of scattering what has been gathered. So long as my little flock are harmonious and cordial, and so long as daily bread is furnished, and we are favoured with some tokens of God's favour, I will not leave them. It was my plan to hold on during years of discouragement. When, at my country's call, my little church sent nearly every able-bodied man to the army, I still held on, and by teaching for three years, and by superintending the schools of the county, aided myself and the Board, and enabled the church to keep its head above water.

A little more than two years since,

the church undertook, in earnest, the erection of a commodious house of worship, and from that date our progress has been marked and gratifying.

For almost a year we have been worshipping in our new and commodious house of worship, which is entirely paid for. Our congregations have more than doubled within two years; and, what is still more encouraging, the Lord has added to the church a goodly number of such as, we hope shall be saved. With the continued blessing of God, this church ought to be, and I believe will be, self-sustaining.

For these results, in connection with my humble labours, I desire to be profoundly grateful to God, and give to him all the glory.

Among the *instrumentalities*, however, which God has used, your Board has been a prominent one. Under your fostering care we have grown up. Every three months during the ten years of my connection with the Board, you have heard from us; this being, I believe, my fortieth quarterly report; and annually you have received reports from us in full.

To the Board of Church Extension we feel deeply indebted. Eleven years ago, their contribution of \$100 enabled us to complete a small, temporary building, and their more liberal contribution of \$800 one year since, was the turning point of our success. To the kind ladies of various churches, who forwarded us boxes of clothing on several occasions, we are also indebted.

To the missionary's wife, I would say in general terms, the Church at large is under obligations. The help-meet who can entertain strangers, wash the saints' feet, bring up the children aright, so administer domestic affairs that outlay shall not exceed income, and that poverty shall be both genteel and cheerful—such a one contributes to the success of the gospel in a

way which the Master, at least, will not forget.

If I were speaking to my brethren in a missionary field, and in the ministry, I would say,—don't be so much concerned about salary; have more faith; wherever God has work for you to do, go at it and trust him for daily bread. When I first came here, I was not five dollars from square with the world. Until within a year past I have never had the promise of more than \$500 salary, most of the time receiving less than that amount; and yet, in the Providence of God, every want has been supplied, and I have now a home of my own, convenient and comfortable, and which has not been obtained by turning aside from my chosen work. When Paul was thinking of going to Galatia or Macedonia, the question was not what salary he could be assured of. Ministerial brethren, looking towards our great West, and especially the young men from our seminaries, ought, I think, to push out in faith. See where you are wanted, and where you are manifestly needed; there drive your stakes, and there labour, and pray, and wait, and look for God's blessing. But I have written much more at length than I had intended.

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN SEPTEMBER, 1867.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.— <i>Pby of Albany</i> —State st ch, Albany	\$50 00
SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.— <i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Pleasant Valley ch 19 14. <i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Pine Creek ch 9	28 14
SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.— <i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Annapolis ch 22. <i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Clear Spring ch 5. <i>Pby of Potomac</i> —Falls ch 10	37 00
SYNOD OF BUFFALO.— <i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Oakland ch 7 50. <i>Pby of Ogdensburg</i> —Hammond ch. from Rutherford Roger 40; Morrilstown ch 6 53	54 03
SYNOD OF CHICAGO.— <i>Pby of Chicago</i> —First ch, Morris 22. <i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Albany ch 6; Newton ch 6. <i>Pby of Schuyler</i> —Presbyterial coll 13 60; Ellington ch and vicinity 12; Wythe ch 2	61 50
SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.— <i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Hillsboro ch 87. <i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —First ch, Cincinnati 20 30; 1st ch, Walnut Hills 200. <i>Pby of Miami</i> —Clifton ch, from Young Ladies' benevolent soc'y 3. <i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Bethel ch 8 37. <i>Pby of Sidney</i> —Parish ch 1	519 67
SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.— <i>Pby of Kaskaskia</i> —Zion and St Johns Ger chs 6. <i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Peoria	

2d ch 109 15, of wh 5 from Rev H V D Nevius; Lewistown ch 50	165 15
SYNOD OF INDIANA.— <i>Pby of New Albany</i> —Utica ch 5 50. <i>Pby of White Water</i> —Pleasant Grove ch 3	8 50
SYNOD OF IOWA.— <i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Princeton ch 3; LeClaire ch 5. <i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Farley ch 3; <i>Pby of Fort Dodge</i> —Algona and Unity chs 10	21 00
SYNOD OF MISSOURI.— <i>Pby of Lafayette</i> —Kansas City ch 8. <i>Pby of Palmyra</i> —Laclede ch 2 20; Bloomfield ch 3; Rev J P Finley and wife 4 80. <i>Pby of St Louis</i> —Nazareth Ger ch 35. <i>Pby of S W Missouri</i> —Missionary field of Rev John McFarland 2	55 00
SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.— <i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Trenton 2d ch 13 25. <i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Ger ch, Paterson, N J 10. <i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Ladies of Osceola ch 11. <i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Cedarville 1st ch Sab-sch 31 45	65 70
SYNOD OF NEW YORK.— <i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Thompsonville 1st ch 50, of wh 5 from the Sab-sch; Hartford 1st ch 25; Rye ch 132 94; Gilead ch 19; North Salem ch 8, of wh Mrs Osborn 1. <i>Pby of Long Island</i> —West Hampton ch 15. <i>Pby of New York</i> —Alexander ch 4 53. <i>Pby of New York 2d</i> —Mount Washington ch 182 90; South Greensburg ch 68 20	485 57
SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.— <i>Pby of Logansport</i> —Bethlehem ch 4 50; West Union ch 4 50	9 00
SYNOD OF OHIO.— <i>Pby of Columbus</i> —Truro ch 20. <i>Pby of Richland</i> —Mt Vernon ch 40 86. <i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Wooster ch 40 87. <i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Mt Zion ch 13 25	114 97
SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.— <i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Mt Joy ch 22 25. <i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Curwensville ch 24. <i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Great Island ch 78. <i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Ninth ch, from Miss Jane Rose 10. <i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Second ch, half mo coll 4 38. <i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Catawissa ch 10	148 63
SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.— <i>Pby of Blairville</i> —Jennerville ch 3 30; New Alexandria ch 61 70. <i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Perry ch 9. <i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Centre ch 55 60. <i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Elderton ch 11 77; Rural Valley ch 21 43	152 70
SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.— <i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —North Bend ch 6; Lansing ch 7. <i>Pby of St Paul</i> —Grapeland ch 2; 1st ch, St Peter 25	40 00
SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.— <i>Pby of Michigan</i> —Holland ch 6; Westminster ch, Grand Rapids 16; Plymouth, 1st ch 13 10	34 16
SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.— <i>Pby of Fairfield</i> —Crawfordville ch 6 65. <i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Sharon ch 5	11 65
SYNOD OF WHEELING.— <i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Linton ch 9; Evans Creek ch 6. <i>Pby of Washington</i> —Washington 1st ch 111 40; Wyalusing ch 11; Hookstown ch 25	162 40
SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.— <i>Pby of Dane</i> —Platteville Ger ch 2 25. <i>Pby of Winnebago</i> —Assembly ch Beaver Dam 10; Oxford ch 5	17 25

Total receipts from churches, \$2,041 96

MISCELLANEOUS.—Sallie B Lytle, Youghiogheny, Penn 2; Rent from the Mission House 963 70; Miss Eliza T Amerman, Waukon, Wis 10; Charles Levensack 250

978 20

LEGACIES.—One year's interest on 400 legacy of Samuel Utter, dec'd, Ill 40; Legacy of Noah Town, dec'd, Pa 100, less tax 6—94; Estate of J V A Anderson, dec'd, late of Clearfield Co, Pa 25

159 00

Total Receipts in September, \$3,179 16

S. D. POWEL, Treasurer.
No. 907 Arch street, Philadelphia.

CLOTHING.

1 box from ladies of Ridge ch, Ohio, valued at 71 75
2 boxes from ladies of 1st ch, Germantown, Pa., valued at 300 00
1 box from ladies of Lawrencerville ch, N J, valued at 247 61

\$679 36

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTIFUL, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.—Paul to Timothy, Ep. I.

The Best Uninspired Book in the World.

What book, of all the millions produced in all the innumerable dialects of earth, stands the very next to the Book of God, it is hard to settle. The first difficulty lies in the diversities of intellect, taste, piety, and education, which exist in the persons who may be called upon to decide the question. One Christian finds in the Confessions of Augustine, "such a pitch of intensity, and such a breadth, range, and depth," as seem to him, in their superiority to all human thought and feeling, almost "like the experience of another sphere, and another race of beings." Another believes the Imitation of Christ to have been the light that kept the church from going out in utter darkness before the Reformation. This servant of God thinks he "lived in a nut-shell" till he read Jonathan Edwards's History of Redemption. That saintly spirit apostrophizes John Bunyan:

"O thou, whom, borne on fancy's eager wing,
Back to the season of life's happy spring,
I pleased remember, and, while memory yet
Holds fast her office here, can ne'er forget;
—The man whose PILGRIM marks the road,
And guides the PROGRESS of the soul to God."

And over "that wonderful book" the cold spirit of modern criticism grows warm, and in the verdict of its most eminent professor in the English tongue, adjudges it to have been the production of one of the only two great creative minds in England, during the latter half of the seventeenth century," the other was the author of Paradise Lost.

But there is a volume that breathes beyond any other ever written the spirit of heaven, and seems like the production of a translated and glorified favourite of God. It is Richard Baxter's *Saints' Rest*. Baxter may have been inferior to Bunyan in the wealth of his imagination, but he was his superior in the acuteness and force of his reasoning powers, in the breadth of his purposes as to the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom, and in his seraphic flight from earth up into the third heaven, and into the very light of the throne of its King. It is a book which embodies the holiest experiences of the severest bodily afflictions, protracted through many years, and the revelations of Him that saith, "I am he that liveth and was dead; and behold, I am alive for ever, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death," to one that suffered great tribulation for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. The simplicity, point, and energy of his style are unequalled as a model for the young minister of the gospel. One generation of such preachers would of a truth bring all nations unto obedience to the faith. Baxter's *Call to the Unconverted* is thought by many to have been the means of the conversion of more souls than any other book of man. But the author seemed to think that his *Saints' Rest* had been still more blessed in its fruits among sinners, though its chief mission was to saints. The fervent encomiums upon it of Flavel, and Bates, and Calamy, and Alleine, and Daniel Wilson, and Chalmers, and Phillip, and others of the loftiest order of earthly principalities and powers in heavenly things, who looked up to Baxter as nearer the throne than they, cannot be recounted here. Dr. Philip Doddridge thus sets forth his own conception of him as a writer, a pulpit orator, and a servant of Jesus Christ: "Baxter is my particular favourite, and it is impossible to tell you how much I am charmed with the devotion, the good sense, and the pathos, which are everywhere to be found in that writer. I cannot forbear looking upon him as one of the greatest orators that our nation ever produced, both with regard to copiousness and energy. And if he has described the temper of his own heart, he appears to have

been so far superior to the generality of those whom we must charitably hope to have been good men, that one would imagine God raised him up to disgrace and condemn his brethren by showing *what a Christian is*, and how few in the world deserve the character."

One of the very best of God's gifts to the Presbyterian Church for all time was that of Richard Baxter. His superabounding life, and fire, and anxiety to save souls, and to arouse the careless, may make him "not always elegant, or concise, or tender, or melodious." But, notwithstanding, says that scholarly critic, sweet preacher, and model pastor, Dr. James W. Alexander, "I have come to the conclusion that Baxter's style, which is not at all obsolete now, is the best extant, in respect to clearness, Saxon purity, directness, strength, and pungency." If we consider then its subject, its spirit, and its style, we cannot be far wrong when we pronounce Baxter's *SAINTS' REST* to be the best and most precious book, next to the Word of God, in the possession of man.

"Holy Richard Baxter!" Well is this title, given by general consent of the Church, merited. Blessed is the soul that drinks the truth from thy lips, and is filled with thy wisdom, and zeal, and joy. But more blessed is the one that goes to that fountain whence all thy holiness and power were drawn, and asks and receives the gifts of the Holy Spirit of God. "My mother and my brethren are those which hear the word of God, and do it."

The Vital Importance of Academies to the Church.

If there be one institution in the country that should be peculiarly "Presbyterian," it is the *academy*. We believe there are more academies in connection with our own Church than with any other; certainly there are so in proportion to our numbers. Here, at least, there is little competition with the common school. In it the choicest and brightest youths of the district can be gathered. They are in a stage of intellectual advancement the most suitable for the exertion upon them of influences that shall make them useful members of society, true and well-instructed Christians, and many of them candidates for the honour of serving God in the ministry. The academy is more permanent than the parochial school; more interesting to the minister, and accordant with his professional employments; more attrac-

tive to the public mind. There are numerous most weighty reasons why more academies should be established by Presbyterian ministers in favourable situations throughout the land. And yet this emphatic remark must be made—they should be built up by the sympathies and the contributions of the people of the region. If a project be wildly plunged into, with the expectation that a brilliant heap of brick and mortar is the principal desideratum, the end will probably be that of a once famous institution on the shores of the Mississippi, to which large sums were contributed by various denominations a generation gone, whose walls, with those of its professors' residences, now for years past have been the mine whence the farmers, for many miles around, have plundered the materials for their chimneys and other profane uses. But if good teachers be secured; if the beginnings be modest, but such as to secure the confidence of the people; if the need of enlarged facilities be made evident by the increase of students, and the necessities of their progress; and if hearty and continued efforts be made to secure the concurrence of the public by suitable exhibitions, by information communicated through the local newspapers, and by addresses at propitious times from educated gentlemen of various professions, in the town, and those around it; then it will be strange, indeed, if the merited success shall not follow, the forms overflow with ambitious students, the gratification of success sweeten the labours and necessary acts of self-denial connected with every good work, God's favour be manifested, and as for edifices and apparatus, "all these things shall be added unto you." There is One who holds the well-worn key to all the wealth of society. He distributes it as he pleases. He loves to reward those that faithfully serve him. He is most willing to answer believing prayer.

Such reflections as these should animate the ministry of the Presbyterian Church to apply themselves with vigour to the duty they owe to the kingdom of the Redeemer, and to the souls of the rising generation. The dark alternative is the ignorance and the depravity of the youth; the degradation of the tone of society; the loss of additions to the number of the Church, and to the force of the ministry; and the stern account we must render, confronted by ruined souls and a dishonoured Saviour, in the final day.

It is not found generally so advan-

tageous that the institution should be directly and immediately under the annual inspection of a presbytery, as that the presbytery should guarantee its integrity and position by the appointment of the trustees, who should be men with whom may be left the responsibility of its success; the presbytery heartily sympathizing with the general aims, praying for its usefulness, and co-operating on public occasions, as the interests of the cause may demand.

What pecuniary aid is needed, should be confidently sought, not alone from our own, but from the people of all denominations, or of no denomination; who will generally render a portion, if the spirit of the institution be not first sectarian, and then Christian; but first Christian, and then sectarian. Where it cannot possibly, on account of the extreme poverty, or the newness and sparseness of the population of the region, be obtained there, recourse should be had primarily to churches in the sections from which those most interested have emigrated, or with which they are nearest connected ecclesiastically, or to which they are the feeders commercially. This tends to develop the benevolence of such churches, upon which there are few claims indeed compared with the scores that, large and small, week after week, often several in one day, and of the greatest variety, are importuning at the doors of Christians resident in the principal cities; a burthen that the most liberal and sincere sometimes feel to be unequally distributed, on account of the negligence of their brethren to cultivate the spirit of charity in their own fields. And it must be solemnly borne in mind that the advancement of local interests must be a failure as long as there is a dependence on remote sources for their chief supplies. This is the common sense that governs men in their worldly business. The application of it to the charge of the "goods" which the Master hath delivered unto us, "every man according to his several ability," would secure to our enterprises an equal general success; nay, a more than equal success, if with the same measure of wisdom and fidelity we serve higher ends, and a God who is the rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

The Board of Education will give its cordial recommendation to institutions worthy of it, where that may be desired in order to secure to their representatives access to churches, or parts of the country, where they are not well known. And the appropriations authorized by

the General Assembly to supplement the salaries of teachers and professors will be cheerfully granted, with the belief that the Church will sustain us in doing so, where needed.—*Ann. Report.*

Roots by the River.

It is the tree that "spreadeth her roots by the river," that shall not see when the heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit." The roots may be deep and dark under ground: and whether they fulfil their function of keeping up the vital flow of sap, no human eye can there detect. But the crisp and shrivelled leaf will, in time, reveal it; and the disappointment of the hungry, whose eyes wait in vain upon the fruitless boughs, will utter the mournful testimony. Secret prayer is the most necessary act of the worship of God. Secret prayer is the chief fountain of all power, and wisdom, and honour, and blessing. Jonathan Edwards says: "If you live in the neglect of secret prayer, you show your good-will to neglect all the worship of God. He that prays only when he prays with others, would not pray at all were it not that the eyes of others were upon him. He that will not pray where none but God seeth him, manifestly doth not pray at all out of respect to God, or regard to his all-seeing eye, and therefore, doth, in effect, cast off all prayer; and he that casts off prayer in effect casts off all the worship of God, of which prayer is the principal duty. He that casts off the worship of God in effect casts off God himself; he refused to own him, or so be conversant with as him his God."

Go to Work, Man! like a Slave.

The sturdy, out-spoken, zealous apostle Peter did not have much patience with men ambitious of places of honour. To young men especially he addresses some plain admonitions; 1st Epistle, chapter v., verses 5-9. He tells them that to be humble is the way to be exalted; to cast their care on God is the way to taste the bounty of His providence; and that they should be most watchful against that devouring lion, the devil. But his first injunction is that, the spirit of which we have given above. It reads in our common version, "Be ye clothed with humility." But the original means more than this. "Put on the apron of

humility." This apron was a strip of cloth or short frock, put on by slaves when they went to work, to keep the clothes from being soiled. The phrase means: Christians, and especially the younger, should feel that work, hard work, plain, despised work, is that to which they are called. It is their profession. Go at it then, cheerfully and diligently, as the slave puts on his apron, and is not ashamed of it. Everybody else knows he is a slave; and his happiness and his success lie in his going right to work at his proper business, let "the world" say what they will. Put on your humble Christian duties like the slave puts on his apron. When the night cometh you will lay it aside. Then the faithful servant will eat and sup, with honour and great joy. But the present is the time for work. "Work," says Martin Luther, "on earth; rest in heaven."

General Conventions for Prayer.

A marked feature in the religious movements of the present season is the General Conventions for Prayer, held in various parts of the country under the inspiration of the Young Men's Christian Associations. They have been held in Illinois, Wisconsin, Maine, Massachusetts, and other States, with happy results. And appeals are made that such should be followed by others, to be attended by pastors and active Christian laymen, in the leading cities of the country. They say truly:

"Never was there greater need for united Christian activity. The fields are ripe for the harvest. The work of Christ among the young; home evangelization; efforts to be made to spread the gospel among the poor and neglected, and the duties of Christians as connected with these efforts, are subjects of such importance that united prayers and consultation seem to be most desirable."

Items.

TOKENS OF THE PRINCE OF PEACE.—The first newspaper of which any mention has been discovered, printed in 1456, it is said by Arian de*But, a Dutch writer of the same century, gave information of the peace of Karaman with the king of Cyprus. The first cable of the Atlantic telegraph, brief as was its term of working life, called the angelic anthems "Glory to God in the highest; peace on earth, good-will to men," across the water, and conveyed the news of the peace between the empire of China and the allied powers of England and France. The first item of im-

portance sent over the successful cable of 1866 was the tidings of the speedy cessation of the war upon the continent: "A treaty of peace has been signed between Austria and Prussia." Every new advance in the method of the communication of thought is preparing the way for the day when the Lord shall lift up a standard for the people, and proclaim unto the ends of the world, Behold, your salvation cometh!

EDUCATION IN COLORADO.—The Episcopal bishop of Colorado has recently said that, "The ground which he supposed entirely fallow and neglected, he found to be full of Jesuitical labourers, who had been long at work. State money to the amount of \$30,000 had been granted to their schools, while most of the Protestant young ladies of Denver City and the neighbourhood are their regular pupils; and the next generation of Colorado bids fair to be educated with as intense a hatred to our reformed religion and free institutions as are the hidalgos of Spain, or the peasantry of Connamara."

ENCOURAGEMENT TO FREE PLACES OF LEARNING.—Brown University for nine months after it was founded had but one student.

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN SEPTEMBER, 1867.

I. FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Phy of Blairsville</i> —New Alexandria ch	\$23 80
<i>Phy of Cincinnati</i> —Montgomery ch	11 00
<i>Phy of Carlisle</i> —Mechanicsburg ch	16 00
<i>Phy of Cedar</i> —Iowa City 1st ch	20 00
<i>Phy of Chillicothe</i> —Pisgah ch	15 65
<i>Phy of Connecticut</i> —North Salem ch	13 00
<i>Phy of Genesee River</i> —Groveland ch	5 00
<i>Phy of Indianapolis</i> —Bethany ch	5 00
<i>Phy of Kaskaskia</i> —Zion ch	6 00
<i>Phy of Munn</i> —Clifton ch, Young Ladies' Ben't Socy	3 00
<i>Phy of New York</i> —Throgs' Neck ch 10; First ch, Jersey City 47 56; Palisades ch 42 55	100 11
<i>Phy of New York 2d</i> —South Greenburg ch	38 85
<i>Phy of Nassau</i> —Ross St ch, Brooklyn	32 74
<i>Phy of Northumberland</i> —Jersey Shore ch	37 00
<i>Phy of Oxford</i> —Reily ch	8 00
<i>Phy of Philadelphia</i> —Ninth ch, from Miss Ellen Rome	10 00
<i>Phy of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Roxborough ch	12;
Falls of Schuylkill ch 7	19 00
<i>Phy of Peria</i> —Lewistown ch	50 00
<i>Phy of Raritan</i> —Fox Hill ch	3 00
<i>Phy of S W Missouri</i> —Missionary field of Rev John McFarland	1 00
<i>Phy of Steubenville</i> —Second ch, Steubenville	47 83
<i>Phy of Susquehanna</i> —Rome ch	4 00
<i>Phy of St Louis</i> —Nazareth ch 15; Second ch, St Louis 109 30; Ger 1st ch 6	130 30
<i>Phy of Wooster</i> —Wooster ch	24 25
<i>Phy of Zanesville</i> —Newark ch	10 00

\$627 63

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev Peter Hassinger, St Louis, Mo 10; "Little Davie" 1; I N T 250 69

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Recent Intelligence.

THE LATEST LETTERS received at the Mission House, New York, to the 17th of October, are as follows: from—

Seminole Mission, September 21st;
 San Francisco, September 9th;
 Rio de Janeiro, August 24th;
 Yokohama, August —;
 Chefoo, August 10th;
 Tungchow, August 5th;
 Shanghai, July 4th;
 Ningpo, August 14th;
 Canton, August 6th;
 Bangkok, August 13th;
 Ambala, August 17th;
 Baharanpur, August 1st;
 Futtehgurb, August 2d;
 Liberia, August 7th;
 Corisco, July 17th.

CONVERTS ADMITTED TO THE CHURCH.

—Rev. J. R. Ramsay has been permitted to receive five members into the church among the Creeks. The Rev. D. D. Green reports the baptism of two persons at Sing-z. The Rev. H. Corbett says, "Since I last wrote, twelve persons have united with the church at Chefoo on profession of faith;" of these one was seventy-seven years of age, and two other men in their sixtieth year. At Tungchow three men have been baptized by Rev. C. W. Mateer. The Rev. N. A. McDonald speaks of five persons received into the church at Bangkok on profession of their faith in Christ. The Rev. W. H. Clark mentions that two of the pupils of Alongo have been admitted to church privileges.

INQUIRERS, or persons seemingly anxious about the way of life, are referred to in several letters. "Five or six persons," writes Rev. D. D. Green, "at Yu-yiao still seem to be honestly seeking to know the truth." At Sing-z several applicants for baptism were deferred. Several in the city of Hangchau were apparently concerned about their souls' welfare. Rev. C. F. Preston writes that the work in Canton is progressing. Rev. A. G. Simonton speaks of a number of cases of interest in Rio

Janeiro. Rev. W. Calderwood writes in a late letter, "A Mohammedan of education and in a high position came to me some time ago and asked me to baptize him. Not wishing to be in too great haste, I put him off till Kanwar-sain could inquire into the case. In a few days he is to be with me again, with several of his friends." Rev. C. W. Mateer, after speaking of the opening of a new chapel in Tungchow, and the baptism of three men, refers to several inquirers who date their interest in divine things to the preaching heard in the chapel.

A COMMUNION SEASON of great interest is mentioned by Rev. Dr. Morrison. Recently, the gracious work among the lepers at Ambala has been alluded to. There are now fourteen communicants in the Blind and Leper Asylum. As these could not all be present at the church, service was held on the Lord's day under the shade of a tree near the Asylum; and after Dr. Morrison had preached to them, the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered in the open air. Very soon after the enjoyment of this feast one of the poor lepers was called away by death, "to the last clinging to Jesus." Rev. J. R. Ramsay made a visit to Kunchate among the Creeks. This is near to the old station of Kowetah. While there he preached three times to large and attentive audiences. On Sabbath he preached under the wide-spreading shade trees in the yard of a former pupil of the mission school, and whom he had with his wife admitted to the church. The whole neighbourhood for miles around assembled and listened with earnest attention to the words of eternal life. Much good was done by this visit.

DISCIPLINE has occasionally to be exercised at the mission stations. The influences around the members of the church are mostly heathen. Then

some of Christ's followers are weak, and more easily led into temptation. Such, yea, all the converts in the different missions need the prayers of the Church. Dr. Nassau refers to a painful case of backsliding of an elder of the Benito church. He has, however, hope of his restoration. The Rev. H. Corbett remarks, "Sorrow has been mingled with our joy, as one man who united with the church at Tungchow has gone astray, and we have been obliged to excommunicate him."

THE DEATH of Mrs. Noyes, wife of Rev. H. V. Noyes of Canton, will be regretted by the Church. Her health began to give way soon after sailing from this country, but all through her sickness she was wonderfully sustained, and on August 12th, in Macao, she fell asleep in Jesus. It was to her a trial, to be cut down at the very commencement of her missionary life; "but no murmur ever escaped her lips. She was resigned to the will of God—fully prepared and ready to die." Her husband, who was sick at the time of her death, we are happy to say is convalescing, and will receive no doubt the warm sympathy and prayers of many.

We have also to mention that Rev. Charles R. Mills and his wife have again been bereaved of their only child. This is a sore trial to them, as they have more than once been called upon to part with their children. They will be remembered in their bereavement by the people of God.

IN JAPAN.—Dr. Hepburn refers to the opening of four new ports in January next; to the need of more men to meet the development of the work; and to the joint efforts of the missionaries to give, by a faithful translation, the word of life to the dying multitudes of that land, "when done it will spread in this country with wonderful rapidity."

He also alludes to the persecutions of the Japanese, who were inclined to sympathize with Roman Catholicism. "Whether they made a profession of their faith, or only attended worship in the

Roman Catholic chapel in Nagasaki, it is impossible to find out. However it may be, we are hoping that it may lead, through the interference of the French minister here, to the rescinding of that ancient edict against Christianity, and of our obtaining for it a free toleration."

A THREE MONTHS' MISSIONARY TOUR IN CHINA has been made by Rev. Charles R. Mills, accompanied by a native assistant. In this tour many copies of the scriptures were sold and distributed, and many places of interest visited. We shall again refer to this journey.

Preaching in Hindu Villages.

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We take further extracts from the journal of the Rev. A. Rudolph. The first of these shows the great change that has taken place among the Hindus under British rule, and also presents a view of heathenism in its influence on families bereaved. We refer to what is here said of—

The Death of a Native Chief.

December 24.—This morning we reached Kheree, the seat of a native prince, whose dominions consist of about fifteen villages. The Sardar, or Chief, a youth of about twenty-two years of age, died a fortnight ago. He was a confirmed drunkard and is believed thus to have brought his life to an untimely end. He has left two mothers and a young widow to mourn his death. Thanks to the British, their lives are spared. But for the presence of an enlightened ruler, the two wives of his father would have been burned alive years ago when he died, and the young widow would have formed a part of the funeral pile a fortnight since. Our tent is pitched a few yards from the place where the young Sardar's body was burnt, it is marked by a little mound of earth by the side of a temple. The ashes mixed with the remaining bits of unbroken bone are already on the way to the Ganges, where they are to be thrown into the stream.

Wailing for the Dead.

The women at the place still keep up the ceremony of wailing for the dead. This is repeated every time that a relative or an acquaintance arrives from a

distance. A professional woman, called *domee*, is engaged to lead. The women stand around her, she utters something in praise of the dead, this the women repeat with a shrill voice, the *domee* then claps her hands together, then beats her breast and then the forehead, all the women following her in the same exercise, then they set up a most doleful wailing and howling, and thus they go on, maybe for the space of half an hour, occasionally resting a little, and then proceeding with this most senseless and unmeaning ceremony. As the whole is merely a performance, it is a most disgusting piece of mockery of true heartfelt sorrow. Heathenism is a hideous caricature of all that is human, and all that is divine.

A Stronghold of Heathenism Visited.

Bassee, December 26.—This is an old town in the dominion of the Rajah of Pateala. A more curious jumble of houses irregularly thrown together could hardly be conceived. Places like this, not under British rule, are still strongholds of heathenism. This is manifest in the number of brahmins that meet one everywhere in the streets, and that are attracted by the preaching of the missionary. Sometimes real interest, but more frequently mere curiosity or a desire to oppose is the chief inducement. The brahmins cannot help seeing that if the gospel succeeds it will interfere with their trade, and consequently they often oppose the truth in the most wanton manner. They are fully aware that their followers love lies, and they therefore make assertions in their discussions that they know to be utterly unfounded, and this they do without the least feeling of shame. When will the time come when all these false pretenders, and the false religious system of this country, will be numbered with the past, when the very names of the idols will be forgotten, and the misled inhabitants of this country shall learn to love truth and righteousness?

We spent two days at Bassee and the neighbouring villages. At our last visit to the bazar we observed that a spirit of opposition had been fairly roused, and yet none seemed to have the courage to enter into a regular discussion. All that the opponents wanted was to prevent the people from hearing us; they therefore made as much noise as they could. At last they got the boys to keep up a shout which made it expedient for us to retire. It is but proper to say that it is very rare now to meet with obstacles of

this nature. Generally the missionary is treated with much respect.

Sarhind and its Villages.

The next morning we reached Sarhind, a few miles further on. For several miles the broken ground, covered with brickbats, shows the extent of the old city now all in ruins. It is believed by the people that Bassee and Sarhind formed once one large city, and this most likely was the case, for the ruins of both seem to point that way. The ancient glory has long departed, and the present town covers but a small portion of the ground occupied by the old one. The inhabitants are mostly from the poorer class.

Our camp remained here for three days, while we visited all the villages in the neighbourhood. This proved to be a laborious task, for the ground around is so much broken, and the roads lead over such vast fields, covered with brick, as to make the exit from the city difficult even for foot-passengers, not to speak of wheeled conveyances.

Some of the villages we found to be of large size, and afforded good opportunities to the preacher. On Sabbath noon we had service in the tent, when a number of the people joined us and appeared much interested.

From Sarhind we turned homewards; for the annual week of prayer drew nigh, and this we wanted to spend at home with our people. We returned therefore by the grand trunk road, that connects Ambala with Lodiana. We visited a good number of villages on both sides of this road, and reached home on the 4th of January, having been out altogether twenty-five days and preached in one hundred and fifty-five villages.

Communion Services at Lodiana—The Reward of Toil.

On Sabbath, the 6th, the week of prayer commenced; we had our usual services in the Hindustani language, and during the week we had prayer-meeting on the first four evenings. On Friday afternoon there was the preparatory service for the communion on the following Sabbath, and on Saturday we had an English prayer-meeting. During the week there were meetings of church session for three days, in which the time was occupied chiefly by examining candidates for church membership; five men, three women, and three pupils from the Orphan Girls' School were the applicants. Of all these, three men and the three

orphan girls we accepted, but the other cases were postponed for the time.

The second Sabbath came and it was a precious season of great interest. During the week the native Christians had engaged with us in prayer, and on the Sabbath we all, I hope, received a blessing. The service in the church on the premises was conducted by me. In the afternoon in the city church, I baptized the candidates as also three children, and Brother Myers preached the sermon. The congregation was a large one: many Hindus and Mohammedans were spectators of the sacred ordinance of baptism, and they seemed to view these proceedings with wonder and interest.

In the evening we gathered round the Lord's table in the church on the premises. The spirit of peace and joy seemed to be shed upon the communicants during this solemn hour. It was good thus to wait upon the Lord, and to commemorate the dying love of the Saviour in the broken bread and poured out wine. Some thirty native brethren and sisters gazed together with us upon these emblems of the body and blood of a suffering Redeemer, and our spirits were led to the foot of the cross, there to behold him in his agonies, and to listen to the sweet words that fell from the lips that soon after were closed in death.

Oh, there are pleasures in religion that the world knows nothing of—there are pleasures in the missionary's life that are worth all the labours and pains endured in this service. It was worth the toil of twenty-seven years of a missionary's life to have these brethren and sisters around that table, and to be permitted to lead their devotions during that solemn hour.

Messrs Rudolph and Myers, and the native helpers set out next day on another excursion to preach among the towns and villages. They made a longer journey than before, but our limited space precludes further extracts. It is a striking evidence of the greatness of this itinerant work of the missionaries in India, that last winter "nearly three hundred and fifty villages had the gospel preached to them in the Lodianna district" by these two brethren. But large as was their work, they do not forget the source of their strength, for the narrative ends with words such as all ministers and teachers often use, "The seed has been sown, but it becomes us to continue to

water it by our prayers. The Lord alone can give the increase."

Hopeful Signs among the Chinese in California.

The Rev. A. W. Loomis, writing under date of September 9th, in San Francisco, refers to the labours of his native assistants, and to the desire of three or four Chinese young men to be educated for usefulness among their own people. He then adds:—

Our Sabbath-school increases in interest, and our stated religious services are as encouraging as ever.

Rev. Charles Hartwell, *en route* for his former field at Fochau, came into our chapel on Sabbath evening of Sept. 1st. He addressed the meeting through an interpreter. After the meeting, several came forward to shake hands. To one he says, "Are you a Christian?" "I believe in God the Father; Almighty, maker of heaven and earth," was the answer.

To another he put the same question, and the answer was, "I pray to the true God, and depend on Jesus Christ." These men have not made a profession of religion, farther than such as just now indicated, but they attend our Sabbath morning Prayer-meeting, and take part—they lead in prayer—as do three others.

"Behold he prayeth." If I was sure this would be said of these men in the same sense that it was said of Paul, I would have joy to last me many days; and of two I have much hope. Of a third, I have a considerable degree of hope; the other two we will continue to watch over and encourage, praying the Lord to show them the things of Christ, of which they have heard much.

We busy ourselves as usual, doing, however, more outside work than in former years, such as visiting, talking, and reading. The assistant seems to like the work, and is received, generally, with much consideration by the people. Most of our Chinese emigrants being boys, youths, and middle aged, they give honour to the age and literary standing of the assistant. Much seed is sown. May some fall into good ground. Oh, what do we without the blessing!

"Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" I find myself repeating this almost all the time. His arm is not shortened since the days of the prophets, nor his ear grown heavy.

Yours affectionately,

A. W. LOOMIS.

Religious Meetings among the Seminoles.

The Rev. J. A. Ramsay, under date of September 10th, writes as follows:

I am happy to be able to say that our religious meetings still continue to be very interesting and encouraging. We have just had a camp meeting, at which great numbers attended, and with earnest attention to the word that was preached.

It was the largest meeting I ever attended in the Indian country. We are still receiving additions to our church. Our number of church members now reaches ninety-seven, two more names we have of those who fell victims to the cholera. It has now subsided; there were five fatal cases in our neighbourhood, our own little family have mercifully been preserved.

Our church contributes monthly to Foreign Missions; many of them it is true, contribute but the widow's mite, but they are in earnest, and are learning the blessed habit of giving.

Benevolent Institutions at La Force, France.

A friend has sent us the Report* for 1867 in French, of "several institutions for idiots, epileptics, &c., which have been established for a long time at La Force, not far from Bordeaux, in France;" and he says, "I know Mr. Bost very well, having met him several times. In reading his account it struck me that extracts might be suitable to fill a portion of one of our missionary periodicals, and I have marked one which interested me very much. It is remarkable that these Protestant asylums have gradually forced themselves upon notice, so that a governmental prize for benevolence has been publicly given to the establishment, and Mr. Bost created a member of the Legion of Honour. . . He would be very grateful if any one should be moved to send him any donations."

We have read this report, and do not wonder at the interest its perusal awakens for it is indeed a remarkable narrative. No less than five asylums are under the

charge of Mr. Bost: 1. "The Evangelical Family," or an asylum for young girls, viz., orphan girls of any age, young girls exposed by their circumstances to dangers of different kinds, and young girls of Protestants obliged to leave their homes. 2. "The Bethesda Asylum," for young girls who are infirm or incurable, blind or threatened with blindness, idiots or imbeciles, and lunatics or such as have been deranged. 3. "The Siloam Asylum," for orphan boys and for such poor boys as are incurable or infirm, blind and sick, or threatened with blindness, and idiots or weak minded. 4. "The Bethel Asylum," for epileptic young boys. And 5. "The Ebenezer Asylum," for epileptic young girls. It will be noticed that three of these asylums receive mainly the same class of inmates, viz., poor young girls—whether orphans, or otherwise afflicted, and two of them include boys of the same class.

In an old, settled, little changing country, and especially amongst the comparatively few and the mostly very poor followers of a religion despised by the greater part of the people, the case of such afflicted young persons is distressing to a degree. Their relations can do little to support them, while the public institutions of benevolence are mainly in the hands of Roman Catholics. Moved by compassion for them, Mr. Bost, about twenty-three years ago, took measures for their relief, at a time when even his most zealous Protestant friends were able to give him little or no encouragement or hope of success. But he went forward in faith, and God has greatly, even wonderfully, prospered the work of his hands. The Frontispiece to this Report gives a pleasing view of the buildings which have been erected, six or seven in number, including in the central foreground a fine little church with its tower and spire—all presenting a look of good style and comfort, while yet evidently of moderate expense in their erection. These buildings accommodate this year 230 persons—the inmates of the asylums, their teachers, attendants, servants, &c. And we observe in a paragraph relating to the healthfulness of the asylums, that from 1848 to the end of 1866 no less than 510 children had been received into one of these institutions—"the Evangelical Family"—showing that a large work of benevolence has been steadily in progress. It is noteworthy, we may say in passing, that but 35 of these children have died; at least 100 might have been expected to die, at the usual rate. The Report con-

* Les Oeuvres de Laforce, (Dordogne) Bergerac, 1867.

tains information and practical remarks, which are worthy of consideration by those who are engaged in the direction of similar institutions.*

We are chiefly concerned with the religious aspect of these asylums. Here we find many things of striking interest. One of the narratives we translate, the case referred to above:

"Eighteen years ago," [Mr. Bost writes,—in a few places we slightly abridge his interesting narrative,] "the venerable Professor, M. Bonifas, commended to me a poor girl, of very little intelligence. She was the daughter of a wretched idiot mother. The Committee long refused to admit her into the Family; at length she came. It would not suit to keep her in the family, she needed a special education, but to what asylum could the poor idiot Louison be sent? There was not one for such poor girls. Soon afterwards, the managers of a poor house commended to us Emma, well known. My dear friend Bridel said to me a few months ago, 'And your Emma, I shall never forget her; I think she knows how to say by this time, "slipper, pantaloons."' On my telling him that she could read fluently, write a little, and knew how to stitch—Is that true? Yes, it is true, was my short reply.

"I took these two idiots into my house, to begin their education and my own. My faithful servant was their keeper. Louison, her lips wide open, plenty of saliva running down, neglectful of herself, at times repulsive, presented all the traits of idiocy. Emma was worse; her enormous head was placed upon a puny body, which could hardly bear it up; its weight oppressed her; she walked with difficulty, she fell when she ran; her eyes, almost lost in flesh, often turned in their orbit leaving nothing visible but the white. When she came, her head had been shaved to free her from frightful impressions. Her mother was kept at the poor house; her daughter in an out-house for cattle. It was indeed idiocy in all its reality. But

*Mr. Muller's orphan asylums in England contain a larger number of inmates, but Mr. Bost has had to deal with much more difficult cases. Moreover, the large expense of supporting these asylums has to be provided in a country where Protestantism is feeble, while the Bristol asylums have been supported in a princely manner such as England could well afford. We are glad to see that Mr. Bost does not profess to depend on prayer as the *only* means of obtaining the necessary funds; he solicits the aid of Christian friends. So has Mr. Muller done, indirectly, if not avowedly. And so might either well do. When we pray for our daily bread, we are not to neglect the use of other means to obtain it.

after six months of almost useless labour I was encouraged. The children grew, their health improved. With Louison, the saliva was diminished; Emma ran and romped—her body gained strength, her head took a human form. In short, they began to speak some words, then to form phrases, and at length to reason; a spark of life had kindled their dead understanding.

"Two years later, it will be remembered, Bethesda was founded. Louison and Emma had a directress and companions, an asylum agent. But Louison is no longer in Bethesda! She is gone to the world of spirits. The first stone in the building is fallen, and its removal is felt. Louison had learnt to read with facility, she wrote a little, she could knit and sew pretty well. She was employed in house-work, and she could render little services to the sick. Her memory was remarkably good, that of the heart particularly. She had a grandmother, 84 years of age, whom she had never forgotten. 'It is my good grandmother who cares for my poor mother, they are both in a dark room, but they love each other well and do not quarrel'—were words repeated by Louison daily; then she would add, 'Oh, if the good God would permit me to go to see them, how would I be contented if I could see again my poor mother.' You understand already, dear friends, how we were pressed to receive the older idiot into the orphanage—'You have the daughter, you will not refuse the mother'. . . Bethesda was in its origin to be an asylum for young girls; it has indeed changed its character a little, for we have admitted many elderly unmarried women, their isolated situation and special circumstances rendering it impossible for us to reject them. We have also had to contend against financial difficulty, [and at the time when Louison wished her mother to be admitted, every bed was occupied, and it was only by faith that another inmate could be received.]

"Louison, I have sad news to tell you. 'Oh, sir what?' Your grandmother is dead. 'Oh, my mother, my poor mother, what will become of her?'—the poor girl was desolate, pronouncing incoherent words, of which I could not discern the meaning. After a time of silence, she said, 'I wish to go to take care of her.' Poor Louison, you would both suffer the greatest dangers. 'Then she must come to Bethesda.' But, Louison, go through the sleeping rooms, and see if there is one unoccupied bed. . . 'Ah, sir, I will give my bed to my poor

mother, and I will sleep under the bed; she will be happy, and I will take care of her.' She took both my hands and urged this request; it was not an idiot that I had under my eyes, it was the heart of a daughter. 'Oh, sir, they tell me you have much trouble to find money to buy food for us. Well, I will give my soup to my poor mother, and I will eat bread; my mother will go to the brook, she will sweep, she will gain her life; and the good God will love you. A few days afterwards the poor mother was with her daughter. All the beds were full, but she had found a place where she put one bed over another.

"Six months later, the health of Louison began to decline. Her life was passing away, but her faith was remarkably developed. The poor child had her sorrowful times; she had her faults; but we admired the work of God in her heart. . . . In a few days some friends came to the Infirmary, where some young sick persons wished to make their first Communion. Those who were present at this Supper will never forget it. A young orphan girl who was dying of consumption was sitting on her bed, supported by cushions, her face clothed with beauty, I think celestial, which makes one forget the valley of the shadow of death. Near her, lying on her bed not able to hear a word, was an orphan girl, rickety, consumptive, . . . arrived at the banks of Jordan, but she knew that the great waters should not overflow her. In an easy chair, half reclining, a dear child was placed, paralyzed in her lower limbs, her spinal column curved; she was silent, thoughtful. Louison sitting in an easy chair, enveloped in coverings, completed the tableau which met our eyes. Giving an account of her faith and that of her companions, her words were, 'I am a poor girl, very sinful, but the good Jesus has had pity on me. If I were to die without the Lord Jesus, I should be entirely lost; but Jesus upon the cross has borne all my sins, all—and then he has forgiven me, and now he will make me to enter heaven. Ah, yes, I love him well. I shall see him soon.'

"The Supper was distributed in the midst of tears, and with feelings difficult to describe. We chanted the words:

Le peche ni la mort ne saurraient les atteindre.
Dans la haute retraite ou Dieu les a placés, etc.*

"Poor Louison thus made her first and last communion. Her companions are yet here below, . . . [but she has entered into rest. One of her last requests was

* Nor sin nor death shall them attack,
In high retreat whom God hath placed, etc.

that care might be taken of her poor mother.] See, then, the answer to the question, 'What have you done for your idiots?'

"But we hasten to add that if some idiots have been able to learn to read, to write a little, to knit and sew, there are others who remain what they were when they arrived. We have perceived in them no spark of intelligence."

We must close this interesting report without making other extracts from it, and we only add the remark that in such works as these we see the piety of our French Protestant brethren. They are compelled to engage in all that they attempt for the cause of Christ in the face of discouragement, growing out of their own small number, and their very limited pecuniary means. We wish our Christian people would manifest a deep sympathy with them in their works of evangelization and benevolence. They would welcome our help. They stand in need of aid from abroad. It is a matter of real regret that the remittances made by the Board for the spread of the gospel in Belgium, France, and Italy are so small. Could we not increase the amount?

DONATIONS

TO THE

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS,

IN SEPTEMBER, 1867.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Fby of Albany*—First ch, Albany 323 35; 2d ch, Albany 380 22. *Fby of Troy*—Park ch, Troy, Henry McCurin 11 25; 1st ch, Stillwater 11 60; Mechanicsville Sab-sch 1 725 42

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Fby of Allegheny*—Concord ch for debt 30; Sunbury ch 10. *Fby of Allegheny City*—Industry ch 3. *Fby of Erie*—Salem ch 30; Coolspring and Salem chs 30 103 00

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Fby of Baltimore*—First ch, Baltimore Sab-sch for Backus sch, Canton 100, to ed child in Canton 25, Ex on above 50, for debt 40; 2d ch, Baltimore Sab-sch 125. *Fby of Carlisle*—Newville Sab-sch for Tung-chow sch 57 391 00

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Fby of Genesee River*—Warsaw ch 23; 1st ch, Bath 3; Wyoming Sab-sch for Scripture Reader in Canton 23. *Fby of Ogdensburg*—Hammond ch 52, bal to con Rev Jas Gardner *Life Director*; Rutherford Roger to con self and wife *Life members*, 60; Roselle ch 5 15 171 15

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Fby of Bureau*—First ch, Rock Island 45; Genesee Sab-sch 12. *Fby of Chicago*—First ch, Oswego 3 40, Sab-sch 3. *Fby of Rock River*—White Rock ch 5. *Fby of Schuyler*—Doddsville Sab-sch 8 50; Ear-

- dolph ch 20. *Pby of Warren*—Knoxville Sab-sch 80 146 90
- SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.**—*Pby of Cincinnati*—First ch, Walnut Hills 250; 7th ch, Cincinnati, mo con 11 60; Montgomery ch 27 44. *Pby of Miami*—New Jersey ch 9 20. *Pby of Oxford*—Eaton ch 6 40 304 64
- SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.**—*Pby of Bloomington*—Champaign Sab-sch 13 75; Waynesville Sab-sch 8 50; Farm Ridge Sab-sch 2 25. *Pby of Kuskausia*—Zion ch 3, Rev P Hassinger 10; Pleasant Ridge Sab-sch 5. *Pby of Palestine*—Mattoon ch 13. *Pby of Peoria*—Lewistown ch 122 91. *Pby of Saline*—Timberville ch 1 50. *Pby of Sangamon*—Presb Coll, for debt 100 301 91
- SYNOD OF INDIANA.**—*Pby of New Albany*—Utica ch, P Zink 2 50. *Pby of Vincennes*—Rev H W Flak 4 6 50
- SYNOD OF IOWA.**—*Pby of Dubuque*—Wayne ch 1 25; Andrew ch 6 50, Sab-sch 2 50; Farmer's Creek ch 4. Sab-sch 2 16 25
- SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.**—*Pby of Ebenezer*—Ashland ch 35; Maysville Sab-sch 25 60 00
- SYNOD OF MISSOURI.**—*Pby of Palmyra*—First ch, Hannibal 60, Sab-sch 20. *Pby of St Louis*—Salem ch 8; Nazareth ch 50; Kirkwood ch 45 71; Emanuel ch 57 65, C Levensack 2 50. *Pby of S W Missouri*, 3 246 86
- SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.**—*Pby of Burlington*—Providence ch for debt 3 30. *Pby of Elizabethton*—Westfield ch 36 93. *Pby of Monmouth*—Red Bank ch 16 50. *Pby of Passaic*—Wickliffe ch, mo con 16 34; 3d ch, Newark, mo con 24 27; 1st ch, Paterson 90 40; 1st ch, Morristown, mo con 25 81; German ch, Paterson 5. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Towanda ch, mo con 12; Fall Brook ch 7 62. *Pby of West Jersey*—Fislerville ch (Clayton) 12 13, for debt 17 55 267 83
- SYNOD OF NEW YORK.**—*Pby of Connecticut*—Gilead ch 13; North Salem ch 12; Mrs Osborne 1; Rye ch, mo con 15 98, Sab-sch for debt 100. *Pby of Hudson*—Goshen ch 68 14. *Pby of Nassau*—South Third ch, Wmsburg, mo con 26; 1st ch, Brooklyn, mo con 23 19; Astoria ch, mo con 28 53; Geneva ch, Brooklyn, mo con, bal to con J C Farnham *Life member* 14; 1st ch, Jamaica 94 40, mo con 11 04; Mrs A Denton, to con Atmos D Hendricks *Life member*, 30; German Sab-sch, Wmsburg 4. *Pby of New York*—Brick ch, mo con 36 40; Alexander ch, mo con 4 54; Palisades ch, Dr C R Agnew 40. *Pby of New York 2d*—Peskikill ch, mo con 24 05; Mt Washington ch 100. *Pby of North River*—Calvary ch, Newburg, mo con 27 60 678 87
- SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.**—*Pby of Crawfordville*—Poplar Springs ch 3. *Pby of Fort Wayne*—First ch, Fort Wayne, Chapel Sab-sch 27 72. *Pby of Logansport*—Indian Creek ch 2 50; East Sand Ridge Sab-sch 4 50; Delphi ch 25 62 72
- SYNOD OF OHIO.**—*Pby of Marion*—First ch, Bucyrus, to con John P Black and E R Kearsley *Life members* 80. *Pby of Richland*—Orange ch 18; Ontario ch 5; Haysville ch 2 40; Vermillion Institute 32; Oliveburg ch 13 16 130 56
- SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.**—*Pby of Donegal*—Union ch Sab-sch, add'l, for debt 75 cts; Chanceford ch 98. *Pby of Huntingdon*—Phyl' coil 13 68. *Pby of New Castle*—Kennet Square ch 10; Oxford ch for debt 186 40; Green Hill ch 25. *Pby of Northumberland*—Milton ch 63, for debt 65. *Pby of Philadelphia*—Fifteenth ch, Phila 31; 9th ch, Phila, Miss Jane Rose 10. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Kensington Sab-sch 34 50; 2d ch, Phila, half mo coil 4 38. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Frankford ch 100; Catasauqua ch 20 663 71
- SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.**—*Pby of Blairville*—Ligonier ch 80; New Salem ch 99 82; Greensburg ch 51 35. *Pby of Clarion*—Perry ch 11 50. *Pby of Ohio*—Bethel ch 120; Mingo ch 120, and Sab-sch 14 to con Mrs Margaret
- McVay, J A Happer, and Robert Patton *Life members*; Bethany ch, Male Missy Socy 72 25; Fennale do 27 75. *Pby of Redstone*—Sewickley ch, a member 3; Uniontown ch 124; Little Red-stone Sab-sch 10; McClellandtown ch 15; Dunlap's Creek and New Salem chs 37; Round Hill ch 91 53. *Pby of Salisbury*—Glade Run ch for debt 21, Sab-sch 10; Currie's Run ch 10 868 20
- SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.**—*Pby of St Paul*—Westminster ch, Minneapolis, mo con 3 36; Forest ch 3 6 36
- SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.**—*Pby of Findlay*—Findlay Sab-sch 10. *Pby of Maumee*—Eagle Creek ch 4. *Pby of Michigan*—Bennington ch 9 45; Perry ch 9 05; Alton ch 10 50. *Pby of Western Reserve*—Springfield Sab-sch for debt 15, Rev R B Moore 25 83 00
- SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.**—*Pby of Des Moines*—Garden Grove ch 11 75; First ch, Knoxville 10 05. *Pby of Fairfield*—Libertyville ch 4 23 80
- SYNOD OF WHEELING.**—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Hubbard ch 6; Coitsville ch 5. *Pby of Staubenville*—Annapolis ch 26; 2d ch, Steubenville 49, Sab-sch 35 12, for debt 14 81; Centre L'nity ch, for debt 10 60; Corinth ch 27. *Pby of Washington*—Lower Ten Mile Sab-sch 3 25; 1st ch, Washington, mo con 16 80; East Buffalo ch, Mrs Sarah Johnson 50, Sab-sch 12 50, for debt 27 85 284 93
- SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.**—*Pby of Winnebago*—Kilbourne City Sab-sch, cent socy 2; Depere ch for debt 16; Robinsonville ch 12 10; 1st ch, Plover, add'l 2 32 10

Total received from churches, \$5,552 73

LEGACIES.—Legacy of Noah Town, dec'd, Erie, Pa, less tax 94 00

MISCELLANEOUS.—Rev S Bowman for debt 5; Mrs Jas Pollock, Phila, to ed a boy at Tunchow, 45 25; Mary Abbots' sch, St Louis 5; A friend 50; Gen Loomis 5; W 20; Nellie's offering for China 1 25; Gettysburg 1; A friend, mite for debt 5; J E Goddard, Yonkers, for debt 100; Cash for debt 100; Thank-offering, Odin, Ills, 5; Rev Dr Martin, Peking 15; Statesville col'd ch, N C, mo con 1 75; Charlie M 25 cts; Evangelical socy, Lebanon Academy, Ind, 2 35; Geo N Webb, Nantic, Conn, 10; Grand Traverse Mission, mo con 21 98; Mr Cracher 5; Thank-offering 25; Davie 3 65; A citizen, through Rev Dr Wilson, 10; A widow's mite, for debt, Carlisle, Pa, 10; Jacob Leyenberger 5; G P Reeves 50; J Edwards 50 cts; Mrs M E Brown, Valparaiso, Ind 80; Thank-offering from friend 30; G H W 5; Three little children, Jimmy, Madie, and Willie McLean 7; Reuben Porter 7, and J Howard Porter 3 for debt, Little Traverse, Mich 584 98

Total receipts in September, 1867, \$6,261 71

Fund for children of Missionaries, A X X, 141 00
* Previously acknowledged, 13,000 00

WM. RANKIN, Jr., Treasurer.

LETTERS relating to the Missions, or other operations of the Board, may be addressed to WALTER LOWRIE, Esq., Rev. JOHN C. LOWRIE, or Rev. DAVID IRVING, Secretaries, Mission House, Centre street, New York.

LETTERS relating to the pecuniary affairs of the Board, or containing remittances of money, may be sent to WILLIAM RANKIN, Jr., Esq., Treasurer—same address.

FORM OF BEQUEST.—The Board is incorporated under the laws of the State of New York. The corporate name to be used is—The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

PUBLISHING HOUSE, 821 CHESTNUT STREET
PHILADELPHIA.

Letters relating to agencies, donations of books and tracts, the appointment of Colporteurs, manuscripts and books offered for publication, and the general interests of the Board, to be addressed to the Rev. WILLIAM F. SCHENCK, D.D., Corresponding Secretary and Editor, No. 821 Chestnut street.

All communications, reports, remittances of money, donations, and orders for books to be addressed to Mr. WINTHROP SARGENT, Superintendent of Colportage, Business Correspondent, and Treasurer.

Subscriptions to the *Home and Foreign Record*, and the *Sabbath-School Visitor*, and payments for the same, to be addressed to Mr. PETER WALKER.

Help Needed.

Our Distribution Fund is exhausted and overdrawn. Who will give us help?

During the past months and years this fund has been a fountain of blessing to thousands of needy souls.

From it the Board has been enabled to give donations of books to many *mission and other needy Sabbath-schools* in every part of our land—North, South, East, and West. Many a band of teachers has been aided and encouraged thereby, and many a weak and struggling school has been strengthened and increased. We are every week receiving applications for such donations. The Board would gladly give; who will give it the means wherewith to do so?

Many donations of tracts have, during the past year, been given to *ministers and others for gratuitous distribution*. It is a blessed work to make such distributions, and brings precious returns. But now the source from which these dona-

tions are made is exhausted. Who will help to replenish it?

The Board has been sending large supplies to the *Freedmen and the Freedmen's schools* in various parts of the country. These supplies have been received with overflowing joy and gratitude. Must they cease? Will not those who can, come forward and help us to keep on sending to the freedmen?

Many grants have been made to *needy ministers and licentiates*, for their own use. Numbers of these, especially of those who are labouring on missionary ground, are utterly destitute of the means wherewith to buy books. Yet, good books,—commentaries, works on practical and experimental religion, on church history, religious tracts—just such books and tracts as the Board has and is anxious to give, are the very tools with which these servants of Christ may be greatly helped to carry forward their work successfully. Will not *somebody* help us to give ample supplies to our missionaries, and other needy ministers?

The fountain is dried up. Our Distribution Fund is entirely exhausted. Will not those whom God has given means, whether more or less, cause it to gush forth with fresh streams to the many needy and waiting ones whom it may refresh and bless?

Dead, yet Speaking.

Many readers of the Board's publications have been saddened to see a notice of the death of the

Rev. John M. Lowrie, D.D., at Fort Wayne, Indiana, on Thursday, the 26th day of September last. Dr. Lowrie was, at the time of his death, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Fort Wayne. He was a truly pious man, and an indefatigable and zealous labourer in the work of the Lord. As a scholar, he was thorough and accurate, and his acquirements were uncommonly extensive in every branch of biblical and theological learning. The Board has published from his pen the following works, "*Adam and his Times*," "*Esther, and her Times*," "*The Hebrew Lawgiver*," in two volumes, and "*A Week with Jesus*." These are all small 12mo volumes. It also published, some years ago, from his pen, a 12mo tract entitled, "*The Christian in the Church*."

Dr. Lowrie continued his literary labours until very near the end of his life, and only a few weeks before his death, forwarded to the Board two manuscript volumes entitled, "*The Translated Prophet*," and "*The Prophet Elisha*," which will be published in the course of the winter or spring.

The above volumes are all full of precious gospel truth, so presented as to make the volumes permanently valuable to the church, and to adapt them to interest and bless individual readers. During the very week of Dr. Lowrie's death, a letter was received by the Secretary of the Board, in which occurred the following sentences, "Tell Dr. Lowrie, for me, that his recent production, '*A Week with Jesus*,' is now greatly soothing and comforting the evening of Judge W——'s life. It may be gratify-

ing to Dr. Lowrie to know that it is doing a 'good work.'" He doubtless knows all about it, and rejoices that, although his body lies silent in death, he is yet, through these precious volumes, preaching Christ to dying men. More than once, in his letters written about the time of its publication, Dr. Lowrie alluded very tenderly to the benefit his own soul had received from contemplating the blessed truths set forth in the last mentioned volume.

Both the Board, and the entire church, have experienced a loss in the departure of Dr. Lowrie. May the Lord comfort and care for his bereaved family and congregation. And may he raise up other ministers of Christ to wield the pen as skilfully in setting forth gospel truth, as did our departed brother.

Get Books that will Last.

When the artisan, or the farmer, or the tradesman is making up a collection of books, he ought to bear in mind that a well-kept book will last a life-time. Some of the soundest books I have ever owned by my grandfather. It is quite imprudent to fill our houses with trash. Ten dollars, wisely expended, will, at an auction or book-shop, furnish you with fine old copies of Milton, Young, Thomson, Pope, the Spectator, the Rambler, Boswell's Johnson, Plutarch's Lives, Josephus, with quite a sprinkling of later and lighter productions. And this will be a source of endless entertainment during the winter evenings.—*Dr. James W. Alexander.*

Reading for Sailors.

We have received an earnest request to grant a supply of small volumes and suitable tracts to the sailors on several ships, about soon to leave this port. The Board has published exactly the kind of books and tracts adapted to this use, but, alas! our Distribution Fund is entirely exhausted. Who will send us the means wherewith, we may supply each of these ships with a nice lot of excellent religious reading?

Children's Praise."

This beautiful little volume of Hymns and Tunes, for the use of Sabbath-schools, is finding remarkable favour in all parts of the Church. Thousands of them have been already sold, and orders are coming fast. We earnestly commend it to all who are interested in having the children of Sabbath-schools sing the praises of the Redeemer, in strains at once sprightly and reverential, and in words un-mixed with the sentimental nonsense of which so much is published in these days for the use of the Sabbath schools. Its price is thirty cents per copy, or thirty-five cents in stiff covers. The same price per copy for any quantity.

The Hymnal.

The small edition of the Hymnal, (an 18mo) has been published, and the Board is ready to receive orders for it. Its price in plain binding,—either sheep, or black leather embossed,—is \$1.25. The same, with gilt edges, \$1.50. Other styles on finer paper, and in various handsome bindings, will be ready

within a few weeks. The small edition seems to be received with extensive favour, and numerous orders are already coming to hand. Large numbers of the more prominent churches, both East and West, are introducing it into their Sabbath services. We have yet to hear of the first church in which it is in use, which is not delighted with it.

Keep the mind pure.

Beware of bad books, because principles imbibed and images gathered from them *will abide in the memory and imagination for ever.* The mind once polluted is never freed from its corruption—*never*, unless by an act of boundless grace, through the power of the Spirit of God.

All the doctrines of the Bible centre in the cross of Christ; and all the duties of the Bible radiate from the cross of Christ. God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.—GAL. vi. 14.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

I. **The Sabbath.** By Charles Elliott, D.D., Professor of Biblical Literature and Exegesis in the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Chicago, Ill. Small 12mo. Price 60 cents.

This very compact and able Treatise on the Sabbath will be found an efficient ally to the Christian people of this land in the great contest now waging for and against the sanctification of God's holy day. In the very limited compass of about one hundred pages it clearly states and defends all the great principles which underlie that important subject.

II. **The Little Watchmen.** By the author of "Annie Lincoln's Lesson," 18mo. Price 60 and 65 cents.

The volume will be an acquisition to any Sabbath-school library which may

possess it. It contains admirable instructions respecting the requirements of God and the true nature of the divine life, communicated in a way to make them attractive and useful to children.

III. The Lost Light. 18mo. Price 55 and 60 cents.

A delightful volume containing several tales full of important lessons for children. None who begin it will be willing to lay it aside without reading to the end.

IV. Only a Penny. By Nellie Grahame, author of "Diamonds Reset," "Stepmother's Recompense," &c. 18mo. Price 40 and 45 cents.

An admirable tale from a gifted pen, illustrating the real value of money, and how it ought to be used. A little volume which no child of either rich or poor parents could read without great benefit.

V. Only this Once. By Nellie Grahame, author of "Sophia Bleeker," "Dick Mason," &c. Price 25 and 30 cents.

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<i>Pky of Connecticut</i> —Thompsonville ch 10; North Salem ch 6	16 00
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<i>Pky of Newton</i> —Stewartville ch 41 36; Middle Smithfield ch 5	46 36
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<i>Pky of Cedar</i> —Sugar Creek ch 4 46; Wilton ch 7 30	11 75
<i>Pky of Marion</i> —Delaware ch	11 00
<i>Pky of Carlisle</i> —Harrisburg ch 52 79; Piney Creek ch 15 60	68 39
<i>Pky of Des Moines</i> —Des Moines ch	80 00
<i>Pky of Vincennes</i> —Union ch	1 50
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<i>Pky of Albany</i> —Johnstown ch, special,	66 23
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<i>Pky of West Jersey</i> —Absecon ch	10 00
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<i>Pky of Steubenville</i> —Bloomfield ch	12 50
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<i>Pky of Washington</i> —Claysville ch	39 25
<i>Pky of Allegheny City</i> —Beaver ch 17 15; Bridge- water ch 40	57 15
<i>Pky of Blairsville</i> —Parnassus ch	9 63

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Total for September, \$2,027 66

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<i>Pby of Mohawk</i> —Park Central ch 18 40		Plainfield 1st ch 25 55	45 55
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<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Worthington ch 5; New Salem ch 7; Scrubgrass ch 8; Tarentum ch 10 01; Centre ch 13 46	43 46	<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Middle Smithfield ch 10 00	10 00
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<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Sturgeonville ch 10 50; Mercer 1st ch 22 82	33 32	<i>Pby of Baritan</i> —First Pres ch 56 35; Musconetcong Valley ch 12; Flemington ch 63 42	131 77
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<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Piney Creek ch 11 50; Emmittsburg ch 17 22; Rocky Spring ch 75 90	104 62	<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Deerfield ch 31; Fislerville ch 22 65; Brainard ch 5 82; Pittsgrove ch 82 75	92 22
<i>Pby of Buffalo City</i> —Calvary ch 87 00	87 00	<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Bridgeport 1st ch 70; Rye ch 70 85; North Salem ch 4; Hartford 1st ch 10	154 85
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<i>Pby of Ogdensburg</i> —Hammond ch 9 00	9 00	<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —Huntington ch 40 53; Huntington South ch 20 40	60 93
<i>Pby of Rochester City</i> —Seneca ch 26 97	26 97	<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Ainslie st ch, Brooklyn, 25 16; Ross st ch, Brooklyn, 10	35 16
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Aledo 1st ch 7; Genesee ch 10 17	17 00	<i>Pby of New York</i> —Forty-second st ch 56 24; Throgs Neck ch 10; Alexander ch 13 13	79 37
<i>Pby of Chicago</i> —Jefferson Park ch 50; North ch 90; St Ann 2d ch 3 60; Fullerton Avenue ch 20	163 60	<i>Pby of North River</i> —Rondout ch 50; Marlborough ch 28 85; Middle Hope ch 8 15	87 00
<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Galena German ch 4 75; Sterling ch 27 60; Dixon ch 17 16; Morrison ch 10 11	69 52	<i>Pby of Crawfordville</i> —Lebanon ch 6 00	6 00
<i>Pby of Warren</i> —John Knox ch 10 25; Oneida ch 5 75; North Henderson ch 18 63; Shiloh ch 7	41 63	<i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —Wabash ch 14 00	14 00
<i>Pby of Schuyler</i> —Ipava ch 20; Carthage ch 24 05; Ebenezer ch 14; Chili ch 5; Bardolph ch 4	67 05	<i>Pby of Logansport</i> —Delphi ch 10; Monticello ch 9	19 00
<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Red Oak ch 10 15; Washington C H ch 17 50; Eckmansville ch 4	31 65	<i>Pby of Muncie</i> —Union ch 3; Hartford ch 2 5 00	5 00
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Lebanon ch 31 25	31 25	<i>Pby of Columbus</i> —Westminster ch 16 61; Lancaster ch 22	44 61
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Oxford 1st ch 24 00	24 00	<i>Pby of Marion</i> —Brown ch 4; Bucyrus 1st ch 20; Marsailles 9	33 00
<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —Union City ch 6 06	6 06	<i>Pby of Richland</i> —Utica ch 8 40; Savannah ch 10; Perrysville ch 13 30; Ashland ch 26 39	67 09
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Champaign ch 14; Crow Meadow ch 6; Union Grove ch 10; Farm-ridge ch 21 18; Chataworth ch 5; Towanda ch 20; Deer Creek ch 9 00	85 78	<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Keene ch 17 05; Chester ch 2 75; Berlin ch 6; Jackson ch 17 10; Wooster ch 24 93	67 83
<i>Pby of Kaskaskia</i> —Elm Point ch 6; Zion ch 6; Hillsborough ch 8 35	20 85	<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Salt Creek ch 6; Duncan's Falls ch 5; McConnellsville ch 7 50; Rush Creek ch 7 66; Bethel ch 5	31 16
<i>Pby of Palestine</i> —Arcola ch 10 00	10 00	<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Columbia ch 105 00	105 00
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Canton ch 7 15	7 15	<i>Pby of Huntington</i> —Bethel ch 9 31; Morris ch 5; Bellefonte ch 46 74; Birmingham ch 44 75; Logan's Valley ch 30; Sinking Valley ch 23 10	158 90
<i>Pby of Saline</i> —Golconda ch 7; Wabash ch 2; Salem ch 6	15 00	<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Lower Brandywine ch 8 75; Upper Octorara ch 31; Green Hill ch 15; Port Deposit ch 15	69 76
<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —West Okaw ch 10 00	10 00	<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Mahoning ch 87 51; Grove ch 73; Chillisquaque ch 16 50; Mooresburg ch 8 50	185 51
<i>Pby of Indianapolis</i> —Hopewell ch 20 25; New Prospect ch 2 25	22 50	<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Chester ch 28 00	28 00
<i>Pby of Madison</i> —Hanover ch 16 40; Pleasant Township ch 5 15	21 55	<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Kensington ch 65; Central ch 115 30	180 30
<i>Pby of New Albany</i> —Jeffersonville ch 37 53	37 53	<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Newtown ch 20 30; Neshaminy ch 15 28	35 58
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<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Fair View ch 4 75; Blue Grass ch 7 30; Springville ch 3; Summit ch 15 50; Long Grove ch 8; Marion ch 6 56; Hermon ch 5. Pastor 70 ctw. 6 70	50 81	<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Montours ch 14 50; Mingo ch 53; Forest Grove ch 22; Pittsburgh 1st ch 181 87	271 87
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Frankville ch 11; Scotch Grove ch 12; Wayne ch 2 05; Peosta ch 6 25; Epworth ch 3	33 30	<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Long Run ch 26 25	26 25
<i>Pby of Highland</i> —Highland ch 5; Salem ch 1 6 00	6 00	<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Leechburg ch 20; West Lebanon ch 9; Eldersridge ch 13 51	42 51
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The Work goes On.

One who has grown old in the service, and who has spent most of his ministry among the coloured people, says, "I have made up my mind not to go North to visit my friends. I cannot leave my work well, and the expense is too great. Last Saturday and Sabbath I spent at a place called Boston; we had the communion there, and fourteen were added to the church. Eleven adults were baptized and five children. Mr. B., a white man, communed with us. We had a large congregation; and I believe our good Master was also present, and we enjoyed the service much. I have been trying to supply five or six churches once a month. To four of these I preach regularly one Sabbath in each month, but they require more services, as they have not a sufficient number of intelligent elders to carry on the work themselves. I have arranged to go to B. next week to organize the church there; to preach three days and have the communion. The tone of moral feeling among the coloured females is very low. Well did you say, that slavery blotted out the seventh commandment. My wife and sister have laboured hard to instil virtuous principles in their minds, but we need the Holy Spirit to form their hearts anew. This was one of our greatest trials in the West Indies; but we have much to encourage us as well as discourage. 'All nations shall serve Him,' and he must be made known to every creature on earth.

"Faith—mighty faith, the promise sees,
And looks to God alone.
Laugh at impossibilities,
And says, it shall be done."

"The political excitement that prevails is too much; directing the minds of the people from the 'one thing needful.'"

James H. Crawford two months ago opened a school at White Hall, ten miles from Louisburg, N. C., upon an earnest invitation from the people, who had built a school-house for themselves. Religious services were held on the Sabbath in connection with the Sabbath-school, and the Lord poured out his Spirit upon the people. A month since the teacher reported the people as very ignorant and wicked as a mass. But as the result of the labours of this coloured teacher and of Rev. Mr. Downing's, the missionary in charge of that field, a church has been organized, with promise of speedy increase. This church is located in a large community of coloured people, hitherto destitute of all religious instruction, except such as was given by their ignorant exhorters. This makes the third church organized in Mr. Downing's field, where a year ago there was not a Presbyterian. Franklinton, Warrenton, and White Hall, already organized, with Louisburg and Manson ready for organization, give great encouragement, and assure us that the Freedmen are as ready to enter the Presbyterian Church as any other, where properly instructed.

The Rev. W. C. Smith has been appointed to take charge of the mission at Charleston, S. C., and enters upon his work with zeal, and we trust he will be remembered in the prayers of those who are interested in this great work. A wide and difficult field is before him.

We gratefully acknowledge the following special donations, sent to the missionary at Sumter, S. C., to be used in their mission.

From the young ladies of the Wash-

ington, Pa., Seminary \$10. From Mrs. H—, principal of Seminary, \$5.

From the citizens of Bridgewater and Rochester, Pa., for relief of suffering poor in Sumter district, irrespective of colour, \$69 50

Misses Bausman and Moorhead have applied these amounts in accordance with the wish of the donors.

For Freedmen, the Committee acknowledge the following, viz:—

Island Creek ch., 250 volumes Sabbath-school books, valued \$45. Rev. W. R. Vincent, Ohio, 30 volumes theological works, for W. J. Williams, value, \$20. One box Sabbath-school books, from Presbyterian ch., Wooster, \$50. From Rev. J. S. Elder and wife, \$5. Miss Agnes Wray, \$10, for Mrs. S. J. Neil's school, Va. 140 volumes Sabbath-school books, from Presbyterian Book Depository, Pittsburg, value, \$62 18. 400 volumes, Fairmount Sabbath-school, not valued.

The following articles have been given for the building of Biddle Institute, by merchants of Pittsburg, viz:—

Lloyd & Black, 4 kegs nails. J. S. Slagle, ditto. Lorenz & Wightman, 2 boxes glass. Page, Bellers, & Duff, one box glass. James & Wood, 5 kegs nails. A. & D. H. Chambers, 2 boxes glass. Jones & Co., 2 kegs nails. W. M. & C. Co., 2 boxes glass. McKnight & Co., 2 bundles sheet iron. E. Gregg, box hardware, locks, hinges, &c. Novelty Iron Works, box hardware, screws, hinges, &c. L. B. & Dalzell & Co., 3 kegs nails. J. P. Peas, 3 boxes glass. R. Schmertz, one box glass. W. & K., one barrel oil. Dilworth Brothers, ditto. Henry Forsythe, ditto. Fanestock, Albreo, & Co., box glass.

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<i>Pby of Buffalo City</i> —Central ch	40 80
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Mahoning ch	12 20
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —New Alexandria ch	11 10
<i>Pby of Celav</i> —New York Prairie ch 4 50; Muscatine ch 17 75; Tipton ch, of wh 6 10 is from Sab-sch, 11 60	33 75
<i>Pby of Chicago</i> —Oswego ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Pisgah ch 5 65; Greenville ch 13 78	19 43
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —First ch, Walnut Hills	110 75
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Westfield ch	31 38
<i>Pby of Indianapolis</i> —Third ch, Indianapolis, H C Newcomb 5; Southern Gentleman 5	10 00
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Shrewsbury ch	12 00
<i>Pby of Muncie</i> —1st ch, Indianapolis, Thomas Sharpe 20; B A Johnson 5; W I Johnson 5; James Brown 5; ch coll 43 25	78 25

<i>Pby of Miami</i> —New Jersey ch 15 60; Carrollton ch 2 60; 1st ch, Dayton, special, B M 1 32 50	50 50
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Valley ch 12 85; Sharon ch 28	40 85
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Henry ch	21 00
<i>Pby of Rochester City</i> —Port Byron ch.	29 94
<i>Pby of St Paul</i> —Modina ch	1 50
<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Washington ch 3 28; Elders-ridge ch 17 70; West Lebanon ch 10 47	31 45

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev D L Dickey, Pa. 5; R C Stewart, Hamilton, O. special 50; Bequest of Noah Town, dec'd. of Erie, Pa, by L L Lamb, Ex 94

149 00

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<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —North Salem ch	4 00
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Florida ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Third st ch, Wmsburg	19 67
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Ninth ch, Phila. by Miss Ellen Rose	5 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Doylestown ch	12 70
<i>Pby of Raritan</i> —Musconetcong Valley ch	9 15
<i>Pby of S Missouri</i> —Missionary field of J McFarland	2 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev W M Engles, D.D., Phila

20 00

Total receipts in September, \$783 42
A. CAMERON, Treasurer.

COLLECTIONS FOR THE BIDDLE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE, BY REV. W. L. MILLER, AGENT.

<i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i> —Cash 20; Cash 25; John Wyman 25; Richard Smith 100; J G Monfort 5; J M Wampler 2; Gen M S Wade 10; Mr D J Falls 10; Miss Kauts 1; R K Brown 5; Mrs B Smith 10; John Wilt 1; James N Huie 10; J C Culbertson 2; H Dinemuk 5; A E Chamberlain 10; Cash 1	243 00
<i>Dayton and Miami City</i> —Mrs M C King 50; W B King 50; D Osborn 10; H J Williams 10; D J Osborn 5; P Mitchell 5; J Hans 3; Cash 1; Cash 35; D W Stewart 5; W W Stewart 2; W A Barnett 5; J L Kempler 3; T Mulford 3; R W Steele 5; Cash 5; R P Brown 5; E W Davis 5; H Pease 5; 3d Pres ch Sab-sch 30; Cash 5; Cash 5	254 00
<i>Columbus, Ohio</i> —Mrs C Ferguson 5; Cash 75 cts; Cash 2 50; Mr Gill 5; Mr Thomas 5; Dr Marshall 2	20 25
<i>Circleville, Ohio</i> —J Renick 25; H Renick 10; McRea & Bro 5; Wallace & Bro 2; Cash 5; Dr Clark 1; Cash 2; Mr Hausman 1; Col Hawkes 1 50; N S Gregg 2; Mr Shultz 1; Cash 1	56 50
<i>Chillicothe, Ohio</i> —Cash 10; J Steel 1	11 00
<i>Union Church</i> —Cash 10	10 00
<i>Pisgah Church</i> —Rev J Barret	10 00
<i>South Salem, Ohio</i> —Rev A Young 10; L Scott 5; J A Wallace 5; A Price 3; Mrs J Vanderman 1; Mrs Kingley 1; Joseph Biggs 1; S Adams 1; Dr Hamilton 1	30 00
<i>Seven Mile Church</i> —Mr Smith	5 00
<i>Hamilton, Ohio</i> —Cash 2; Cash 2; G W Falconer 5; G W Tuppacott 5; J Shaffer 2; Mr Potter 5; B Fuller 1 50	22 50
<i>Bucyrus, Ohio</i> —Cash 2; Cash 1; Cash 1; Cash 2	6 00
<i>Washington, Pa</i> —Second Pres'n ch, Rev B V Dodge 10; R G Strea 5	15 00
<i>Johnstown, Pa</i> —Collection 25 60; Cyrus Pershing 5; Cash 2 50; Cash 1; Dr Sheridan 5; Jas Pierce 2	41 10
<i>Altoona, Pa</i> —B F Rose 5; Dysart 5; M Bau-mans 5	15 00
Total collected,	\$739 35

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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Right Views Prevailing—Home Missions a Necessity.

Report of the Committee appointed by the Presbytery of Rochester City, to propose a minute upon the claims of the Board of Domestic Missions.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute upon the claims of the Board of Domestic Missions, respectfully report as follows:

The Presbytery of Rochester City feel impelled to declare anew their conviction of the vast importance of the work of missionary labour in our own land, carried on under the auspices of the Board of Domestic Missions. It is of the first moment that this country, nominally Christian, should be such, in fact. For the preservation of our national liberties and our Christian institutions, it is necessary that the infidelity and superstition, the Sabbath desecration and loose morality that are brought to our shores, and disseminated through our land by the multitude of European emigrants coming among us, should be met and counteracted by the pure evangelical Christianity, which native Americans have inherited as a

birthright from our fathers. The power that this country, if thoroughly evangelized, might exert in hastening the conversion of the whole world, cannot be over estimated. And thus, if viewed rightly, *the work of Domestic Missions is seen to be the best agency for the same success, ultimately and speedily, of the kindred work of Foreign Missions, and for the attainment of the grand goal of all Christian effort in the introduction of all mankind into the kingdom of God.*

We regret therefore to observe (what we cannot but conceive to be a fact,) that our churches generally do not appreciate the magnitude, the importance, the urgency of the work of this Board.

The Presbytery, therefore, desire earnestly to impress upon the churches under its care the duty of contributing steadily and cheerfully and generously to this cause so dear to the heart of the patriot and the Christian. And the ministers of the Presbytery are enjoined to acquaint themselves with the present needs of the Board, and to present to their people, at the earliest convenience,

its claims upon their sympathies and support, and by all possible means to endeavor to awaken among them a spirit of enlightened and enlarged liberality in their contributions to this object.

Your committee would also recommend, in view of the complaint of the Board that many of their missionaries make no statistical reports of their operations, that the Presbytery, with a desire to remedy this evil so far as is in our power, and so far as it may exist in our own bounds, adopt the accompanying resolution, as a standing rule of Presbytery.

Resolved, That churches receiving aid from the Board of Domestic Missions be required to send statistical reports of their condition and operations to the Secretary of the Board, annually; and that no application be endorsed by the Presbytery for such aid, except subject to this condition. Also that it be a standing order of business at the spring meeting of the Presbytery, for the moderator to call upon these churches to report whether they have complied with this requisition.

C. M. WINES, } *Ministers,*
GEO. PATON, }
J. M. Clark, *Elder,*
Committee.

Courage--Maintenance of Rights.

Pennsylvania.

Rev. THOS. L. JANEWAY.

Dear Sir: With respect to the last quarter's labour, ending October 1st, in the Mount Washington field, I respectfully submit the following report:

During the aforesaid time, I preached nine times at different points, as I could best make it suit; besides visiting what I could, and conversing as I had opportunity, on things pertaining to an eternal world. The attendance upon the means of grace is very good, the house always being full

to overflowing: and there seems to be an increased attention to the preaching of the word. Our communion season will be in four weeks from last Sabbath, when I trust many will come out upon the Lord's side. I have already received the certificate of one from the Methodist Episcopal Church, and am expecting others to follow. It is hoped that by holding a series of meetings much good can be done for the Master. It is our devout prayer, that God will give the increase, that the strongholds of Satan may fall.

Notwithstanding the many cheering signs, Satan and his emissaries are very active in drawing men to perdition. His agents are at work in the shape of groggery keepers, and they are doing untold harm to religion, virtue, and order in the community. Young men, not out of their teens, are seen reeling and staggering along the highways, and heard ejecting their foul oaths and loathsome jests even within the precincts of the sanctuary. The greatest detriment to religion seems to be the general disregard for the sacredness of the Sabbath. It is, in this region, generally regarded as a day of *feasting and visiting*, and as there is much game, many think to turn it to good account by hunting. Many, too, that once named the name of Jesus, not in the Presbyterian Church, but generally in the Methodist Episcopal Church, are among the open enemies of Christ. The devil always puts forward a few desperadoes, to disturb night meetings, but, by God's help, he is often beaten at his own game. A few weeks ago, he sent one of these bullies of his to disturb the preaching, but he was completely discomfited, and put to rout. I gave him to know that God, in his good providence had sent me there to preach, and that I was going to preach if the devil was "going about as a roaring lion." He then withdrew, and troubled us no more

until after meeting was out, when he pulled off his coat, and commenced a general assault upon some boys; but I soon brought him to a halt, and when he saw that I belonged to the church *militant*, he seemed at once to accord me a place in the church *triumphant*, and withdrew.

I am very thankful to God that he has given me a height of *six feet* two inches, and one hundred and eighty-seven pounds of muscle, flesh, and bones, and an iron will to beard old Satan when he comes at me as a roaring lion. I had a warrant issued for the man who thus interfered with the worship of God, on *two* indictments; first, for disturbing the meeting, and secondly, for breaking the peace, and it has acted as a charm in restoring peace, and good order. "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you," certainly had an exact fulfilment in this case.

Yours fraternally,

N. B. I will take up a collection for the Board of Domestic Missions in four weeks.

Western Work.

A young pastor in the far West, in a familiar letter to a friend, gives a little item of missionary experience in that far-off field, to which pastors and Christians in more favoured localities would do well to give the most earnest heed; and this, too, in the tangible shape of a liberal relief. The writer, I am sure, will pardon the use made of his letter, if it shall contribute one iota to create sympathy, or secure aid for a faithful, self-denying young man. H. R.

"I had a very interesting call last week from Rev. Mr. —, a graduate of Princeton Seminary two years after me. He left a missionary field in Pennsylvania to take hold of the pioneer work in Western Minnesota. He is fifty-five miles from any other Old

School minister, and has a vast diocese to explore and cultivate. It would interest you exceedingly to hear of all his hardships and trials during the year he has been there: riding twenty miles at least every Sabbath; living all last winter in an unplastered house, warmed by a 'pocket stove,' yet the room so cold that vegetables froze in it. He cut loose from the Board of Domestic Missions, and threw himself upon his people for support, in a hamlet of fifteen or twenty families only. But they have taken care of him nobly for a poor people, and he is doing a great work. He is gathering congregations and churches at various points—at least forming nuclei of future churches, and providing for the introduction of Presbyterianism in all that splendid country, that is so fast becoming settled. It lies on the proposed route of the Northern Pacific Railroad, and will soon be filled with an intelligent, enterprising people, like the rest of Minnesota.

"The young missionary's object in coming to Wisconsin, was to get aid to put up a church building. At Milwaukee, he procured \$150. We did what we could for him here.

"How I should like to get hold of some of your rich Eastern churches and tell them some things I know about our Western work, and loosen the purse-strings a little. What a shame it is that our Board should be in such embarrassment, and have to cut down their appropriations to men who now live on a pittance of five or six hundred dollars; and often cannot attend meetings of Presbytery or Synod for lack of money to pay their railroad fare!

"How deplorable, that flourishing towns and villages, where in a few years self-sustaining churches might be built up, if we could only support men in them for a year or two till the organization was complete, should be left to spiritual desola-

tion for the want of a little temporary aid. But we cannot do it, and the Board has no money; yet churches can be built East as grand as opera houses; furnished with ten or twenty thousand dollar organs, while that same church may give one hundred dollars for this great work of Domestic Missions. Or should it give a thousand dollars, a fifteenth part of their own annual expenses, it would be proclaimed as an example of munificence worthy of all praise.

"If I should ever leave the West, and settle East, I tell you my people would have to shell out a little for church extension.

"Yours truly, _____"

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS
IN OCTOBER, 1867.

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Freeport ch 36 36; Plain Grove ch 38 46. *Pby of Erie*—East Aurora ch 6 25 81 06

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Govane Chapel 10. *Pby of Carlisle*—Centre ch 18 97; Upper Path Valley ch, from female miss'y soc'y, 79 86; Petersburg ch 14 37; Landisburg ch 25 50; Upper ch 33 50; Middletown ch 21 87. *Pby of Potomac*—N Y Avenue ch, Washington, D C 33 13 247 20

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Ogdensburg*—Hammond ch, from Robert Rodger, 20. *Pby of Rochester City*—Rochester City, 1st ch 126 07; Charlotte ch 15 160 07

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Rock River*—White Rock ch 6; Freeport ch 60, of wh 20 from the Sab-sch; Galena Ger ch, ladies' soc'y 6 50 72 50

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Chillicothe Ger ch 20. *Pby of Oxford*—Harrison ch 10. *Pby of Sidney*—De Graf ch 2 32 00

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Kaskaskia*—Trenton ch 10; Galum ch 5. *Pby of Palestine*—Charleston ch 20. *Pby of Peoria*—French Grove ch 16; Farrington ch 20; Canton ch 15; Princeton ch 15 26; Delavan ch 15; French Grove ch 10; Toulon ch 5; West Jersey ch 5; Rev J F Magill 5; Henry ch 25; Brunswick ch 6 172 25

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Madison*—Versailles ch 10. *Pby of New Albany*—Ger ch of Jackson oo 7 17 00

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—Fulton ch 1 65. *Pby of Fort Dodge*—Coldwater ch 3; Pisgah ch 3 7 65

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Topeka*—Manhattan ch 15 00

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Fotosi*—Pleasant Hill ch 5 35. *Pby of St Louis*—Washington ch 14. *Pby of Upper Missouri*—Oregon ch 12 31 35

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Elizabethtown*—Westfield ch 40 86; 1st ch, Rahway 100; Lammington ch 70. *Pby of Monmouth*—Red Bank ch 40. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Morrisville ch 3 88; Dutch Neck ch 10 50; Trenton, 1st ch 255. *Pby of Passaic*—Westminster ch, Elizabeth 80 46. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Wyalusing ch 7 50 608 20

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Hudson*—Hamptonburg ch 38; Monroe ch 15. *Pby of Long Island*—Holbrook ch 2. *Pby of Nassau*—South Third st ch, Williamsburg, from Miss Bruce 2 50; Astoria ch, add'l, 64 75. *Pby of*

New York—Alexander ch 4 76. *Pby of New York 2d*—West Farms ch 18; Sing Sing ch 200 345 01

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Marion*—Cardington ch 3 25. *Pby of Wooster*—Holmesville ch 13; Orrville ch 6; Fredericksburg ch 70 97 25

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of Benicia*—Westminster ch 10 75

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Slateville ch 45; Cedar Grove ch 7. *Pby of Huntington*—Fruit Hill ch 8 50; Lewistown ch 171 51. *Pby of New Castle*—Wilmington 1st ch 18 50. *Pby of Northumberland*—Bloomsburg ch 80. *Pby of Philadelphia*—Tenth ch 340 30, less 10 for Record—330 30; West Spruce st ch 109, of wh Sab-sch 60. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Great Valley ch 17 44; Second ch 47 50, of wh 3 50 from a lady; Cocksink ch 100. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Norristown 1st ch 147 13; Brainerd ch, Easton, Juvenile miss'y soc'y, 300; Neshaminy ch Sab-sch 18 1399 88

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—Congruity ch 42 45; Poke Run ch 121 76; Blairsville ch 79 20. *Pby of Clarion*—Licking ch 25; Clarion ch, add'l 18 50; Rehoboth ch, add'l 5. *Pby of Redstone*—Indian Creek ch 2 50. *Pby of Salisbury*—Boiling Springs ch 10; Leechburg ch 34; Clarksburg ch, from Mr and Mrs H Robinson 2; Bethel and Jacksonville chs 30 370 41

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—Synodical collection 29 08. *Pby of St Paul*—Emanuel ch 24 60; Zoar ch 5 40 59 08

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Rehoboth ch 5 74. *Pby of St Clairsville*—Woodfield ch 3; New Castle ch 2; Buchanan ch 1. *Pby of Steubenville*—East Springfield ch 10; 1st ch, Kittanning, add'l, 54 63. *Pby of Washington*—West Alexander ch, mo coll 15; 1st ch, Wheeling 63 12; New Cumberland ch 63 219 49

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Broadhead ch 25; Oregon ch 8 51. *Pby of Milwaukee*—Holland ch 6 50 40 01

Total receipts from churches, \$3,986 16

MISCELLANEOUS.—Big Oak ch, Va, 6; "Friend" 5; Henry Brewster, Esq, Shirleysburg 5; "W J H" Iowa 75 cts. Little Willie, Mabel and Laura Clark, Phila 1; Mrs Wm H Magill 3; J W Morton, and V L Morton, of Chester co, Pa, 5 each—10; "A friend at Danville" 5; St Augustine ch, Florida 75; Rev R Taylor, D.D., Princeton, N J 10; "88" Princeton, N J 2; John Thompson, Esq, and wife, Nettingham, Pa 5 50; "Nameless" 6; D Shoemaker, Slippery Rock, Pa 1; Jas Russell, North Jackson, O 5; "A friend's thank-offering" 25; "S E G" Yonkers, NY 10 174 25

Total Receipts in October, \$4,160 40
S. D. POWELL, Treasurer,
No. 907 Arch street, Philadelphia.

CLOTHING.

1 box from ladies of Allentown ch, N J, valued at \$198 00

1 box from ladies of Upper Octorara ch, Pa, valued at 90 00

1 package from lady in Camden, N J, valued at 3 00

1 box from ladies of Peekskill ch, N Y, valued at 250 00

1 box from ladies of Westfield ch, N J, valued at 100 00

1 box from ladies of Rye ch, N Y valued at 400 00

1 box from ladies of Westminster ch, Baltimore, valued at 50 00

1 box from ladies sewing society of Raccoon ch, Pa, valued at 175 00

1 box from ladies of 1st ch, Metuchen, N J, valued at 300 00

1 package from Rev E A Proudft, Metuchen, N J, valued at 20 00

1 box from ladies of Copper Hill, N J, valued at 80 00

\$1,806 00

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTIFUL, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

Arise, shine; for thy light is come,
And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.
For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth,
And gross darkness the people:
But the Lord shall arise upon thee,
And his glory shall be seen upon thee.
And the Gentiles shall come to thy light,
And kings to the brightness of thy rising.
Lift up thine eyes round about, and see!
All they gather themselves together, they come to thee.

Thy sons shall come from afar,
And thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side.
Then thou shalt see, and flow together,
And thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged;
Because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee;
The forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee,
And thou shalt know that I, the Lord, am thy Saviour and Redeemer,
The Mighty One of Jacob.—Isaiah lx.

The National Presbyterian Convention.

The convention of delegates from six of the branches of the Presbyterian family, called to meet in November in Philadelphia, to pray together, and take counsel together, for the unity, peace, and prosperity of this great body of believers, was one of the memorable events of the century. Its constitution of able and chosen delegates from several distinct parts of the church, both clerical and lay, entitles it to a primacy among Presbyterian representative councils superior to that of a General Assembly. It was an assembly of General Assemblies. It will stand out in history like the Assembly of Westminster, or like the oecumenical councils of the earlier centuries. And if the basis of union, upon which the representatives of five of the six branches agreed, will be adopted finally by those branches, and the Divine blessing be fully granted upon the great purposes in view, the results of this Convention may be as extensive upon religion in the world as were some of those convocations.

Ever since the quieting down of the two leading branches of the Presbyter-

ian faith from that convulsion, by which one of them threw off the grasp of a foreign and unconformable religious influence, many Christians in each of them have been looking and praying for the time when brethren should again dwell together in unity. It has been often repeated that the power to affect it must proceed chiefly from the missionary fields of these churches, where the evils of separation are most painfully felt. And such has been its course. It is a beautiful thing to trace the wondrous Providence that threw the dis severed portions of the Church out into tremendous conflict for life or death with rampant vice, crime, heathenism, infidelity, and the unrestrained fury of all the power of evil, upon the remote Pacific coast, and thus drove them into a cordial and firm embrace; calling out vehement protests against the ecclesiastical division of the churches, and even proposals to form a "Pacific General Assembly," which might have proved a lasting injury to the great interests of Christ's kingdom, and endangered the national unity. The missionary presbyteries of the far North and Northwest, and a convention of ministers of both branches in Minnesota, the recommendations of whose memorial were adopted by each General Assembly four years ago, swelled the tide of union. Now, in this great convocation, doctrinal doubts are satisfied, concessions as to non-essentials are gladly made, and the promise is wonderfully fulfilled in each particular; "then thou shalt see—and flow together—and thine heart shall fear—and be enlarged."

The men who were present at this scene can never forget the spiritual and physical impressions produced by it. They felt that the whole body of hundreds of thousands of believers represented were engaged in prayer for these results, that God would further own in blessings still infinitely grander. Hence there was a melting power in the supplications, a sinking down of man into the dust, and an adoring and rapturous exaltation of a glorious King and Saviour. There was eagerness to forget unimportant differences, and render honour to other brethren. There was an intense desire to be united, not for any

political or denominational ends, but with the view of engaging with far greater activity in the zealous service of the blessed Saviour, and of hastening to fill the land, and the whole world, with the message of pardon through his dying love. Such sentiments seemed to overpower all others, and to influence every heart. And with this spiritual elevation there was an extraordinary physical impression sensible throughout the vast assembly of delegates and auditors. It was as if an invisible power affected all present, like that rushing of a mighty wind which filled the place where the disciples were gathered in prayer at Pentecost. The welling tears, the solemn countenances, the deep and tender tones of the voice, the intense earnestness of all the spectators, were produced by no human or ordinary influence. And after two hundred years, the words of one present at the Westminster Assembly may be applied to another of the kind: "The like of that assembly I never did see, and, as we hear say, the like was never in England, nor anywhere is shortly like to be." A most godly father in Christ said, that for weeks he had been greatly oppressed in spirit, and his petitions had taken shape in these words, repeated over and over a thousand times, by night and by day: "O Lord, disappoint our fears! exceed our hopes! surprise us with thy goodness!" But he declared this was far beyond all that he could have thought. Expressions of strange astonishment and joy continually broke from the mouths of people at the close of the meetings, and in their houses.

What shall be the result of this great prayer-meeting, and of these counsels? It is the general expectation, since the objections of the various leading classes of opponents of union have been formally withdrawn, that ere long some of the various branches of the church will flow into one. It is all in the hands of God. But if so, there will probably be heard no more the baseless and unworthy conceits of a Presbyterianism suited to one race, or section, or continent, and not to another. "There is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free; but Christ in all, and in all." There will be a mighty combination of forces, and a summoning of long-restrained resources, to publish Christ to all the land, and to the utmost boundaries of the earth. There will be a re-organization of the money power of the church. A call has been put forth by this conven-

tion for several general convocations for prayer to be held in the principal cities of the country, in the month of January. This is but another of the many tokens by which the God of Israel is moving his people to come before him with large petitions. A joyful day is coming for the youth of the church; a day of power from the womb of whose morning multitudes of them, countless and bright as the dew, shall be begotten to Christ. A joyful day is coming for the whole church. "It shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." "Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her." Ye shall "be delighted with the abundance of her glory." A joyful day is coming for the world: "For thus saith the Lord, behold I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream." Grant, Lord, that the promised day may be nigh.

Romanist Education.

There are two chief objections to Romanist schools; the direct evil effects of their discipline upon the individual, and their pernicious general results to society. Let us for a moment consider the latter topic. It is one of immense consequence to us, as a people. The Roman priesthood in Europe avow the purpose of their church to compel a political support for their religious institutions in America, so soon as their position favours it.

In the State of New York, shameless and reckless partizans have bought the support of the ignorant mass led by the priesthood, although they form but a small part of the entire population, by granting to Romanist institutions, asylums, hospitals, churches, etc., more than *fifty-four* times as much as to all the Protestant institutions, and more than *twenty-seven* times as much as to Protestants and Jews, out of the charitable funds of the State. From a careful examination it appears that there were thus appropriated in 1866, in all, \$129,025. Of this sum \$124,174 was given to the Roman Catholics: \$2,367 went to the various Protestant institutions; and \$2,484 to the Jews. In the city of New York the Common Council gave to Romanist institutions \$115,000. Other churches, as such, received *nothing*. But one Protestant institution is reported as obtaining money from it, namely, the Young Men's Christian Association, which was granted \$5000.

Romanists, probably, do not pay one-tenth of the city taxes; yet they receive *twenty-three times* the amount of money that the Protestant charities do from the treasury, or, as we may estimate, *two hundred and thirty times* their just share.

To what does this state of things tend? These columns do not allow us space for a full answer. But an illustration, that should thoroughly awaken every Christian and every patriot to the danger that threatens our country and religion, is presented in the condition and results of public education in the empire of Austria. It will be remembered that the concordat of Austria with the Pope of Rome, in September, 1855, bound up all education in the hands of the Roman priesthood, and gave back to them all the privileges that had been wrung from them since the days of the noble Joseph II, during almost a century. They were made independent of the government itself, with the right also to punish all persons guilty of violating their rules.

In twelve years their crushing despotism has become more than human nature can endure. The whole empire, and all classes in it, are crying out to the government for deliverance. A memorial sent from Transylvania, to the Council of State, thus describes the schools. "At the annual examination, the best children are able to give an account of how things looked in heaven: they know the names of the principal angels, the number of the saints, and they know something about hell and purgatory, and of the torments of the damned. But how things look in their own land, what it produces, and what might be produced better and cheaper, what is exported and imported, &c., of all this they know nothing. If the children are able to repeat, like parrots, their catechism and Bible history, they get presents, the ceremony is over, and the old story is repeated in the old way. The civil authorities have nothing to do with the school beyond furnishing the building, fuel, and all other necessary or unnecessary expenses. Is it no wonder that the greater part of the inhabitants of the Austrian monarchy believe that religion, faith, and the concordat form one indivisible trinity; and that, for setting aside the concordat, danger must ensue for religion and faith; that in separating the school from the church, morality and good manners are endangered; and that the introduction of civil marriages is nothing else than the introduction of privileged concubinage."

Are we prepared to have the intellectual light of this age thus obscured in the minds of the young? Shall our laws be trampled under the feet of a semi-Christian spiritual despotism? Shall the plain doctrines of God's word be held up to reprobation as immorality, infidelity, anarchy? Shall even our marriages be pronounced harlotry, and our children unlawful? This is all the logical end of Romanist education. Will we allow our money to be paid for what must ruin us? Will we cultivate the seeds of poison that will spring up in many forms, and multiply speedily to fill and curse the land?

Did you mean that Prayer?

Do you know what your prayer means, that the Lord would "send forth" labourers into his vineyard? It implies far more than a quiet commissioning of men, and then dismissing them to go forth in their own time. The verb employed signifies forcible action; *cast forth*. It is the word used by one classical author in relating how a crew of pirates determined to cast out a passenger from the ship into the sea, and drown him, that they might possess themselves of the wealth he was bringing homeward from distant lands; and again, where the same author mentions the driving of a ship a long distance out of its course by a storm. The word is applied to the expulsion of an enemy from a country; to the contemptuous ejection of a disagreeable person from a house; to the casting forth of an untimely birth by a woman in travail. It is emphatically not to "send forth" in a regular and formal way, but to cast, or drive forth.

"Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." The harvest is precious; the time is short; the labourers are standing in the forum all the day, idle, and excusing themselves by saying, "no man hath hired us;" or else promising, "I go," yet they go not. Now, Jesus says, plead that God will cast them out, it matters not by what means, so that they are compelled to go to work.

Here is a direct prayer that the fortunes of parents who pamper their children, and bring them up in sloth, may be snatched away, and that poverty may humble and purify them. Here is a petition that the father and mother who stand in the way of a devoted son, who is willing of himself to go out as a missionary to the heathen, may be

struck with a mortal disease, and like stumbling-stones, be removed. Here is a justification of the contempt with which old and settled congregations reject a crowd of ease-loving applicants for the vacant pulpit, and dismiss them mortified to seek remote and humble positions. Here the church is taught to prefer war, pestilence, and famine in a Christian land; anything, indeed, that will chasten, and sanctify, and scatter abroad to all its corners, and to the very ends of the earth, the multitudes that sit down to commerce, to the pursuit of learning, to the enjoyments of home and quiet, and stop their ears to the shouts of the dying millions, struggling for life in the stormy sea of the world's false creeds, and ceaseless crime. Here is a prayer to give the church no rest or comfort till she drive, or hurl forth, the unwilling labourers, until the harvest-field shall be fully supplied, and its last sheaves be gathered safely in.

So did the Lord cast forth the primitive church, by repeated and bloody persecution. Such has been the rule of the periods of great reformation in the past. Are we ready to pray for this violent expulsion of Christians into the broad, white harvest-fields of the earth now—and go ourselves?

The Home and Foreign Record

Should be put, with the beginning of the year, into every family in your congregation. The method recommended by the General Assembly is, to take a portion out of each collection for the several Boards and Committees, sufficient when added together, to pay for the *Record*. The increased contributions will soon repay the treasuries of the Board, and larger blessings will follow.

A Theological Student Gone.

At the beginning of the present session in the Seminary at Allegheny, Mr. Henry W. Rubinkam took his place in the Junior Class. A few weeks have passed, and he is no more. Why he, and not the reader, if he be a young person engaged in any course of study? Is the reader prepared to die? He was. Five years ago, when seventeen years of age, he devoted himself to Christ, in connection with the Princeton Church, of West Philadelphia; and very soon determined to spend his life preaching Christ. He was a man of ardent character, and a faithful student, until debilitated by a fatal disease of the lungs.

He died at Germantown, Pa., November 13th, among his kindred, who greatly mourn his loss.

One Hundred Dollars

From the reader, or procured through his efforts, would afford all the aid it asks to one of the parochial schools under the care of the Board, and help to train a number of those who may hereafter be shining lights in a world of darkness. Shall it not be sent?

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN OCTOBER, 1867.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Rynex Corners ch	\$16 00
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Central ch, Baltimore 24 81; Govane chapel 10	34 81
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Mahoning ch	9 90
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Landsburg ch 12 75; Upper ch 12; Middletown ch 17 92; Centre ch 12 97	56 64
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Patterson ch	7 00
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Clarion ch, add'l, 6 75; Reho- both ch 2 35	9 10
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Strausburg ch	18 00
<i>Pby of Fairfield</i> —Chequest ch	2 60
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Lewistown ch	47 00
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Monticello ch	21 17
<i>Pby of Londonderry</i> —Londonderry ch	11 25
<i>Pby of New York 2d</i> —West Farms ch	6 00
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Third st ch, Wmsburg 35 43; Miss Bruce 5	40 43
<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Orangeville ch	5 00
<i>Pby of North River</i> —First ch, Newburg	65 00
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Second ch, Trenton,	24 57
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Green Hill ch	11 00
<i>Pby of Ogdensburg</i> —Hammond ch, from Mr Robert Rodger	20 00
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Long Island ch 10 00; Hopewell ch 13 05; Pittsburg 2d ch 183 62	206 76
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Springfield ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Connellsville ch 28; Mt Plea- sant ch 19 75	47 75
<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Rural Valley ch 22 74; First ch, Kittanning, add'l, 40; Mr and Mrs Henry, of Clarksville, 2; Gilgal ch 16 60	81 34
<i>Pby of Transylvania</i> —First ch, Danville 108; Second ch, do 127	235 00
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Lower Ten Mile ch	7 75
<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Blackwoodtown ch	8 25
<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Brownsville ch	6 50
	\$1,007 82

REFUNDED.

J M K \$80 00

LEGACIES.

Estate of Robert Vanderbeek, less gov't tax,
300 80; Estate of John Means, late of Leba-
non ch, Allegheny Co., Pa, Interest only to be
used, 8,362 78; 8,362 88

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs Wm H Magill, 2; D Shoemaker, Slippery
Rock, Pa 1; James Russell, North Jackson,
Ohio, 5 8 00

\$3,428 40

II. FUND FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, &c.

Pby of Nassau—Ger ch, Wmsburg, 5 00

Total amount acknowledged, \$3,433 40

WILLIAM MAIN, Treasurer.

Letters and Communications in regard to the ob-
jects of the BOARD OF EDUCATION may be ad-
dressed to Rev. WILLIAM SPER, D.D., Correspond-
ing Secretary, No. 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia.
Remittances of money should be made to WILLIAM
MAIN, Esq., same address.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Annual Collections.

In this, and the next two or three months, most of our churches make their annual collections for Foreign Missions. We earnestly ask attention to a brief statement bearing on these collections. We make it at the suggestion of brethren who are pastors, for their use when the collections are to be taken.

1. The debt of \$35,000 may be regarded as paid off. The returns are not yet all received, but we are sure that the liberal gifts of Christian friends and of the warm-hearted children of the church have removed this burden,—and may the Lord richly reward them!

2. A sum not less in amount will be needed to support the Missions as they stood, last May, over the receipts of last year; without this, for the support of the missions as they were then, another debt is inevitable, calamitous as it would be. Thus far, that is, in the first six months of this financial year, there has been little if any increase, on the whole, in the *regular collections* of the churches.

3. Some enlargement of the Missions has taken place in the current year. As examples, a missionary and his wife have gone out to Brazil; three missionaries, one of them married, have gone to India; one missionary and one teacher have gone to China; a missionary and his wife, and two teachers, it is expected, will soon go out to Corisco;—these three teachers being unmarried women. Two brethren have returned to their work in the East, and two more are expected to return in a few weeks—three of them accompanied by their wives. A missionary and his wife will soon go out to Brazil. Arrangements are in progress for sending out several new missionaries early next summer, who are already under appointment. To guard against

the risk of injurious delay, the expenses of their outfit and passage should be provided for by the receipts of the current year. In other respects enlargement has been made, and should be made still further, but we need not enter into details.

4. Earnest requests have been received from missionaries in India and Siam, for increased salaries, owing to their increased expense of living. This item, if granted to the extent proposed, will increase the expenses about \$7000 of our money a year.

5. The price of gold has risen since the estimates of expenses for this year were prepared, increasing the cost of exchange, and adding several thousand dollars to the amount needed.

It is now evident that an *advance of one-third* over the amount received last year, from the churches and "miscellaneous" donors, will be required to defray the expenses of the current year. Let it be observed that this increase will be needed without reference to the debt of last year, or the sum received for it.

We know the times are depressing to many men of business. We know that other important objects are making urgent claims, which must not be neglected. And yet we feel sure that our Christian people can respond to the call of this foreign work. Let each follower of Christ only give as the Lord has prospered him, and ample means will be placed in the mission treasury. The real trouble is that so many do not give according to this standard. Can they not be persuaded to reach it? We do not ask for any special collections; they are in various ways embarrassing; but we long to see the regular collections made according to the Divine rule. If a practical suggestion may be respectfully offered, it is that it be earnestly considered whether the regular collections could

not be increased one-third over the amount given last year. The Synod of Baltimore resolved, a few weeks ago, to raise \$3000 in addition to the contributions of last year, in order to send a new missionary to a particular field of labour. This \$3000 is about one-third of the amount given by the Synod to Foreign Missions last year, and nobody doubts the ability of its churches to raise this additional sum; nor do we doubt their willingness to give it, for they are among the best churches of our body. How much more could this sum be given for the enlargement not of one mission, but of all the missions? And so of the churches in other Synods, if the people have but "a mind to the work," the work will be done, and the blessing of God will rest upon it.

Recent Intelligence.

THE LETTERS of latest dates received at the Mission House, New York, to the 15th of November, are as follows: from—

Peking, August 21st;
 Chefoo, August 29th;
 Ningpo, September 3d;
 Shanghai, August 16th;
 Canton, August 13th;
 Bangkok, August 15th;
 Mynpurie, September 20th;
 Futtehgurh, September 2d;
 Dehra, September 2d;
 Lodianna, September 23d;
 Liberia, October 11th;
 Corisco, August 15th;
 Rio de Janeiro, October 9th;
 Bogota, September 11th;
 San Francisco, October 9th;
 Omaha, October 24th;
 Creek, October 18th;
 Seminole, October 15th.

ADMITTED TO THE CHURCH.—The Rev. F. J. C. Schneider reports the admission of three persons to the church of Rio de Janeiro on the first Sabbath of October, and four to the church of Sao Paulo on the last Sabbath of September.

EQUAL PROTECTION OF CHRISTIANS IN CHINA.—The missionaries of different denominations at Canton, in conference, agreed to call the attention of the Societies at home to the importance of endeavouring to secure, through the intervention of their respective governments, the

right of Protestant missionaries "to reside, and purchase property for mission purposes, away from the treaty ports; and that in future no distinctions in respect of treaty rights be made between Protestants and Roman Catholics." A good opportunity of doing this will be afforded at the approaching time of revising the treaties between China and the foreign powers. At present, the desired protection is a matter of inference, rather than of stipulation, and in some instances it has not been afforded. Our own government, we suppose, if it should give any attention to the subject, would certainly ask for equal privileges to all.

IN BOGOTA, the missionaries write that they are "very much encouraged" in their work. They find an open door, increasing audiences, opportunities of teaching children, and circulating Christian books; but they greatly need a church building, indeed they consider this indispensable to their greatest usefulness. Such a building, of moderate size, and plain in style, would cost in that expensive city about twenty thousand dollars. They plead earnestly for this object. Shall they have it?

AMONG THE CREEKS, the Rev. W. S. Robertson refers with grateful interest to the fact that some of the leading men in the tribe were pupils in the mission school in former years, and they now show the benefit of their studies.

DEATH OF CHILDREN.—We regret to learn that Mr. Robertson and his family had suffered severely from sickness, and his two youngest children have been removed by death. Mr. Wherry also reports the death of their youngest daughter, while they were at Chefoo, in China. And the recent death among friends in this country of the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace, of Bogota, is reported. These bereaved families will meet with tender sympathy.

MISSIONARIES GONE OUT.—The Rev. Edward M. Wherry and his wife, Rev. Francis Heyl, and Rev. Charles B. Newton sailed from Boston, October 18th, for India. The Rev. John Butler, John G.

Kerr, M.D., and his wife, and Miss Henrietta Noyes sailed from New York, November 1st. Miss Noyes goes out as a teacher, having her home in her brother's family at Canton. Dr. and Mrs. Kerr are returning to Canton, Mrs. Kerr's health having been restored. Mr. Butler, of the Presbytery of Genesee River, will join the Ningpo Mission. Mr. Wherry is a member of the Presbytery of Donegal; Mr. Heyl, of the Presbytery of Philadelphia; and Mr. Newton, of the Presbytery of Steubenville. Mr. Newton is a son of the senior missionary of our Church in India. We ask for all these missionaries an interest in the prayers of our readers.

"CONFUCIUS AND THE CHINESE CLASSICS; or, Readings in Chinese Literature. Edited and compiled by the Rev. A. W. Loomis, San Francisco; A. Roman & Co., New York, No. 17 Mercer Street, 1867." This is the title of a 12mo volume, which we desire to bring to the notice of our readers. It contains selections from the writings of Chinese authors, relating to many subjects, which greatly assist one in forming a correct judgment of this ancient and remarkable people. The editor's remarks and notices are worthy of his excellent pen. We may refer to this volume more at length hereafter, but we wish now simply to mention its publication, and to speak of it as a book of great interest and value.

The foregoing lines were written for the *Record* of last month, but could not find room in it. We have since become better acquainted with this book, and consider it to be one of singular value. It enables one to judge of the Chinese mind, morals, manners, government, social life, religious views, &c., out of their own writings. We could wish for a similar work concerning the Hindus, and also concerning other heathen nations; but the materials for a book of this kind are seldom to be obtained.

Notices of Siamese Converts.

We insert an extract from a letter of August 14th, written by the Rev. S. R.

House, M.D., which gives an account of much interest concerning five converts, who were lately admitted to the church in Bangkok:

You will rejoice with us when you learn that at our last communion, August 4, we were permitted to receive to our Mission Church here, by baptism, or profession of their faith, five more of those for whom we labour and pray in this land of heathenism. Of the five, two are pupils of the most advanced class in the Mission School for boys. Two others are girls, that have long been under instruction in the families of missionaries, and the last, *Ahkaa*—a man of middle age, has for twenty years been in the employ of different members of the mission, from whom he had acquired much knowledge of scripture truth. His case, however, seemed hopeless, so complete was his bondage to his besetting sin of intemperance. The faithfulness of the native brethren at Petchaburi, during a visit there, and of others, here, has resulted in his setting out resolutely on the Christian life—not only a reformed, but we have good reason to believe a truly changed man. We can but regard him as a miracle of grace.

Of the youth from the Mission School, *Boon*, who is now seventeen, is a younger brother of Ah Aee, the pupil baptized last November, and now on his way to the United States, America, in quest of an education—the other, *Chan*, is a nephew of Kru Kio, who also was baptized last November—a more quiet lad than Boon—but equally decided in his renunciation of idolatry, and determination to live for Christ.

See, who is in Mr. Carden's family, on her examination as a candidate for baptism, delighted us all with her sweet, simple faith, and loving trust in the Lord Jesus, who had died for her; and *Ooey*, of the same age as *See*, about sixteen, from a child brought up under Mrs. H.'s care, was clear, bright, and decided in her experience. And she is happy withal, though her father, bigoted and unbelieving, is angry with her, and told her sternly, the other day, when he found she was going to be baptized, "Never to call him 'father' again, nor her mother, 'mother.'"

Two others deferred.

Besides those who were received, there were two others, pupils in the school, who gave us very pleasing evidence that a work of grace had been wrought in their young hearts, but it was thought best to defer their baptism for a season.

Surely we have reason, as a mission, anew to thank God, and take courage. And you will be glad to learn, that our native brethren keep up with interest and spiritual profit, their daily, or rather nightly prayer-meetings, where some of them are developing gifts in exhortation and prayer, that will make them very useful among their countrymen.

A correspondence, that they maintain with much interest and mutual benefit, with the native members of the sister church at the Petchaburi station, quite in the style I imagine of the disciples, promises to be of much good to all.

The Young Convert See.

The wife of one of the missionaries in Bangkok writes an interesting letter, under date of August 14th, from which we take the following extract concerning one of these converts:

I am beginning to like Bangkok very much, and to feel at home, but I regret to say I have as yet made but little progress in the language. I find my little boy to be quite a hinderer to anything like study, but I am working very hard now to make up for lost time, and do not quite despair of mastering it. I suppose you have heard from others an account of last Sabbath's communion. To me it was peculiarly interesting, as my little nurse, *See*, was baptized. This little girl has long been very dear to me, having had her since my arrival in Bangkok; and not being able to speak to her on the subject nearest my heart, was a source of deep grief. I could only pray and strive to love Christ for her; but God loved her too, and he has sealed her for his own. I shall never forget my feelings of joy, when about a month since, she came to me one evening, as I was putting my little boy in bed, and with tears in her eyes, told me that she was *so happy, so happy*; she loved Jesus. I put my arms around her; we were now sisters in Christ. When asked what first led her to seek Jesus, she replied, the exhortations of her father. He has been for some time a Christian, and was overjoyed at her conversion. "*See's* birthday, ma'am," was his exclamation to me, last Sabbath morning, most beautifully illustrating the gospel truth, being born into the kingdom of Christ. I have now with me, her two sisters, *Sang*, a bright little girl, of twelve, and *Sut*, a wee little body, of four. I feel very happy with *my little family*, and some of my most pleasant hours are spent in the morning, when, *baby asleep*, I sit in the verandah

studying my Siamese, and *See* and *Sang* beside me, with their books and slates, studying their lessons for me. Although home and friends are still fresh in my memory, and my heart often pines for the sweet music of church-going bells, yet I could not leave my distant Siamese home without many regrets.

Missionary Services among Refugees.

Tungchow, in China, where two of our missionary families are stationed, is a walled city, and it has a large population of its own. When the rebels invaded Shantung last summer, their approach to Tungchow was preceded by many rumours. After referring to these, the Rev. C. R. Mills thus writes:

There was the usual attendance of such alarm, a perfect panic among the people. In a few days the population must have doubled. However, for ten or fifteen days there seemed to be no actual present danger, and the people being at leisure thronged to our chapels and houses to hear our message, which I think we all were enabled to declare with unusual solemnity and impressiveness. The women who resorted to our houses were faithfully talked with by the ladies, who, I believe, every one of them overworked themselves. Our houses were all filled with refugees.

On the 10th July, the U. S. Steamer, *Wyoming*, with the American Consul, Mr. Sanford, on board came here for our protection. It seemed very wonderful. We had not made any request for a steamer, and we had no means of knowing the actual proximity of the rebels; but saw enough the next day. Rebels appeared at the foot of Temple Hill, a conspicuous elevation very distinctly seen from the harbour. The Chinese have only two explanations,—Either that we knew precisely when to expect the rebels, or, that the vessel was sent of God. Shall we doubt the latter?

July 11th.—All our surgical skill was put in requisition. My first attempt was on a man whose right ear had been cut off; my second, a poor old woman who staggered in sick, and faint with a bad sword wound in the head. She was nearly seventy years of age, and I am thankful to say is now, as also I believe the man with the severed ear, quite healed.

July 14th.—A guard was sent on shore to protect us in our houses. July 15th.

—Sunday, several bad cases of wounded people were brought to our houses. Dr. McSherry, surgeon of the *Wyoming*, came on shore and aided us in caring for them. A company of sailors also quite endeared themselves to us by their sympathy and heartiness, and having been in such scenes before, their practical skill in waiting on the wounded was really very valuable.

This day, July 15th, several small squads of mounted rebels were seen riding boldly about within gun-shot from the city walls. . . .

July 16th.—The guard went on board. The following day the Mandarins having officially declared the city safe, the *Wyoming* left us. Since then the wounded have been constantly dropping in, some of them from long neglect in a shocking state. The people in the country are still in a state of suspense, and the number of refugees is not much diminished. . . . Our two native assistants are still in the country with their families. So far as we know no Christian has suffered violence.

Thus our missionary friends were kept in safety, and enjoyed unusual opportunities of gaining the good will of the people, and of preaching the gospel to many who would not have heard it but for this rebel invasion. In all this we see an example of good brought out of evil, and we trust greater good will yet result from the labours of the brethren in this time of distress.

DONATIONS

TO THE

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN OCTOBER, 1867.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Johnstown ch 21 75; Bethlehem Sab-sch for debt 6 83; 24 ch Albany Sab-sch for debt 86 41; Central ch, Mayfield 10; State at Sab-sch, Albany 101; Schenectady ch 728; Saratoga Springs Sab-sch for debt 80; Esperance Sab-sch 2; New Scotland ch 16 50; 1st ch Albany Sab-sch for Tungchow sch 50, for debt 16; Mariaville Sab-sch for debt 5 50; Amsterdam Sab-sch for debt 5 28; Kingsboro Sab-sch for debt 15; 1st ch, Little Falls 38 60; Balston Spa Sab-sch for debt 14 60; E W Lee & Mrs Lee 6, Miss Gilbert 50 cts. *Pby of Londonderry*—Londonderry Sab-sch 25 25, for debt; 1st ch, Newburyport for debt 100. *Pby of Mohawk*—Durhamville ch 3 Sab-sch for debt 4; Oneida Castle Sab-sch for debt 3. *Pby of Troy*—Malta Sab-sch for debt 5; Waterford Sab-sch for debt 125; Cambridge Sab-sch for debt 26 75; 1st ch Lansingburg Sab-sch for debt 48 86 1:56 73

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Bull Creek ch, Ladies Miss'y Soc'y 6 Sab-sch for debt 16; Union Sab-sch for debt 0 52; Glade Run Sab-sch for debt 5 75; Worthington Sab-sch for debt 5 75; Rich Hill ch 10; Clinton-

ville ch 11 50, Sab-sch for debt 11 50; Scrub Grass Sab-sch for debt 12. *Pby of Allegheny City*—First ch, Allegheny City Sab-sch for debt 242 22; Freedom ch 14 29 Sab-sch 4 04; Pine Creek Sab-sch for debt 12; Leetsdale Sab-sch for debt 22; Manchester Ger ch Sab-sch for debt 17 25; Bridgewater Sab-sch for debt 42 71; Manchester Sab-sch for debt 16 20; Locust Grove Sab-sch 3 26; Brady's Bend Sab-sch for debt 53 40. *Pby of Beaver*—Slippery Rock ch 10; Beaver Falls Sab-sch 20; Clarksville Sab-sch for debt 16; Mount Pleasant Sab-sch for debt 10 38. *Mahoning Sab-sch* for debt 16. *Pby of Erie*—First ch, Warren 53 08, Sab-sch for debt 7 44; Fairfield Sab-sch for debt 13; Gravel Run Sab-sch for debt 5 10; Washington Sab-sch 3 10; Petroleum Centre Sab-sch for debt 20; Meadville Sab-sch for debt 35 50; Park ch, Erie Sab-sch for debt 30; Sandy Lake ch 5 Sab-sch for debt 2; Fairfield ch, Josephus and Abigail Andrews 5; Cochrans-town ch 25; Franklin ch 25; Oil City Sab-sch for debt 12 22 836 16

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Central ch, Baltimore 45 12, Sab-sch for debt 60; 12th ch, Baltimore 64 18, Sab-sch for debt 55; Broadway ch, Baltimore Sab-sch for debt 39; 1st ch, Baltimore for debt, Mrs George Brown 500, Mrs W Spence 100, Wm Graham 50, Dr Backus 50, Sundries 182 27, Sab-sch 34 23; Frederick ch Sab-sch for debt 13 25; Harmony Sab-sch for debt 7; South ch, Baltimore Sab-sch for debt 31 75; Second ch, Baltimore Sab-sch for debt 38; Taneytown ch, Thorn-dale Sab-sch 13 93; Col'd people 1 07; Mount Paran ch 10. *Pby of Carlisle*—Shippensburg Sab-sch to con John Bridges *Life member* 30, for debt 28; Chambersburg Sab-sch for debt 172 16; Silver Spring Sab-sch for debt 11 65; Upper Path Valley Sab-sch for debt 106; Hagerstown Sab-sch for debt 19, Albert Small 10, his children's savings, Albert, Edith, and Annie 10 03; Middle Spring Sab-sch 71 77; Newburg Sab-sch 21 30; Orrstown Sab-sch 3 70; Rocky Spring ch 20; St Thomas ch 10; Middletown Sab-sch for debt 13 16; Paxton Sab-sch for debt 40; Landisburg ch 39 75; Upper ch 37 25; Centre ch 18 97, Sab-sch for debt 3; Petersburg ch 10 25; Greencaeste Sab-sch 31 50. *Pby of Potomac*—Bridge at ch, Georgetown Juvenile Miss'y Soc'y 40, for debt 107; Seventh at ch, Washington Youths' Miss'y Soc'y to con J H Herron *Life member* 31; Falls ch Sab-sch for debt 10 20; N Y Avenue ch, Washington 71 12 2:249 61

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Buffalo City*—East Aurora ch 6, Black Rock Sab-sch 4 60. *Pby of Genesee River*—Central ch, Genesee 18 69; Warsaw Sab-sch for debt 20 25; Tuscarora Sab-sch for debt 6 08. *Pby of Ogdensburg*—Heuvelton Sab-sch 6; Hammond ch, to con Robert Roger *Life member* 30. *Pby of Rochester City*—First ch, Phelps Sab-sch for debt 25; Calvary ch, Rochester Sab-sch 13 138 53

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Bureau*—Lower Rock Island Sab-sch for debt 8; Aledo Sab-sch for debt 7; Woodhull Sab-sch for debt 12; Malden Sab-sch for debt 25; Arlington Sab-sch 5. *Pby of Chicago*—Rockford Sab-sch for debt 90; 1st ch, Morris Sab-sch for debt 20; Marengo Sab-sch for debt 20; St Anne Sab-sch for debt 3 03; North ch, Chicago Sab-sch for debt 106 89; Twenty-eighth st ch Sab-sch 13; Aurora Sab-sch for debt 8; Fullerton Avenue Sab-sch, Chicago for debt and to con H G Spafford and Sarah E Dean *Life members*, 66 67; Mendota Sab-sch for debt 21 06; Manteno Sab-sch for debt 93 58. *Pby of Rock River*—First Ger ch, Galena Ladies' Soc'y 12, Sab-sch for debt 7; Albany ch 10; Newton ch 12; Sterling Sab-sch for debt 60; Fulton City Sab-sch for debt 6 35; Middle Creek Sab-sch for debt 74 25; 2d ch, Freeport Sab-sch for debt 26; Galena South Sab-sch for debt 109 85. *Pby of Schuyler*—Doddsville Sab-sch for debt 18; Westminster Sab-sch, Quincy for debt 14; Ebenezer Sab-sch 14; Chili Sab-sch for debt 2 55. *Pby of Warren*—Young America Sab-sch for debt 3; Prairie City Sab-sch for debt

4; Altona ch 7 40, Sab-sch for debt 3; North Henderson Sab-sch for debt 20 06 832 68

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Eckmansville Sab-sch for debt 6 80; 1st ch, Chillicothe Sab-sch for debt 6; Ger Sab-sch for debt 2 50; Palace Hill Sab-sch for debt 3 30; Red Oak Sab-sch for debt 12; South Salem Sab-sch for debt 31 12; Pisgah Sab-sch for debt 16; Freedom Sab-sch for debt 5; New Market ch 4 81, *Pby of Cincinnati*—First ch, Cincinnati Sab-sch for debt 52; Lebanon Sab-sch for debt 42; 7th ch, Cincinnati, mo con 21 73, Sab-sch for debt 218; Springdale Sab-sch for debt 20; Pleasant Ridge Sab-sch for debt 10; Reading Sab-sch for debt 20; 1st ch Glendale 138 30, Sab-sch for debt 27 70; Central ch, Cincinnati Sab-sch for debt 63 86; 1st ch, Walnut Hills Sab-sch for debt 17 91; Cumminsville Sab-sch for debt 20. *Pby of Miami*—Franklin Sab-sch for debt 10 20. *Pby of Oxford*—Oxford Sab-sch for debt 20; Harmony Sab-sch for debt 18; New Paris ch 5 50; Harrison Sab-sch for debt 5; South Providence Sab-sch for debt 6 25. *Pby of Sidney*—Union City Sab-sch for debt 22; Bellefontaine ch 25 68, Sab-sch for debt 50; West Liberty ch 13 81, Sab-sch for debt 26 13 985 70

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—Synodical coll 100 45. *Pby of Bloomington*—Towanda Sab-sch for debt 23; Bloomington Sab-sch, Isadora Williver, a little girl for debt 15; Crow Meadow Sab-sch for debt 3; Lincoln Sab-sch for debt 4; Chatsworth Sab-sch for debt 6 10; Waynesville Sab-sch for debt 26 75; Deer Creek Sab-sch for debt 24 10. *Pby of Kaskaskia*—Cave Spring ch 3; Hillsboro Sab-sch for debt 20 10; Cher-ter Sab-sch for debt 7. *Pby of Palestine*—Charleston ch 20; Arcola Sab-sch for debt 7; Palestine Sab-sch for debt 5; Mattoon Sab-sch for debt 14. *Pby of Peoria*—Brunswick ch 6; Canton Sab-sch for debt 25; 1st ch, Henry Sab-sch for debt 51 50; Mansfield Sab-sch for debt 19; 1st ch, Peoria, A S McKinney, Sen'r 10; Elmwood Sab-sch for debt 42 50; 2d ch, Peoria Sab-sch for debt 72 81; Limestone Sab-sch for debt 10. *Pby of Saline*—Shawneetown Sab-sch for debt 10; Pisgah Sab-sch for debt 5 10; Salem Sab-sch for debt 16; Wabash Sab-sch for debt 4. *Pby of Sangamon*—Irish Grove Sab-sch for debt 12; West Okaw Sab-sch for debt 2; 3d ch, Springfield 40 26, for debt 50; Farmington Sab-sch for debt 25 60; 1st ch Decatur 100 719 27

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Indianapolis*—Acton ch 7; Union ch Sab-sch for debt 8 75. *Pby of Madison*—Hanover Sab-sch for debt 11 85; Cold Sab-sch 2 25; Little Girls' Sewing Circle 41 31; Lexington Sab-sch for debt 2 50; 1st ch, Madison 102 50. *Pby of Vincennes*—Rev J D Paxton, D.D. for debt 20; Petersburg Sab-sch for debt 11 60 207 78

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—Cedar Rapids Sab-sch for debt 12 45; Fairview Sab-sch for debt 10; Marion Sab-sch for debt 60; Lynn Grove Sab-sch for debt 18; Muscatine Sab-sch for debt 54 70; Summit Sab-sch for debt 30 55; Cropic Adams 1 45; Davenport ch 74 40. *Pby of Dubuque*—Sherrills Mount Sab-sch for debt 4 20; Franklin Sab-sch for debt 7; Hopkinton Sab-sch for debt 9; 1st ch, Dubuque, a member 10, Sab-sch for debt 25; 1st Ger ch, Dubuque Sab-sch for debt 2 55; Epworth Sab-sch for debt 11; Scotch Grove Sab-sch for debt 18 50; Waverly Sab-sch for debt 10; Independence Sab-sch for debt 10 50; Milo ch 7 25. *Pby of Vinton*—Salem Sab-sch for debt 22; Newtown Sab-sch for debt 20; Rock Creek Sab-sch for debt 25 447 55

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Highland*—Highland Sab-sch for debt 5 00

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Ebenezer*—Second ch, Covington Sab-sch for debt 57; Ashland ch for debt 43. *Pby of Muhlenberg*—Marion Sab-sch for debt 12 50; Fredonia Sab-sch for debt 2; Hopkinsville Sab-sch for debt 12; Dyersburg Sab-sch for debt 1 50. *Pby of Transylvania*—First ch, Danville 168 60; 2d ch, Danville 250 75; Mt Pleasant ch 20. *Pby of West Lexington*—First ch, Lexington Sab-

sch for debt 96 40; 2d ch, Lexington Sab-sch for debt, one class 6 75, 8 B 8 10 620 40

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Lafayette*—First ch, Kansas City 12. *Pby of Palmyra*—St Francisville Sab-sch for debt 6 40. *Pby of Union*—Whitewater Sab-sch for debt 20. *Pby of St Louis*—Second ch, St Louis Sab-sch for debt 243 25. *Pby of Upper Missouri*—Savannah Sab-sch for debt 5 20, Dr R R McCandless 1; Parkville Sab-sch for debt 2 25 290 16

SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.—*Pby of Nashville*—Second ch of Nashville Sab-sch for debt 56 00

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Burlington*—First ch, Camden Sab-sch for debt 45; Mount Holly Sab-sch for debt 22 40; Tuckerton Sab-sch for debt 3 81; 2d ch, Camden Sab-sch for debt 20; Burlington ch mo con 11 39, Sab-sch for debt 92 70; Columbus Sab-sch for debt 10. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—Metuchen ch mo con 13 55; Pluckamin ch 100, Sab-sch for debt 25; Loganville Sab-sch for debt 1 50; Elizabethport Sab-sch for debt 7 12; Liberty Corner Sab-sch for debt 15; 1st ch, Elizabeth Sab-sch for debt 101 50; Perth Amboy ch 5 25, Sab-sch for debt 15 40. *Pby of Luzerne*—Scranton Sab-sch for debt 50; Scranton Ger Sab-sch for debt 6; Wilkesbarre Sab-sch for debt 150; Mission Sab-sch for debt 12 74; Mahanoy City Sab-sch 6 02, for debt 29 31; Mission Sab-sch, New Boston for debt 7 19; Plymouth Sab-sch for debt 13; Summit Hill Sab-sch 4 66; Jamestown Sab-sch 2 20, P 12 78. *Pby of Monmouth*—Red Bank ch 20; Manchester Sab-sch 5; Toms River Sab-sch 17, for debt 7 40. *Pby of Newton*—Belvidere Sab-sch, Jesse Fleming for debt 2; Newton Sab-sch for debt 125 21; Infant Class for debt 66 50; Fredon Branch Sab-sch for debt 30 77; Yellow Frame ch, Wm P Vail, M. D. 5; Stewartsville Sab-sch for debt 27 70; Danville ch 18 65, Sab-sch for debt 16 35; Lower Mt Bethel Sab-sch for debt 8; Mt Bethel ch 12. *Pby of New Brunswick*—First ch, Hightstown mo con 10, Sab-sch for debt 15 60, Proceeds of Children's Fair for debt 21 50, Per Annie Shriver, Treas'r; 2d ch, Cranberry 40; Lawrenceville Central Sab-sch for debt 35; 2d ch, Trenton 13 25, Sab-sch for debt 23 25; 2d ch, Princeton Sab-sch for debt 130 20; Pennington Sab-sch for debt 34; Union Sab-sch for debt 3; Witherspoon st col'd Sab-sch for debt 52; 2d ch, New Brunswick Sab-sch for debt 34 40; Ewing Sab-sch for debt 20; 1st ch, Princeton 57, Sab-sch for debt 206 50; Queenstown Sab-sch for debt 5. *Pby of Passaic*—First ch, Morristown mo con 204 58, Sab-sch, for support of child in India 25, for debt 53 85, Inf't Sab-sch for debt 17 30, Legacy of little boy 2 70; Wickliffe ch mo con 9 78; 3d ch, Newark mo con 25 29; Mission Sab-sch for debt 3 25; Lyons Farms Sab-sch for debt 15 50; Central ch, Orange Sab-sch for debt 32, Alfie 5, Davie 5, Lottie 5, for debt. *Pby of Raritan*—Second Amwell Sab-sch for debt 12; Amwell United 1st Sab-sch for debt 15 19; Neshamick Sab-sch for debt 10; Milford Sab-sch for debt 10; Holland Sab-sch for debt 9 71. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Orwell ch 4 37, Sab-sch for debt 5 32; Towanda Sab-sch for debt 100; Warren Sab-sch for debt 6; Rome Sab-sch for debt 2 69; Wyalusing ch 7 50; Stevensville ch 5; Rushville ch 3. *Pby of West Jersey*—Piserville Sab-sch for debt 7 48; Glassboro Sab-sch for debt 7 83; May's Landing Sab-sch for debt 5; Tuckahoe Sab-sch for debt 8; Cape Island Sab-sch for debt 19 35; 1st ch, Cedarville Sab-sch for debt 95; 1st ch, Bridgeton Sab-sch for debt, Inf't 5 50, Primary 48 91, Advanced 48 74; Woodbury ch for debt 31 13, Sab-sch for debt 47 14; Millville Sab-sch for debt 5 25; Salem Sab-sch for debt 100 2,882 00

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—North Salem Sab-sch for debt 50; South East Centre Sab-sch 10; Poundridge Sab-sch for debt 35; Bridgeport Sab-sch for debt 50; White Plains Sab-sch for debt 25; 1st ch, Thompsonville Sab-sch for debt 65; South Salem ch, Mrs Thomas Gilbert to con self *Life member* 30, Sab-sch for debt 100; Croton Falls Sab-sch for debt 50 etc; Gilead ch for debt 10 35; 1st

ch, Hartford Sab-sch for debt 15; Bedford Sab-sch for debt 28 6; Red Mills Sab-sch for debt 40. *Pty of Hudson*—Go-hen Sab-sch 50; Washington ch 24 25; Monroe ch mo con 1 90, Sab-sch for debt 3 25; Scotchtown Sab-sch for debt 26 35; Hopewell ch mo con 14 75; Florida ch mo con 2 26, Sab-sch for debt 2 75; Jeffersonville Ger ch 5; Youngsville Sab-sch 5; White Lake Sab-sch for debt 2; Calicoon Sab-sch for debt 2; 2d ch, Middletown 72 50. Sab-sch for debt 47 50; Centreville Sab-sch 5 25; Hamptonburg Sab-sch 20, for debt 22; Mount Hope Sab-sch for debt 18. *Pty of Long Island*—Bellport ch 9; South Haven ch 18 05; Southampton Sab-sch for debt 21 92; 2d ch, Huntington Sab-sch for debt 113 10; East Hampton Sab-sch for debt 9 82; Melville Sab-sch for debt 14 45; Amagansett Sab-sch 2; Bridgehampton Sab-sch 4 25. *Pty of Nassau*—South Third street ch, Wmsburg mo con 39 77; East Wmsburg Ger Sab-sch for debt 10 10; Franklin Avenue Sab-sch Brooklyn for debt 11 60; 1st ch, Brooklyn mo con 72 91; Freeport Sab-sch for debt 5 90; Greenwich Point Sab-sch for debt 1; Jamaica Sab-sch for debt 27 50; Geneva ch for debt 105 68; Astoria ch mo con 45 35; Gold Premium 35, Sab-sch 21; Mission sch 10, — 111 35, less 64 75 cr'd Astoria ch in August, in error bal 46 60. *Pty of New York*—First ch, New York mo con 138 06, Mr and Mrs J Donaldson 360, Sab-sch for debt 35 20, Willif, Marnie, and Sidney Tabor for debt 26, Mission sch for debt 25 86; Brick ch mo con 110 82; Alexander ch mo con 4 77. Sab-sch for debt 5; Potta' Memorial Sab-sch, Morrisania for debt 20; Palisades ch, Dr C R Agnew 20, Sab-sch for debt 47 19; Westminster Sab-sch for debt 50; 1st ch, Jersey city mo con 87 22, Sab-sch for debt 56 25; Clifton ch Sab-sch for debt 25; Fifteenth st ch Sab-sch for debt 46 26; Greenbush Sab-sch for debt 20; Chelsea sab-sch 20; Stony Point Sab-sch 2 25. *Pty of New York 2d*—West Farms ch 20; Washington Heights ch mo con 73; Scotch ch mo con June and July 192. Sab-sch for debt 100; Peekskill ch mo con 17 17. Sab-sch for debt 50; Mt Washington ch 100; Sing Sing ch 275, Sab-sch for debt 50. *Pty of North River*—Calvary ch Newburg, mo con 22; Rondout Sab-sch for debt 115; Wappingers Falls Sab-sch for debt 17 36; Cold Spring Sab-sch for debt 3 25, New Hamburg Sab-sch for debt 14 40. 3 39 5 81

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pty of Crawfordville*—Warren sab-sch 6; Lebanon sab-sch for debt 1 13; Thorntown ch 3 45; Greencastle sab-sch 11 63, for debt 41 62; Rockville sab-sch 5; Waveland sab-sch 60. *Pty of Fort Wayne*—New Lancaster sab-sch 4; Bluffton sab-sch 3 80; Lagrange sab-sch for debt 10; Pleasant Ridge ch 10, sab-sch 33, for debt; Elhanan ch 3, sab-sch 5; Wabash ch 11. *Pty of Lake*—Goshen sab-sch for debt 50. *Pty of Logansport*—Lafayette sab-sch for debt 22 30; Monticello sab-sch 14. *Pty of Maumee*—Tip-ton sab-sch 3. 297 95

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pty of Marion*—Iberia sab-sch 8 50; Marseilles sab-sch for debt 5 25; Bucyrus sab-sch for debt 43; Liberty sab-sch 10 50. *Pty of Richland*—Savannah sab-sch for debt 99 59, to con A F Shaw and John Hanna *Life members* 75; Valley sab-sch for debt 4; Jefferson sab-sch for debt 3; Mount Pleasant ch 8 50. *Pty of Wooster*—Chester sab-sch 5 95; Fredericksburg sab-sch for debt 35; Wooster ch 40 15; Mt Hope ch 18 15; Jackson ch 25; Wayne sab-sch 3 75; Berlin ch 16. *Pty of Zanesville*—Muskingum ch 32 25; Children's Missy Box 7 75; Salt Creek sab-sch for debt 2; Washington sab-sch for debt 41; Madison ch for debt 43, sab-sch for debt 7; Buffalo sab-sch for debt 66 19. 598 63

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pty of Donegal*—Marrietta sab-sch 40 56, for debt and to con Mrs Lizzie J Fleming *Life member*; Middle Octerra ch 88; Wrightsville sab-sch for debt 58 70; Union sab-sch 1 12, Savings of little Willie Patterson, dec'd 26 cts; Union Acade-

my sab-sch for debt 1 30; Chanceford sab-sch for debt 11 72; Slate Ridge sab-sch for debt 5; Slateville ch 51 50, sab-sch for debt 2 04. *Pty of Huntingdon*—Lewistown sab-sch for debt 109 44; Huntingdon sab-sch for debt 37 57; Inf't sch 5 40, Little girl's pennies 6 94, Proceeds of fair and festival held by fourteen little girls 130; Curwensville sab-sch 3 25; Morris sab-sch for debt 3; Birmingham ch, Warrior's Mark sab-sch for debt 90; Beulah ch 8 70, sab-sch 7; Upper Tuscarora sab-sch for debt 11 10; Tyrone sab-sch for debt 20; Lewistown ch 53 91; Newton Hamilton ch 50 45, sab-sch for debt 4 07; Spruce Creek ch, Rock Spring sab-sch for debt 19 75; Spring Creek sab-sch for debt 71 25, Infant class for debt 30; Sinking Creek sab-sch for debt 26 10; Bald Eagle ch 8 01, sab-sch 3 39; Clearfield ch 42 14, sab-sch for debt 102 83; Hollidayburg sab-sch for debt 123 82; Lower Tuscarora sab-sch for debt 7 65; Milroy ch for debt 26 50; East Freedom ch, Alexander Knox's family, George 2 50, Boyd 2, Brooks 1 25; Martha 1, Zella 1, Samuel 1 75, Ella 75 cts for debt; Wmsburg sab-sch for debt 15 50, Inf't sch 5 80. *Pty of New Castle*—Red Clay Creek ch 23, sab-sch 12; New London sab-sch for debt 45; Coatesville ch 45, sab-sch for debt 22; White Clay Creek sab-sch for debt 10; Head of Christiana sab-sch for debt 10; Lower Brandywine sab-sch for debt 16 40; 1st ch, Wilmington 20; Greenhill sab-sch 12, for debt 20; Forks of Brandywine ch, Fem Missy Socy's 28 75, in part to con Mrs Sarah Sims *Life member*, sab-sch for debt 20; East Nottingham sab-sch 1 50; West Nottingham sab-sch 1 50; Pine Grove sab-sch 1; Fairview sab-sch 50 cts; Rockland sab-sch 13 50. *Pty of Northumberland*—Muncie ch 11 35, sab-sch for debt 10 35; McEwensville sab-sch for debt 2; Great Island sab-sch for debt 60 04; Wmsport sab-sch for debt 39 50, Inf't sch 25, Mission sch 35 50; Mifflinburg sab-sch for debt 8; Sunbury sab-sch for debt 12; Lewinburg ch for debt 61; Washington ch for debt 16 30. *Pty of Philadelphia*—Bethany sab-sch for debt 20; Mariners' ch sab-sch, Phila, Inf't class for debt 12 50; Alexander ch sab-sch for debt 27; 10th ch, Phila, two months coll 47; Arch st ch sab-sch for debt 55 07; West Spruce st ch 68, sab-sch for debt 60; Scots ch sab-sch for debt 5; Gloucester ch sab-sch for debt 12. *Pty of Philadelphia Central*—Kensington ch sab-sch 15; Hestonville ch 3 25, Rev James Clark, D.D., for debt 25; Great Valley ch sab-sch for debt 10 07; 2d ch, Phila, a lady 3 50, sab-sch 100, a lady for three grand and seventeen great-grand-children 5; Central ch, Phila sab-sch for debt 692 66; Princeton ch sab-sch for debt 170 79. *Pty of Philadelphia 2d*—Bristol sab-sch for debt 17; Brainard ch, Easton sab-sch 12 09, for debt 66; Newtown ch mo con 11 68, sab-sch 20 09, and Infant class 15 for debt; Groveland sab-sch for debt 9; Upper Wakefield sab-sch for debt 10 16; Norristown 1st ch sab-sch for debt 50; Chestnut Hill ch for debt 83, sab-sch 60, and Inf't class 10 for debt; Conshohocken sab-sch for debt 3 20; Roxborough sab-sch for debt 35; Little Maria's missy box 50 cts; Blatington sab-sch for debt 25; Holmesburg sab-sch 42, for debt and to con Charles E Neville *Life member*; Abington sab-sch for debt 38 84; Juv Missy Socy for debt 11 50. 3 740 42

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pty of Blairsville*—Murrayville ch 40 56, sab-sch for debt 18 25; Pleasant Grove ch 25; Cross Roads sab-sch for debt 20 66; Ligonier sab-sch for debt 5; Blairsville sab-sch for debt 72 50; col'd sab-sch for debt 5; New Salem sab-sch for debt 44 80; Congruity sab-sch for debt 16 10. *Pty of Clarion*—Richardsville sab-sch for debt 5; Mill Creek ch for debt 20, sab-sch for debt 5; Mount Tabor sab-sch for debt 15; Elkton ch 7; Richland ch 6; Brookville sab-sch for debt 197 50; Concord ch, Fem Missy Socy's 20; Callensburg ch, Fem Missy Socy's 21; Clarion ch, add'l 17 50; New Rehoboth ch, add'l 6, sab-sch in part for debt 3 11; Bethe-

da ch, Fern Missy Socy 12, sab-sch for debt 6; Pisgah sab-sch for debt 28; Greenville sab-sch for debt 30 58; Mary's sab-sch. Wickleyville for debt 2 30. *Pby of Ohio*—Canonsburg ch 40, sab-sch for debt 40; 1st ch, Pittsburgh sab-sch, Wm M Paxton's class for debt 50, S F Scovel's for debt 50; West Elizabeth sab-sch for debt 4; Maple Creek ch 7; Racoon sab-sch for debt 30. J Dunlap's Bible class for debt 30; Bethany sab-sch for debt 31 40; Centre sab-sch for debt 28; Lawrenceville sab-sch for debt 29 13; Bethel sab-sch for debt 35 01; 2d ch, Pittsburgh sab-sch teachers and Bible classes for debt 596 07. *Pby of Rockstone*—Harmony sab-sch for debt 4; Uniontown sab-sch for debt 10; Round Hill ch, add'l 6; New Providence sab-sch for debt 13; George's Creek sab-sch for debt 17; Tyrone sab-sch for debt 3 85; Dunlap's Creek and New Salem sab-schs for debt and to con E Finley *Life member*; 30; Long Run sab-sch for debt 21 24. *Pby of Saltsburg*—Crooked Creek ch 7 49; Appleby Manor sab-sch for debt 2 11; Glade Run sab-sch 15; Concord ch 14 02, sab-sch for debt 6; Mahoning ch 5 58; Saltsburg ch 100 86, 1st ch 3; Ebenezer ch 21; Bethel and Jacksonville chs 30, sab-sch for debt 25; Plum Creek sab-sch for debt 38; Leechburg sab-sch for debt 50; Gilgal sab-sch for debt 14 31; Marion sab-sch for debt 7 90; Indiana sab-sch for debt 70; Harmony sab-sch for debt 41 2,176 93

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—Black River Falls ch 10; 1st ch La Crosse 4 67. *Pby of St Paul*—Hudson sab-sch for debt 2 25; Westminster ch, Minneapolis, mo con. 5 50, sab-sch for debt 105; gold thimble by a little girl, 3; Rockford sab-sch for debt 5. *Pby of S. Minnesota*—Stewartsville sab-sch for debt 2; 1st ch, Rochester, sab-sch for debt 15; Preston sab-sch for debt 10 162 42

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Findlay*—Findlay sab-sch for debt 8; Truro ch 40; Van Wert sab-sch for debt 13. *Pby of Maumee*—West Bethesda ch 7; Bryan sab-sch for debt 8; 1st ch Toledo 40 10. *Pby of Michigan*—Bennington ch, Mrs Dupue, 2; 1st ch Plymouth 23 14, Rev Jas Dubuar and wife 9 56, sab-sch for debt 17 30; Westminster ch, Grand Rapids, 30, sab-sch for debt 20 77. *Pby of Western Reserve*—Tiffin sab-sch for debt 10 50; 1st ch Lafayette 20 80, sab-sch 3 20; 1st ch Guilford sab-sch for debt 16 209 37

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Des Moines*—Albia sab-sch for debt 5 55; Agricola ch 4, sab-sch 1. *Pby of Fairfield*—Bentonport sab-sch for debt 5; Ottumwa sab-sch for debt 6; Libertyville sab-sch for debt 2 30; Washington sab-sch 10; Bethel sab-sch 2 92; Lafayette ch for debt 5 65; Liberty ch for debt 4 55; Sigourney sab-sch for debt 11 50; Chequest sab-sch for debt 3 50; Summit sab-sch for debt 6 60. *Pby of Iowa*—West Point sab-sch for debt 16 30; Mt Pleasant ch for debt 55 22; sab-sch for debt 75; Germ'n sab-sch for debt 1; Burlington Ger'n ch 8 5; sab-sch for debt 1 60; Union sab-sch for debt 11 50; Ononwa ch 6 65, sab-sch for debt 3 35; Unity sab-sch for debt 36 40. *Pby of Missouri*—River—Afton sab-sch for debt 11 50; Plattsmouth sab-sch for debt 17; Bucks Grove sab-sch for debt 3 316 00

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Yellow Creek ch 50; sab-sch 7; for debt 19 50; Mary Cameron for debt 5; Middle Sandy ch 31, sab-sch for debt 39; Bethel ch 37 26; Rehoboth ch 6; Canfield ch 20, sab-sch for debt 5; Newton ch 20 94. *Pby of Staubenville*—Beacon Ridge ch 4; New Hagerstown sab-sch for debt 25; Bloomfield ch for debt 14 25; Fairmount sab-sch for debt 3; 1st ch Steubenville, infant class 1 25; Wellsville sab-sch for debt 33 43; Island Creek ch for debt 38 45, sab-sch for debt 15; Amsterdam ch 13 98, sab-sch for debt 10 07; Rev J N Swan's children 1 08; Pleasant Hill sab-sch for debt 13; Ridge sab-sch for debt 12 50; Hine's school house 1 65; Monroeville ch 4; Corinth sab-sch for debt 6. *Pby of St Clairsville*—St Clairsville sab-sch for debt 13; Cadis

ch 91 22, sab-sch for debt 85; Kirkwood ch 27, sab-sch for debt 50 27; Martinsville ch 30; Rev G W Chalfant 5, sab-sch for debt 50; Powhatan ch 6 25; Crab Apple sab-sch 20 44. *Pby of Washington*—Third ch Wheeling, sab-sch for debt 27 50; 1st ch Wheeling, 63 13, sab-sch for debt 52 50; Holliday's Cove sab-sch for debt 29; for Allahabad 2; Claysville sab-sch for debt 21; Allen Grove ch 10; Wolf Run ch 9; Avondale sab-sch for debt 5; 2d ch Washington 60, sab-sch for debt 25; West Alexander sab-sch for debt 70 60; 4th ch Wheeling, for debt 27 92; 2d ch Wheeling, sab-sch for debt 75; Moundsville sab-sch for debt 5; Children's Mite socy, for debt 9; Fairview ch 10; 1st ch Washington, sab-sch for debt, and to con John Aiken and Annie Means. *Life members* 110; Forks of Wheeling sab-sch for debt 23 51; Frankford ch 12 59; Upper Ten Mile ch 21 25; sab-sch for debt 10 1,497 64

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Broadhead sab-sch for debt 12 55; Richland City sab-sch for debt 4 60; Pulaski German ch 10; Madison sab-sch for debt 35 93; 1st ch Prairie du Sac sab-sch for debt 15 75; Oregon sab-sch for debt 17 50; Belleville sab-sch for debt 3; Lake View sab-sch for debt 2; Fancy Creek sab-sch for debt 5 50. *Pby of Milwaukee*—Waukesha sab-sch 20 35, for debt 19 65; 1st ch Beloit, sab-sch for debt 32 60; Fort Washington sab-sch for debt 17; Holland ch 5. *Pby of Winnebago*—Dodge Centre ch 3 50; Beaver Dam sab-sch for debt 7; Kilbourne City German sab-sch for debt 3; Rosedale ch 5; 1st ch Fond du Lac sab-sch for debt 38 50; Kilbourne City sab-sch for debt 57 315 43

Total received from churches, \$24,638 17

LEGACIES.—Bequest of Benoit Gray, dec'd, Ohio, 47; Estate of George Corwine, dec'd, Pike Co., Ohio, 1,443; Paterson estate 119 71, less tax on Missouri lands 24 1,584 71

MISCELLANEOUS.—Henry Brewster, Philadelphia, Pa. 5; A little Sunday-school boy 25c; Little E Warner McCollum, for debt 50c; A lady, Pleasant Ridge, Ohio, 25; Mrs. Alexander Laughlin, Pittsburgh, Pa, 12 50; Henry Eckert, Neville, Pa. 25; H Schoonmaker, Slippery Rock, Pa. 5; Little James M Boggs, New Harrisburg, Ohio, 50c; A Friend, Rimersburg, Pa. 8; Mr and Mrs H Robinson, Clarksville, Pa. 2; J R Caldwell, Elders Ridge, Pa, 85c; Eddie Brandon, Hunterstown, Pa, 90c; Joseph Hozielt, 10; Gen'l G Loomis 5; M B C 5; Little Mary's First Offering, gold and silver 1 10; Isabel 5; Abbie and Susie for debt 1; Steubenville Fem Sem'y mo con 9; for unmarried female missionaries 21; Willie C Guyer, seven years old 2; James Russel, North Jackson, Ohio 75; for debt 25; Elledie sab-sch for debt 4 35; Friends at Bellefonte, Pa, for teacher at Raval Pindi 75; Julia and Eddie Knowlton, N J, for debt 50 cts; Mary C Donaldson 1,000; for debt 100; Three Little Girls, Wilkesbarre, for debt 10; "The children of the promise" for debt 45; R P W. Meadville, Pa, 1 gold for debt; Lawrenceville, N J, Young Ladies' Sem'y for debt 15; Isaac Morley, Athens, Pa, 5; L Biles Bath 5; savings of little girl, Yates City, 1; M Abbott's sch B'k'n debt 1 50; Henry Yost, Roundout, 60 cts; A P L, and children 11; Jonathan Merritt, Alton, Ill, 4; Thomas Rogers, New Rochelle, 106 85; Two Friends for China 500; for India 500; Dr G W Albin's two children for debt 1; Frank Vasseur, West Meriden, Conn, 2; Leilla Brandon, Miss'y Box for debt 1; S M, 5; Anatin sab-sch, Texas, 5; Rev R B Campfield 2; Willie Clemens for debt 1; Robert Stewart 5; and John Barrett 1, Hanover, Pa; Part sale of collars 4 30; E J Blake, Tarrytown, N Y, 50; Miss N Harlan for debt 1; Mr Crabbe for debt 1; Florence and Julia Kingsbury for debt 5; 2,716 50

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An Appeal.

We stated in the last number of the *Record* that our Distribution Fund was entirely exhausted. In answer to that statement we have received some contributions, but not enough by any means to meet our present necessities. The Fund is still empty, and every dollar now given away puts it in debt, and is given in the belief that Christian friends will soon come to our help. We earnestly appeal to them for aid.

Although the means for giving are exhausted, the applications for grants continue to come in great numbers. Among those now before us, and which we would be glad to answer favourably if we had the means, we will mention the following merely *as specimens*:

1. We have a request from a venerable foreign missionary in Northern India, for a donation of books suitable for a minister's library, to be used in common by all the missionaries at that station, and by their successors. He is confident that such a mission library would

greatly increase the usefulness of the missionaries using it; but they have not means to buy, and he begs on behalf of his brethren, as well as himself, that we would send it as a gift. Who will supply the means for doing so?"

2. We have a touching letter from a ruling elder in North Carolina, whose town was partially desolated during the war. The church was injured, the hymn-books all destroyed, and preaching discontinued. Having been without public worship for two years, a preacher is now secured and religious services are resumed. This worthy elder, who is personally known to us, sends an earnest appeal for some hymn books for church service, and for other books needed for the Sabbath-school. We would be glad to send a package. Who will help us?

3. A minister in Mississippi describes the people of that vicinity as fearfully destitute of all religious reading. He begs us to send him a supply of tracts and very small volumes for gratuitous distribution. His own library, he says, is extremely scanty, and he would be grateful for half-a-dozen volumes for that. We know him to be a laborious and zealous preacher of the gospel. Must we refuse his request?

4. A missionary is labouring hard to build up a church and Sabbath-school in a new and growing town in California, where he has little aid or sympathy from the people. He needs books and tracts for gratuitous

distribution, and library books, catechisms, &c., for his Sabbath-school. Is not *somebody* ready to furnish the money wherewith the Board may send what he needs?

5. Another missionary, occupying a very destitute field in the pines of New Jersey, makes a similar request. His people are all poor, and greatly need assistance in the way of a Sabbath-school library, catechisms, hymn-books, &c. Who will send us twenty dollars, to cheer and help this good brother?

6. A ladies' sewing society in a town in one of the Eastern States, is making up a box of clothing for a hard-working missionary in the far west, whose income is very scanty, and his family large. They ask the Board to put a few volumes in their box, for the missionary and his family, and a package of tracts for him to distribute. We would gladly say "Yes," but our fund is exhausted. Will any reader of this appeal send us the means to respond to this request of these benevolent ladies?

7. A pastor in a distant city writes to us that a noble band of young Christians have just undertaken to establish a mission church and Sabbath-school in a neglected and destitute part of that city. They have very scanty means at command, but are going forward in faith upon the promises of God. They send through him an earnest appeal for the needful library apparatus. Ought it not to be sent? Who will do it?

8. The teacher of a large freedmen's school in North Carolina, sends an earnest entreaty for an ample supply of primers, catechisms, tracts in large print, &c., for his

coloured scholars, who have a wonderful thirst for knowledge, and have no money wherewith to buy. Will not some of our readers be glad to send the freedmen a package of these cheap publications?

These cases are mentioned as specimens of the applications continually coming to us. It is a luxury to give in response to such appeals. The Board has been giving freely and largely during the past year. But, alas! its Distribution Fund *is now empty and in debt*. We are compelled to postpone giving to many such applications, until the Lord shall put it into the hearts of his people to send us funds.

READER, *what says the Lord to you?*

Outside Testimony.

The *Christian Intelligencer*, the organ of the Reformed—lately the *Dutch Reformed—Church*, in urging that body to sustain more liberally its own Board, remarks:—

"The Presbyterian Board of Publication has proved itself one of the mightiest agencies which that strong and influential body wields, in carrying forward, not the interests of the denomination simply, (this were a subordinate consideration), but those of a pure evangelism, those of a gospel proclaiming peace to the troubled soul, pardon to the rebellious. So firmly entrenched is their Publishing Board in the confidence and affections of the body, that they would as soon think of adding to the symmetry and vigour of the human body by lopping off a right arm, as of doing such a service to their church, by abridging its fair proportions of this helpful instrumentality."

The English Sailor.

A gentleman interested in the spiritual welfare of sailors says, "I gave a tract to a sailor proverbial for drunkenness and other vices. He carelessly put it into his pocket, where it remained for several days. When it again came to view, he read its title, 'The Necessity of Repentance.' 'Oh,' said he, 'this is just what I want—repentance.' He read the tract; and having a Bible in his chest, he was led to read the Bible and the tract together. They became his daily companions; soon after he began to seek God in prayer. He was then far away at sea. But a change had taken place, which was evident to all his shipmates. In the course of the voyage, the captain was taken ill, and his mind becoming distressed, the mate was requested to read and pray. But he knew nothing of religion. He stated to the captain that one of the sailors in the fore-castle was often reading the Scriptures and praying. He was sent for; he read and prayed, and God blessed his humble efforts. The mind of the captain was relieved, his health restored; and there is every reason to hope that he was truly converted to God. The sailor was esteemed for his piety and zeal; and his excellent character soon afterwards recommended him to the notice of a pious captain, who made him chief mate of his ship. In this position he gave much satisfaction to his employers, and was soon promoted to take the command of a vessel of two hundred tons. He subsequently became the captain of a ship of nearly seven hundred tons, and continued to be greatly respected for his piety and general deportment."

The Lasting Impression of early Reading.

BY JAMES W. ALEXANDER, D.D.

In the family of a working-man, where books cannot, in all cases, be very numerous, it is particularly

desirable that those which fall in the way of the young people should be of the right sort; and this is to be managed not so much by rules and restrictions, as by a care in the filling of the shelves. If the latter have seductive books, they will be sought after by the children, even though you should open before their eyes the most sacred homilies, or preach yourself hoarse in decrying naughty novels and song-books. This becomes more important, when we call to mind that the whole course of a man's reading is often determined by the books which he happens to enjoy in his boyhood. Robinson Crusoe has made many a sailor; Spencer's Faery Queen made Pope a versifier; Xenophon's Memorabilia made Franklin a disputant; and if I might be allowed to play the egotist in a harmless way, I would add that the liking of which I am conscious, for the old-fashioned English literature, is owing to the contents of a single shelf in the house in which I spent my boyhood. That shelf contained the essays commonly known as the British Classics. I perfectly remember the eagerness with which I used to clamber up the edge of the book-cases to reach these tempting works. At first my object was to look at the pictures, of which there are two or three in each of the thirty-nine volumes. But soon I was allured to do more; and while yet quite a little boy, was as familiar with the more light and humorous parts of Addison, Steele, Goldsmith, and Mackenzie, as I have since been with any other productions. And, though books for children were fewer than they are now, I am satisfied that the daily converse of a child with such works as the Spectator, the Guardian, and the Connoisseur, even if he finds many things above his apprehension, is more profitable and far more delightful than the perpetual dawdling over penny volumes, written on the plan of making everything level to the meanest

capacity. These first tastes of good letters diffuse their savour through a lifetime. Hence it must be clear to every parent, that he cannot be too careful in the choice of books; meaning not merely such as are given to his children as their own, but such also as form a part of the family stock.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

I. The Atonement. By the Rev. Archibald Alexander Hodge, D.D., Professor in the Western Theological Seminary at Allegheny, Pa. Large 12mo, pp. 440.

This is a noble and most valuable contribution to American theology. The doctrine of the atonement is thoroughly discussed in all its aspects and relations. Every Presbyterian minister should possess a copy. In his preface, the author says:

"The volume is sent forth as the best contribution within my power to the vindication of the ancient faith of the Presbyterian Church, and of the unquestionable and only legitimate interpretation of her standards. While jealously guarding the essential principles of the Calvinistic system, I have designed to repel with all my might alike all those positive heresies which attack it openly, and with even greater solicitude that latitudinarian indifference to exact conceptions and careful statements of doctrine which tend secretly, yet not less certainly, to destroy the truth, and which in the present age is our chief source of danger."

II. Nearing Home; or, Comforts and counsels for the Aged. 12mo.

This volume is very similar in its arrangement and execution to "Children in Heaven," issued by the Board not long since. It is admirably adapted to cheer and guide the aged. No more suitable or delightful gift could be found for presentation to a parent or friend advanced in life.

III. The Book of Remembrance: a New Year's Gift. By Professor Charles W. Shields, D.D., of Nassau Hall, Princeton, N. J. 18mo, bevel boards, pp. 72. Price 75 cents.

The substance of this beautiful allegory was published some years since, but

has now been enlarged and greatly improved by the author. It cannot fail to make deep and salutary impressions upon every reader, bringing before him, as it does, the rapid flight of time, the fearful retributions of eternity, and the need of a Saviour's righteousness. In regard to paper, printing, binding, and all externals, it is exquisitely gotten up, and worthy to be a New Year's gift to the most cultivated and refined.

IV. Shining Light, a Book for Young Christians. By the author of "Early Dawn," and "Clouds after Rain." 18mo. Price 55 cents, muslin, with bevel boards.

An exquisite delineation of the Christian experience of a cultivated young girl, exhibiting her struggles from darkness into light, and the counsels given her by her pastor at different times. No one could desire a more profitable book to place as a gift in the hands of a daughter, or a young female friend.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr W M Magill, Danville, Pa, 2; James Russell, North Jackson, O, 5; James H Knapp, Eeq, Chicago, 50

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BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Corresponding Secretary, Rev. H. I. Cox,
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The Situation.

God has inclined his people, since April 1st, 1867, (the beginning of our fiscal year) to contribute twenty-eight thousand dollars through the Board for Church Erection. This is a larger sum than was ever before given through us in any similar period. In view of the present pecuniary condition of the country, and the wants of other Boards, this increase is most encouraging. It has not, however, kept pace with the applications, for in the same period they exceeded sixty thousand dollars; and both in number and amount are in advance of any former year. How half a loaf can be made to answer the purpose of a whole loaf is the difficult problem that meets us just now. Perhaps some of our readers can aid in its solution by laying fresh slices on our almost empty table.

Remittances.

Our treasurer reports the receipt lately of several letters inquiring after small remittances that seem to have been lost in the mail. There appears therefore to be at present unusual risk attending the transmission of even small bank bills in letters. Allow us then to urge all who contribute to the Church Extension cause, to send their gifts in drafts on St. Louis or New York, or in post-office money orders. In case such remittances are lost or stolen, they can be replaced; while bank bills disappearing in the mail are seldom if ever recovered.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION IN OCTOBER, 1867.

<i>Pky of Topeka</i> —Burlingame ch 5; Iola ch 9; Oslyle ch 8; Topeka ch 10	932 00
<i>Pky of Chillicothe</i> —Union ch	6 80
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<i>Pky of Beaver</i> —Newport ch 5; Mahoning ch 7 93; 1st ch, New Castle, special, 30	42 93
<i>Pky of Erie</i> —Georgetown ch 12; Greenville ch 21 73, special; Meadville ch, special, 13	46 63
<i>Pky of Redstone</i> —Brownsville ch 7; Rehoboth ch, add'l, 1	8 00
<i>Pky of Washington</i> —Frankford ch 8 60; Burgettstown ch 15 25; East Buffalo ch 16; West Liberty ch 10	49 85
<i>Pky of Richmond</i> —Fredericktown ch 18 45; Utica ch 7 80; Bloomfield ch 3 88; Chester-ville ch 5 55	35 38
<i>Pky of Wooster</i> —Wayne ch 3 51; Apple Creek ch 11 50; Fredericksburg ch 23; Millersburg ch 9	52 01
<i>Pky of Ohio</i> —Fourth ch, Pittsburgh 26; East Liberty ch, special, 129 65; Monongahela City ch 24 50	184 15
<i>Pky of Blairsville</i> —Cross Roads ch	13 30
<i>Pky of Clarion</i> —Clarion ch, add'l, 6 75; Mount Pleasant ch 3; Mt Tabor ch 4	13 75
<i>Pky of Carlisle</i> —Schellsburg ch 6; Centre ch 12 97; Landisburg ch 7 96; Upper ch 7 50	34 42
<i>Pky of Newton</i> —Pleasant Grove ch	10 00
<i>Pky of Marion</i> —Mt Gilead ch	6 00
<i>Pky of New York</i> —University Place ch 200 64; 1st ch, New York 1716 91	1917 55
<i>Pky of Steubenville</i> —Big Spring ch 5; New Cumberland ch 5; Amsterdam ch 14 42	24 42
<i>Pky of Huntingdon</i> —Mifflintown and Lost Creek chs 63 10; Lewistown ch 41; East Kishacoquillas ch 33 30; Alexandria ch 24 25	161 65
<i>Pky of Bureau</i> —Andover ch	2 00
<i>Pky of Cedar</i> —Iowa City ch	16 00
<i>Pky of Susquehanna</i> —Orwell ch. 4 50; Wyalusing ch 5	9 50
<i>Pky of Peoria</i> —Brunswick ch	3 20
<i>Pky of Albany</i> —Princeton ch	16 09
<i>Pky of Dubuque</i> —Waverly ch	4 00
<i>Pky of Baltimore</i> —Harmony ch	25 00
<i>Pky of Zanesville</i> —Duncan's Falls ch	5 09
<i>Pky of Miami</i> —Clifton ch, special,	33 05
<i>Pky of Sidney</i> —Belle Centre ch	10 00
<i>Pky of Fort Wayne</i> —First ch Fort Wayne, add'l, 10; Ligonier ch 10	20 00
<i>Pky of Northumberland</i> —New Berlin ch	7 07
<i>Pky of Potomac</i> —New York av ch, Washington	38 86
<i>Pky of New Castle</i> —Downington ch	15 00
<i>Pky of Fort Dodge</i> —Coldwater ch 8; Pisgah ch 3	6 00
<i>Pky of Raritan</i> —First ch, Lambertville	36 17
<i>Pky of Hudson</i> —Monroe ch	5 09
<i>Pky of Long Island</i> —Fresh Pond ch	10 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

J L, New York, special, 100; D Shoemaker, Slippery Rock, 1; James Russell, North Jackson, 5; Robert Rodgers, O. 10; Rev Dr Taylor, Princeton, 10; A friend 1; A friend's thank-offering 30	147 00
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Total for October, \$3,175 83

DAVID KEITH, Treasurer,
St. Louis, Mo.

FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS, AND THE NEEDY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS

(Continued from page 262.)

<i>Pky of Western Reserve</i> —Tiffin ch	\$10 00
<i>Pky of Fairfield</i> —Sigourney ch 4 60; Bethel ch 1; Washington ch 7; Salina ch 8 86; Brighton ch 2 35	18 80
<i>Pky of Iowa</i> —West Point ch 2 60; Pilot Grove ch 1 40; Union ch 13; Unity ch 6 50	23 50
<i>Pky of Neo Lion</i> —New Lisbon 1st ch 17 90; Lectonia ch 3 01; East Palestine ch 4 32; Columbiana ch 1 33; Glasgow ch 4 78	31 34
<i>Pky of Steubenville</i> —Buck Spring ch 10; Wells-ville ch 28; Centre Unity ch 3	41 00
<i>Pky of St Clairsville</i> —St Clairsville ch	38 00
<i>Pky of Washington</i> —Fairview ch 4 63; Wells-burg ch 7 13; Lower Buffalo ch 10; Mount Prospect ch 22 60; Florence ch 12 88; East Buffalo ch 14 43	71 57
<i>Pky of Dana</i> —Madison 1st ch 17 03; Fancy Creek ch 2 50; Richmond City ch 1 50; Richland Centre ch 1 50; Lake View ch 5; Bellevue ch 5	32 53
<i>Pky of Milwaukee</i> —North ch 40; Delafield ch 2 43; Ottawa ch 2 43; Beloit 1st ch 52 65; Port Washington ch 7; Waukesha ch 20	124 50
<i>Pky of Winnebago</i> —Kilbourne ch 8; Depere ch 13; Winneconne 1st ch 5; 1st Neenah ch 14; Weyauwega ch 3; Plover 1st ch 6	49 00
	\$4,436 29

Miss F H Jones, of Easton, Pa	10 00
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Mrs Black, of New Castle, Del	1 00
Mrs Scofield, of New Castle, Del	5 00
Mrs Smith and family, of New Castle, Del	18 00
Mrs Kennedy, of New Castle, Del	5 00
Mrs Gray, of New Castle, Del	5 00
Mrs Spotswood, of New Castle, Del	10 00
Mr John Janvier, of New Castle, Del	5 00
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A member of Pres ch, Louisville, Ky	5 00
Rev P Hassinger	5 00
*Little Davie	1 50
*Orange	15 00

\$4,590 79

GEO. H. VAN GELDER,

Treasurer Trustees of General Assembly,
Office No. 320 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, October 3d, 1867.

The following amounts have been received since last report, viz.

<i>Pky of Albany</i> —Amsterdam 1st ch 19 62; Tribes Hill ch 7 65; Amsterdam ch 21 58; West Milton ch 7 27; Princeton ch 20 35	\$76 47
<i>Pky of Londonderry</i> —Newburyport 2d ch	18 00
<i>Pky of Troy</i> —Malta ch	4 50
<i>Pky of Allegheny</i> —Butler ch 34 70; Mount Nebo ch 4 50; Summit ch 5; North Butler ch 5; Natrona ch 3	52 20
<i>Pky of Allegheny City</i> —Highland ch 11 85; Sewickley ch 34 25	46 10
<i>Pky of Erie</i> —Mercer 2d ch 12; Georgetown ch 10; Oil City ch 10	32 00
<i>Pky of Beaver</i> —Newport ch 5; Pulaski ch 5; Westfield ch 18; Mahoning ch 13 23; New	

Salem ch 13 16; Clarksville ch 10; Mt Pleasant ch 17 55	76 93
<i>Pky of Baltimore</i> —Govane chapel	\$15 00
<i>Pky of Carlisle</i> —Carlisle 2d ch 74 22; Paxton ch 10; Greencastle ch 32; Centre ch 6 97; Landisburg ch 13 50; Upper ch 12 50; Petersburg ch 2 50	161 60
<i>Pky of Potomac</i> —Seventh St ch	3 10
<i>Pky of Genesee River</i> —Bath 1st ch 5; Genesee ch 17 63	22 63
<i>Pky of Buffalo City</i> —Alden 1st ch	9 00
<i>Pky of Bureau</i> —Princeton 1st ch 40; Andover ch 2 50	42 50
<i>Pky of Schuyler</i> —Westminster ch	6 74
<i>Pky of Warren</i> —Keithsburg ch 8; Oquawka ch 6 78; Erairie City ch 6; North Henderson ch 2; Knoxville ch 12 55	30 33
<i>Pky of Chilliwothe</i> —South Salem ch 26 40; Bloomsburg ch 45 13	71 53
<i>Pky of Cincinnati</i> —Walnut Hills ch 50; Cincinnati 1st ch 30 90; Goshen ch 7 42; Loveland ch 38; Pleasant Ridge 17	143 32
<i>Pky of Miami</i> —Springfield 2d ch 27; Xenia ch 13 44	40 44
<i>Pky of Oxford</i> —Hamilton ch 74 79; Harrison ch 5	79 79
<i>Pky of Sidney</i> —West Liberty ch 10 20; Sidney 1st ch 23 62	33 82
<i>Pky of Bloomington</i> —Lexington ch 10; Mackinaw ch 10; Waynesville ch 9 35	29 35
<i>Pky of Kaskaskia</i> —St John ch 4 50; Trenton ch 6 30	10 80
<i>Pky of Peoria</i> —French Grove ch	6 00
<i>Pky of Sangamon</i> —North Sangamon ch 17; Springfield 1st ch 66 24	83 24
<i>Pky of Indianapolis</i> —Blomington ch	10 00
<i>Pky of Vincennes</i> —Evansville 1st ch 55; Princeton ch 35; Vincennes 2d ch 25; Petersburg ch 6; Bruceville ch 1 80	122 80
<i>Pky of White Water</i> —Greensburg ch 34 28; Ebenezer ch 2 83	37 13
<i>Pky of Cedar</i> —Cedar Rapids ch	16 00
<i>Pky of Vinton</i> —Vinton 1st ch 13; Big Grove ch 5 65	18 65
<i>Pky of Leavenworth</i> —Leavenworth 1st ch 26 50	26 50
<i>Pky of Ebenezer</i> —Flemmingsburg ch	14 00
<i>Pky of St Louis</i> —Carondelet ch 16 75; St Charles 1st ch 5 50	21 25
<i>Pky of Burlington</i> —Mount Holly ch	15 20
<i>Pky of Elizabethtown</i> —Lamington ch 20; Perth Amboy ch 6 50	26 50
<i>Pky of Luzerne</i> —Wyoming ch 4; Rev Albert B King	10 00
<i>Pky of Monmouth</i> —Port Washington ch	12 00
<i>Pky of Newton</i> —Upper Mt Bethel ch 6; Lower Mt Bethel ch 15; Pleasant Grove ch 10	31 00
<i>Pky of New Brunswick</i> —Cranberry ch 17 00; South Amboy Mission ch 6	23 00
<i>Pky of Passaic</i> —Paterson 1st ch 67 50; Springfield ch 42 68	100 18
<i>Pky of Raritan</i> —Bloomsburg ch	4 00
<i>Pky of Susquehanna</i> —Orwell ch 6 30; Barclay ch 7 25; Wyalusing ch 5; Stevensville ch 2; Rushville ch 1	21 55
<i>Pky of West Jersey</i> —Woodstown ch 10 57; Salem ch 76 39; Blackwoodtown ch 86 05; Woodbury ch 23 54	196 55
<i>Pky of Connecticut</i> —South Salem ch	23 00
<i>Pky of Long Island</i> —Fresh Pond ch 31; Middletown ch 12 16; Setauket and Port Jefferson chs 39 58	72 74
<i>Pky of Nassau</i> —Miss Bruce, South Third st ch. Wmsburg	5 00
<i>Pky of New York 2d</i> —West Farms ch	6 00
<i>Pky of Crawfordsville</i> —Terre Haute ch 12 90; Bethany ch 10 25; Crawfordsville ch 10 05; Poplar Springs ch 1 30	34 50

(To be continued.)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

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The Work goes On.

The Rev. S. S. Murkland gives the following account of the organization and first communion of the Mount Tabor church in Rowan County, North Carolina:

"We left home on the 9th of August, after travelling about twenty miles, we came in sight of the congregation. The first tidings we received were rather discouraging. The people had erected a log house and had been busily engaged all morning in roofing it, so that we might have a shelter from the rain during the meetings. As they were placing the last boards, the roof fell in, with several men upon it, but providentially none were hurt. We felt cast down for a time, as we did not know where we could find a shelter if it should rain. The people at my request postponed further work, and at 3 P. M. services began in the forest. Our text was, 'This man receiveth sinners and eateth with them;' and we had most earnest attention, indeed I never saw a more attentive congregation; a number of white people were present, and all seemed to be interested. In the afternoon the members were examined, and the church regularly organized. Four venerable elders were ordained and two deacons, and the whole time occupied in explaining to them the duties of their sacred office. At the request of the elders we held an evening meeting, and after sunset the congregation gathered. We had beautiful moonlight, and everything around us was calm and still. We had most excellent music. Whether from the

peculiarity of the moonlight scene, or the precious theme, 'Behold I stand at the door and knock,' I cannot tell; but I felt such a joy and peace in my soul as I have not felt for many years. We closed the night service with the hymn, 'Come, ye sinners poor and wretched.' And when the female voices sang alone 'None but Jesus can do helpless sinners good,' we seemed to have foretastes of the song of heaven.

"On Sabbath morning as I approached the place of meeting I heard the sweet hymns of Zion from the great congregation, and as I drew near I saw a venerable elder arise to pray. Oh! what a prayer it was—full of faith, humility, and gratitude. As soon as the elders' prayer-meeting closed I began the public service, and preached from Gal. vi. 14. This service was nearly two hours, and no one seemed to be wearied. The afternoon service was wholly taken up with explaining the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. I baptized twelve persons, adding three to the church," etc.

This brother has nine churches now under his pastoral care, and though growing old he rides a circuit of about forty miles. Truly "the harvest is great and the labourers few."

The monthly liabilities of the Committee now amount to over two thousand six hundred dollars, and during the last six months the receipts have been greatly under that sum, we therefore thankfully acknowledge the liberality manifested in the receipts for October. It will not, however, entirely relieve the Committee from debt, and gives but a faint encouragement to enlarge our field of operations. If the Church provide the means, we will regard it as the certain expression of her desire that we should go forward.

RECEIPTS IN OCTOBER, 1867.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Johnstown ch 23 50; Mariaville ch 12 35 50	<i>Pby of Salisbury</i> —Warren ch 18 92; Ebenezer ch 23; Glade Run ch 21; Clarksburg ch, from Mr and Mrs Robinson 1; Bethesda ch 7 78; Cherry Tree ch 18 87 70
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Industry ch 5; Sewickley ch 200; Manchester ch 18 75; Leetsdale ch 26; Bridgewater ch 9 70 259 45	<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —Union City ch 11; Bellefontaine ch 19; Huntsville ch 3 81 33 81
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RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The following action was taken at the General Assembly held in Cincinnati, in 1850, in regard to *The Record*, then called "The Home and Foreign Record."

Resolved, As the action of the last General Assembly has resulted in the establishment of "The Home and Foreign Record," that paper is hereby recommended, and the ministers and churches are urged to exert themselves to place it in every family, as the organ, indirectly, of the church, on many important subjects.

The Assembly held in Philadelphia, 1853,

Resolved, That it be recommended to all our pastors to endeavour to increase the circulation of "The Home and Foreign Record," the organ of the Boards of the church, in order that our churches may be better acquainted with their respective plans and operations, and be induced to contribute more liberally towards their support.

The Assembly held at Nashville, Tennessee, in 1855,

Resolved, That our ministers and elders be earnestly exhorted to secure a wider circulation to "The Home and Foreign Record," now published at so reduced a price as to make it accessible to the poorest member of our church.

The Assembly held at New York, in 1856,

Resolved, That while the Assembly finds so much cause for gratitude and encouragement in the prosperity and usefulness of this Board, and so much to commend in the energy and economy with which its affairs have been conducted, it cannot forbear to give utterance to the painful feelings which are caused by the fact that there are still very many churches which

have not, as yet, contributed anything to the Colporteur funds of the Board, and that there are still so many families in our church who do not take either "The Home and Foreign Record" or "The Sabbath-school Visitor." The Assembly reiterates its earnest exhortations to our ministers and ruling elders to endeavour to secure a more general circulation of these papers among the members of our church.

The Assembly held at Lexington, Kentucky, in 1857,

Resolved, That while the Assembly is highly gratified at the increasing patronage extended from every part of the church to "The Home and Foreign Record" and "The Sabbath-School Visitor," yet it regrets to learn that there is still a large proportion of its families and members who do not receive these periodicals. The Assembly would therefore earnestly recommend its ministers and sessions to use all practicable means to extend the circulation of these important papers in their respective vicinities.—*Minutes*, p. 25.

Moreover, on the first Sunday evening of every month, or on other occasions, and from time to time, let the people hear from their minister a detailed account of our various Foreign Missions in succession, with a description of the religious condition of the people, and the beginning and progress of the church's work among them. That to this end our ministers take pains themselves carefully to read "The Home and Foreign Record" and "Foreign Missionary," so far as to know what is being done by our missionaries; and that they also further the circulation and encourage the reading of these publications in their congregations.—P. 21.

The Assembly held at Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1859,

Resolved, That the Assembly would especially commend "The Home and Foreign Record" to a more general patronage throughout the church; trusting that in its diligent perusal, members of the communion might catch more of the spirit of missions, and of Christian benevolence so richly pervading its columns. They also recommend "The Sabbath-School Visitor" as a most excellent publication to be circulated through our Sabbath-schools and among the children of our charge.—*Minutes*, p. 545.

And the Assembly held at Cincinnati, in 1867,

Resolved, That it be enjoined upon the Presbyteries under the care of this General Assembly, to recommend in the most earnest manner the introduction of "The Home and Foreign Record" into every congregation within their bounds, and that the sessions of churches subtract from the aggregate of their annual subscriptions a sufficient amount to place "The Record" in the hands of all our families and pewholders.—*Minutes*, p. 319.

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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Mission Churches coming up to our Help—Want of Plan of District Missionaries.

Minnesota.

A few days ago I remitted to your address the sum of \$10 00 (in a letter registered,) as the thank-offering of our little congregation (at the Bend,) to your noble Board, for its fostering care over us during the past year, which remittance I hope has ere this safely come to your hands. My object in writing to you this time is to state that the Session and some of the members together with myself, somehow felt that in the present crisis of the "Board" we had not done enough—that we ought to make another effort. So we availed ourselves of a visit of our truly excellent and laborious District Missionary, Rev. D. C. Lyons, to carry our views into effect. Soon Sabbath evening (17th), instead of the ordinary preaching service, we held a sort of a missionary conference with a view to stimulate the members to more fervent prayerfulness in behalf of the Board, and in devising more liberal things in its support. Under the influence of the address (before we had quite reached the point of counselling another effort) a member of our little Session—one of the excellent of the earth—arose and said that he felt in his heart to offer

a resolution,—that the church make another attempt (pecuniarily) to aid the Board, and *that to double the sum we had already sent.* Another seconded the motion, which immediately passed by an unanimous vote. We proceeded on the spot to take up money and subscriptions. The money began to come in freely. We had raised \$12 00, and felt confident of raising the whole amount proposed, \$20 00, when a gentleman—a non-communicant, offered to make *one of five* to make up the sum of twenty-five dollars. Four of us immediately responded to the proposition. Our aim is now to make it fifty dollars. Thirty-seven are already subscribed, of which \$12 50 are paid. There will be no difficulty in raising it to \$40 00; so making our entire offering \$50 00 this year, and we will try hard to make it \$50 00, (the whole \$60 00.) This is not bad from a little Welsh missionary church of thirty-six members. The money will be all paid in in a few days, and my object in writing you is to ask you, in what way would you prefer me to remit it.

This is but little, but let every church give in the same proportion to its ability as this little flock, and your excellent "Board" will be soon out of its difficulties. For none of our members are rich, or well-to-do even, only a few

hardworking farmers and mechanics commencing to live in a new country, with whom it is a hard struggle to live. Yet they have raised this in addition to \$400, which they have subscribed this year towards the support of the ministry; and giving one-half of that ministry to Mankato, (which is as yet able to do nothing towards its support,) and allowing one-half of the balance to the American population in this place (who contribute *nothing* toward the salary,) reserving only one-quarter strictly for their own benefit. All this they willingly do in order to realize the idea of a missionary church. Few little churches could be found so self-denying and so liberal, considering their means.

Don't you think God will bless them for it? Really, since I have begun to know them, I deem it an honour to labour among them. Since this last movement of liberality—and it has been quite spontaneous—I have begun to feel encouraged to stay and labour here. It is only population we need here, in order to grow speedily into a self-sustaining and good mission-supporting church. In order to the latter, I am determined that none of the money which they feel disposed to contribute to the Board shall be diverted to the support of the ministry here, (in order, as some suggest, to our becoming self-sustaining sooner). I had rather the church should wait a little longer before getting self-sustaining, than that the money contributed to the Board should be diverted from the Board's treasury into that of the church for the sake of the former object.

Venerable Brother, I feel prompted to say *trust* God, and the grace of God in the hearts of his people to fill your treasury speedily again, and *it will be done*. God abundantly bless you and yours, and prosper beyond all desire and expectation the noble cause which you have thus far so faithfully and success-

fully served, and spare your precious life to serve it for many years to come, to greater success than ever.

Your obedient and sincerely affectionate servant in the cause of Christ. J. M. P.

P. S. Many thanks to you for your kind care evinced in the liberal donation of clothing, from the church of Metuchen, New Jersey, than which, nothing could have been more seasonable, in view of the coming winter. Brother Lyons was present with us to partake in the joy of the "opening." For such acts of care and kindness, may the Master richly reward you.

Again—many deep and fervent thanks from the entire family—and especially from me and my wife. Many such works may you yet be enabled to do.

Touching Incident.

An elder of one of our churches in New Jersey, in forwarding a collection for the Board of Domestic Missions, makes the following statement:—"Embraced in the remittance is two dollars and two cents, with following history, viz: as I entered our church on the morning of our collection, 10th inst., a small box, containing two dollars and two cents (principally in pennies) was, without my knowledge, deposited in my coat pocket accompanied with the following note—

"The treasury of two infant boys, now sweetly at rest in the paradise of God. "With Him who hath loved us and washed us in His own precious blood, is this little *mite* solemnly dedicated: followed with the prayers and tears of sorrowing and bereaved parents."

"Sunday morning, Nov. 10th, 1867."

"May the Good Shepherd who has the 'infant boys' now with Him in heaven, bless the offering. W."

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN NOVEMBER, 1867.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Mansfield Central ch 6; Johnstown ch 100 20; Galway ch 6 65; Princetown ch 24 45; Mariaville ch 12; Northville ch 3 85; Northampton ch 1 75; Amsterdam 1st ch 23 25; Tribes Hill ch 17 50. *Pby of Londonderry*—Newburyport 2d ch 39, of which 8 from a friend. *Pby of Troy*—Malta ch 6 50; Park ch, Troy 101 33 \$342 63

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Centre ch 28 25; Harrisville ch 15; Amity ch 20; Tarentum ch 10; Scrub Grass ch 34; Bull Creek ch 5; Union ch 11 05; Rich Hill ch 10. *Pby of Allegheny City*—Manchester ch 41 60; Leetsdale ch 34 22; Highlands ch 17 41; Sewickley ch 162 (of wh

Sab-sch 25) Fairmount ch 8 21; Industry ch 2 15; Emsworth ch 7; Sharp-burg ch 42 25. *Pby of Beaver*—Pulaski ch 14 61; Unity ch 1 10; West Middlesex ch 15; Mahoning ch 1 0; Clarksville ch 20; Neshannock ch 58 60 (of which Sab-sch 32 95.) *Pby of Erie*—Westminster ch 7 80; Mercer 2d ch 15; Sturgeonville ch 12 50; Greenfield ch 5 25 642 03

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Ellicott's City ch 73 (of which Sab sch 40); Broadway ch, Baltimore, 40 63. *Pby of Carlisle*—7th st ch, Harrisburg, 39 12; Piney Creek ch 11 50; Gettysburg ch 33 01 (of which 10 from Miss H. McCreary); Rev. R. McCachren, Newville, Pa, 10; Paxton ch

20; Middle Spring ch 176 25; Green Castle ch 62; McConnellsburg ch 50; Green Hill ch 20; Wells Valley ch 14 25. *Pby of Lewis*—Dover ch 26 76 542 51

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Buffalo City*—Calvary ch. Buffalo, 148. *Pby of Genesee River*—Caledonia 1st ch 53 79 (of which 12 50 from Duncan McPherson); Sparta 2d ch 6 50; Warsaw ch 45. *Pby of Ogdensburg*—Hammond ch 20; Oswegatchie 2d ch 23. *Pby of Rochester City*—Port Byron ch 25 19; Rochester 3d ch 123 17 444 65

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Bureau*—Lower Rock Island ch 7 51; Aledo 1st ch 15; Geneseo ch 10 50. *Pby of Chicago*—Rockford ch 122 95; Zion ch 10; Willow Creek ch 37 46; Marengo ch 17; Mendota ch 21 50; Kankakee ch 12 50. *Pby of Rock River*—White Rock ch add' 50; Scales Mound ch 2; Galena Ger ch 3 95; Sterling ch 25. *Pby of Schuyler*—Carthage ch 29 20; Camp Creek ch 18 50; Westminster ch. Quincy, 28; Chili ch 3; Ebeneser ch 20. *Pby of Warren*—Monmouth ch 64 75; Oneida ch 5 55; John Knox ch 7 20; North Henderson ch 18 85; Synodical collection 15 70 500 10

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Palace Hill ch 3 63; Eckmanville ch 7 70. *Pby of Cincinnati*—Lebanon ch 28. *Pby of Oxford*—Oxford ch 34 40. *Pby of Sidney*—Union City ch 25 98 73

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Bloomington*—Cheney's Grove ch 3; Lincoln ch 9; Chatsworth ch 8; Crow Meadow ch 8; Farm Ridge ch Sab-sch 2 50; Towanda ch 30; Deer Creek ch 10 50; Onarga ch 14; El Paso ch 5. *Pby of Kaskaskia*—Moro ch 20; Hillsboro ch 12; Chester ch 8 70; Pleasant Ridge ch 13 80; Nashville ch 10. *Pby of Peoria*—Canton ch 10; Brunswick Sab-sch 2 35. *Pby of Salem*—Odin ch 12 35; Sandoval ch 6 10; Golconda ch 16; Elizabethtown ch 4; Pisgah ch 8; Richland ch 22 50; Friendsville ch 15; Shawneetown ch 2 50. *Pby of Sangamon*—Decatur ch 84 07; Ladies' Soc of North Sangamon ch 20; Dawson ch 12 55; Virginia ch 9; Macon ch 7; Irish Grove ch 7 25 423 17

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—Synodical col 56 34. *Pby of Indianapolis*—Knightstown ch 11 76; Union ch 7; Shiloh ch 3 25. *Pby of Madison*—Pleasant ch 7; Graham ch 5 50; A missionary 5; Hanover ch 31 60. *Pby of New Albany*—Charlestown ch 20 60. *Pby of Vincennes*—Carlisle ch 5 26; Evansville 1st ch 65; Upper Indiana ch 9 50; Princeton ch 10 75 247 54

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—Summit ch 24; Long Grove ch 8; Springfield ch 7; Iowa City 1st ch 40; Blue Grass ch 7; Herman ch 6; Cedar Rapids ch 12 13; Marion ch 17 62. *Pby of Dubuque*—McGregor Ger ch 10; Frankville ch 30; Hopkinton ch 11 75. *Pby of Fort Dodge*—Fort Dodge ch 4 03. *Pby of Vinton*—Sand Prairie ch 3 50; Big Grove ch 5 47; Vinton ch 12 53; Big Creek ch 7; Blairtown ch 10; Shiloh ch 6; Central ch 4; Buckeye and York chs 2; West Union ch 5 30; Bethel ch 1 234 33

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Highland*—Highland ch 8. *Pby of Leavenworth*—Olathe and Paola chs 25; Leavenworth 1st ch 75 55. *Pby of Topeka*—Junction City ch 2 110 55

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Muhlenburg*—Rev A D Metcalf 10 00

PBY OF NEW ORLEANS.—1st Ger ch, New Orleans 118 00

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Lafayette*—Warrensburg ch 10; Knob Noster ch 6. *Pby of Putnam*—Kirkville ch 18. *Pby of Potosi*—Pleasant Hill ch 1; White Water ch 25. *Pby of Upper Missouri*—Savannah ch 54 30; Missouri Valley Mills 8 20; Parkville ch 13; Dawn ch 5; Grandview ch 5; Sullivan ch 5; Bethel 2d ch 5 152 50

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Burlington*—Tuckerton ch 10 75 (of wh Sab-sch 3 30); Bass River ch 2 25; Columbus ch 10 28; Providence ch 472; Bordentown ch 20 50; Cream Ridge ch 7; Mount Holly ch 50. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—Pluckamin ch 25; 1st ch, Elizabeth, 312 33; Liberty Corner ch 30; Basking Ridge ch 50; Perth Amboy ch

30; New Providence ch 20. *Pby of Luzerne*—Kingston ch 49 35 (of wh Sab-sch 3 93); Mauch Chunk ch 160 01; Mahanoy City ch 46 65; Plymouth ch 5. *Pby of Monmouth*—Tom's River ch 13. *Pby of New Brunswick*—South Amboy ch 40; Pennington ch 53 50; New Brunswick 2d ch 19 78; Princeton 2d ch 77. *Pby of Newton*—Greenwich ch 55 30; Middle Smithfield ch 7; Lower Mt Bethel ch 18. *Pby of Passaic*—Elizabeth 2nd ch 140 14; Morristown 1st ch 609 67; Central ch, Orange 294 88; Paterson 1st ch 78 45. *Pby of Raritan*—Lambertville ch. New Hope Sab-sch 5; Amwell 2d ch 10 36; Musconetcong Valley ch 25. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Towanda 1st ch 100. *Pby of West Jersey*—Clayton ch 41 82; Swedesborough ch 9 25; Brainerd ch 8; Salem ch 75, of which 2 02—the treasury of two infant boys, now sweetly at rest in the paradise of God; Waterford ch 4 2518 99

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—Bridgeport ch 59; Bedford ch 76; White Plains ch 60 37. *Pby of Hudson*—Hamptonsburg ch. add' 1 2; Cochecton ch 5 55; White Lake ch 2; Florida ch 8; Hopewell ch 18 56; Scotchtown ch 80 25. *Pby of Long Island*—Huntingdon South ch 12 60. *Pby of Nassau*—Freeport ch 11 35; Ainslie St ch, Brooklyn 24 16. *Pby of New York*—Eighty-fourth at ch N Y 32 48; Fifteenth St ch, N Y 57 72; Stony Point ch 3; Scotch ch, Jersey City 5; Forty-second st ch, N Y 78 11; Alexander ch 11 27; Yorkville ch 31 50; German ch, N Y 9. *Pby of North River*—Hughsonville ch 5; Roundout ch 175; Marlboro ch 41 59; Middle Hope ch 12 16; 1st ch Newburg 50 863 27

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—Synodical Collection 56 31. *Pby of Crawfordsville*—Bethany ch 30; Eugene ch 9; Martin Rhodes, Newport, Ind 1; Green Castle ch 86 30, of which Sab-sch 4 30. *Pby of Fort Wayne*—Wabash 2d ch 27; Bluffton ch 3; New Lancaster ch 2 85; Swan ch 8; Hopewell ch 8; Albion ch 11. *Pby of Lake*—Valparaiso ch 40, of which 1 from Mrs. "A. H." *Pby of Logansport*—Monticello ch 20; Remington ch 7 50 265 48

SYNOD OF OHIO.—Synodical Collection 55 20. *Pby of Columbus*—Lancaster ch 17. *Pby of Hocking*—Athens ch 30; Portsmouth ch Sab-sch 4 50. *Pby of Marion*—Canaan ch 3; Brown ch 5 40; Kingston ch 5; Upper Sandusky ch 7 50; York ch 5; "A Friend" 1 50; Nevada ch 8; Delavan ch 10. *Pby of Richland*—Jefferson and Valley churches 8; Chesterville ch 6 65; Utica ch 10; Perryville ch 19; Ashland ch, in part 61 34. *Pby of Wooster*—Chester ch 9; Wayne ch 18. *Pby of Zanesville*—Bristol ch 5; Rush Creek ch 6 43; Bethel ch 10 17; Zanesville 2d ch 33 338 69

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of California*—Visalia ch 10. *Pby of Oregon*—Olympia ch 10; Corvallis ch 10 15 30 15

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Little Britain ch 17 74; Strasburg ch 50 27; Union ch 28 75, less 10 for Record—28 75; Waynesburg ch 180 20; Columbia ch 207, of wh Sab-sch 20. *Pby of Huntingdon*—Spruce Creek ch 155 23; Wayneburg and Newton Hamilton ch 44 50; East Freedom ch 21 50; Birmingham ch 73 40; Shade Gap ch 3 10; Philipsburg ch 8 23; Morris ch 5; Bradford ch 4 65. *Pby of New Castle*—New Castle ch. Mrs D Couper 30, Miss E Booth 5, Mrs A C Kerr 50, Miss Spruance 5, Miss Scofield 10, Mrs Black 5, Mrs Danforth 3, Mrs Carson 2, Mrs Carpenter 1, Mrs Alrich 1, Miss A Niven 3, Mrs Taggart 1, Miss Taggart 1, Mrs Smith and family 60, Mrs Spruance 5, Master P S Spruance 50 cts, Miss Darragh 5, Mrs Niver 1, Dr Ferris 2, Mrs Gemmill 3, Miss Kennedy 10, W F Lane 3, Miss Kinkead 1, Miss Matilda Janvier 1, Mrs A C Janvier 1, Mrs Patterson 1, John Janvier 5, =215 50; Oxford ch 125. *Pby of Northumberland*—Ashland and Gordon chs 10; McEwensville ch 8; Rev C J Collins, Wilkesbarre 10; Sunbury ch 38 35; Mahoning ch, Danville 124; Chillicothe ch 11 60; Millburg ch 8 21; Bald Eagle and Nittany ch 28 04; Mooresfield ch 10, of which Female Missionary Society 8, Mrs Harriet J Park 2; Linden ch 11; Lycoming ch 33; Grove Hill ch, Danville 83 33, of which 20 from Sab-sch Mis Soc; New Berlin 1st ch 11; Buffalo ch

41 20. *Pby of Philadelphia*—Arch stch. from Miss "A C M" 5; Woodland ch 120; West Spruce st ch 590 22, of which 100 from G S Benson, Esq; Chester ch 70; 6th ch 80. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Alexander ch 60; Princeton ch 134 35; Kensington ch 200; Trinity ch 56 50; Spring Garden ch 773 89, of which Willie R's missionary box 1 25, Mrs E A S 100, Miss A G 100, J C 100, G C 75, G F A 50, J W, jr 25, J C 20, H D G 60, Miss M J G 10, Miss C D G 5, Miss M G 5, Miss H G 5, Miss R P G 5, Miss A G 5, Master W G 5, J N B 10, A R 5, J R 5, W R G 5 in part, Miss H W L J H 5; Colcocksink ch Inf't Sab-sch 21. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Germantown 1st ch 750; Newtown ch 53 49; Huntingdon Valley ch 16; Port Kennedy ch 23 86 4507 03

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH—*Pby of Blairville*—Armagh ch 5 43; Centerville ch 4 56; Unity ch 81; Cross Roads ch 21 40; Union ch 25. *Pby of Clarion*—Leatherwood ch 12 50. *Pby of Ohio*—West Elizabeth ch Sab-sch 10; Bellefield ch 39 40; Central ch, Pittsburg 35; Sharon ch 31 33; Forest Grove ch 6 88; Canonsburg ch 27; Pittsburg 1st ch 1135 78; Pittsburg 2d ch 534 50. *Pby of Redstone*—Tent and Mt Washington chs 26 94; McKeesport ch 31 86, of which Sab-sch 4 38; Sewickley ch 18 50; Long Run ch 26 50, of which estate of Wm Thompson 5. *Pby of Salisbury*—Farnassus ch 19 51; Washington ch 6 90; Mahoning ch 7 30; Concord ch 17 20 2433 60

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL—*Pby of Chippewa*—Black River Falls ch 2 50; 1st ch, La Crosse 18; Caledonia ch 6; Sheldon ch 6. *Pby of St Paul*—South Bend ch 10; St Cloud 1st ch 6 50; Central ch, St Paul 76 10. *Pby of S Minnesota*—Ashland ch 2 03 127 13

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY—*Pby of Findlay*—Arcadia ch 8. *Pby of Maumee*—Delta ch 6; West Bethesda ch 5. *Pby of Michigan*—Plymouth 2d ch, from Jos S Clayton 5. *Pby of Western Reserve*—Westminster ch, Cleveland 20 16 44 16

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA—*Pby of Des Moines*—Oskaloosa ch 20. *Pby of Fairfield*—Chequest ch 6; Rev L G Bell 5; Fairfield ch 11; Birmingham ch 8 96; Washington ch 6 50; Bethel ch 3 60. *Pby of Iowa*—West Point ch 7; Pilot Grove ch 1 50. *Pby of Missouri River*—Plattsmouth ch 43 50 112 96

SYNOD OF WHEELING—*Pby of New Lisbon*—New Lisbon 1st ch 30; Salem ch 43 60; Glasgow ch 4 32; Boardman ch, from Austin B Noble 5. *Pby of St Clairsville*—Bellair ch Sab-sch 22; Mount Pleasant ch 62 39. *Pby of Steubenville*—Centre Unity ch 5; Ulrichsville ch 29; Richmond ch 19 94; Two children of Feed Spring ch 2; Chestnut Grove ch 8 26; Oak Ridge ch 9; Beech Spring ch 17; Steubenville 2d ch, from Mrs "H E B." 100, "C C B" 100, = 200; Minerva ch 10; Still Fork ch 7. *Pby of Washington*—Lower Buffalo ch 21; Pine Grove ch 4; Forks of Wheeling ch 200; Washington 2d ch 70; Clayville ch 52; 1st ch, Wheeling 39 25; Wellsburg ch 10 10; Mt Prospect ch 19 45 890 29

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN—*Pby of Dane*—Oakland and Cambridge ch 14; Richland Centre ch 3; Richland City ch 3; Fancy Creek ch 4. *Pby of Milwaukee*—Waukesha ch 83 50; Beloit 1st ch 68 25, less 5 for Record = 63 25. *Pby of Winnebago*—Neenah 1st ch 11 26; Field of Rev P Roser 4; Newport ch 20 161 00

Pby of Catawba—Charlotte ch 3; Paw Creek ch 3 6 00

Total receipts from churches, \$16,185 37

MISCELLANEOUS—"Mary," Muncie, Ind. 5; Jas M Ray, Esq. and H I Coe special contribution towards support of a district missionary 250; six months interest on permanent missionary fund, from the trustees of General Assembly 470 84; Mrs Anna Maria Fitch, New Albany, Ind 50; Mrs "S N" 5; Friends in Ill 100; A Chapman, M. D., Alquina, Ind 5; "Dee" New Orleans, La. 10; "A friend of the Board," Iowa 6; Mrs M E Brown, Valparaiso, Ind 10; "Two friends," Madison, Wis 2; Miss Mary Montgomery, McElhattan, Pa, 5;

"E M G" UMa, N Y 100; Robert O Colt, Esq, 100; Mrs E E Townsend, Fainted Post, N Y 5; Jacob Leyenberger, Orford, Iowa 5; Nehemiah Chote, Esq, Derry, N H 30; "A W G," Phila 2; Alex Constantine, Peekskill, N Y 7; W P Emery, Esq, Flemington, N J 50; Slippery Rock Sab-sch 2 29 1,219 13

LEGACIES—Legacy of Mrs Hanna Couper, dec'd, late of New Castle, Delaware 100; Estate of Eli Leavenworth, Filton Co, N Y, 211 50; Patterson Estate, Pittsburgh 119 71 431 21

Total Receipts in November, \$17,615 71

S. D. POWELL, Treasurer,

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CLOTHING.

1 barrel from ladies of Bedford ch, N Y, valued at \$125 00
1 box from ladies of Phelps ch, N Y, valued at 73 75
1 box from ladies of Great Valley ch, Pa, value not given.
1 box from ladies of Trenton 1st ch, N J, valued at 160 00
1 box from ladies of 2d ch, Pittsburgh, Pa. valued at 225 00
1 box from ladies of Sewickley ch, Pa, value not given.
1 box from ladies of Park ch, Erie, Pa, valued at 300 27
1 box from ladies of Spring Garden ch, Phila, valued at 176 00
1 box from ladies of Westminster ch, N J, value not given.
1 box from ladies of Sixth ch, Phila, valued at 110 00
2 boxes from ladies of 1st ch, Allegheny City, Pa, valued at 277 93
1 box from ladies of Flemington ch, N J, value not given.
1 box from ladies of South Third St ch, Williamsburg, L I, valued at 264 76
1 box from ladies of Hagerstown ch, Md, valued at 225 00
1 box from ladies of 1st ch, Cincinnati, valued at 131 00
1 box from ladies of N Y Avenue ch, Washington, D C, valued at 177 60
1 box from ladies of Hollidaysburg, Pa, value not given. \$2,255 31

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN THE SYNOD OF KENTUCKY AS REPORTED BY L. L. WARREN, Esq., TREASURER, FROM SEPTEMBER 1st, 1867.

Pby of Ebenezer—James M Preston, Burlington, Ky \$50 00

Pby of Muhlenburg—Bowling Green ch 24; Hopkinsville ch 35 59 00

Pby of Transylvania—Ebenezer ch, 3 00

Pby of Paducah—Princeton ch 68; Marion ch 68 136 00

Pby of Louisville—Chestnut St ch, Louisville 700; College St ch, Louisville 335 50; Collected by J M McDonald 9; Cane Run and Plum Creek ch 12 55; Penn Run ch 6 70; A member of Bardstown ch 3; Walnut St ch, Louisville 32 20. 1,119 06

\$1,367 05

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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTIFUL, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.

For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater; so shall my word be that goeth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.—ISAIAH, Chap. lv.

The Great Hope of Christianity.

The dispensation of the law, throughout its weary ages, looked, tended to, and was all a preparation for, a great and glorious hope—the incarnation of the SON OF GOD, the “Messiah,” the “One who should come,” who would be called “Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace; of the increase of whose government and peace there shall be no end.” He came; He passed; Judaism was disappointed. His mission was to suffer.

The dispensation of the gospel has its great hope—the COMFORTER, “whom,” said the departing Lord Jesus, “I will send unto you from the Father.” The third person of the Trinity is as much the hope of Christianity as the second person of the Trinity was the hope of Judaism. His mission is to distribute gifts unto men. He will lead a bewildered, doubting church, and a blind, perishing world, “into all truth.” He will sanctify a corrupt world. And that same person of the Godhead who moved upon the face of the waters, and said, “Let there be light, and there was light,” will again move and speak, and a far brighter glory of the Lord shall cover the earth, as the waters cover the sea,—the glory of universal holiness, love, and rejoicing with everlasting joy.

Blessed hope! glorious hope! Many, even of those who are Christians outwardly, will be disappointed in the fashion of this Divine Comforter. Even sincere disciples will be slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken. The world will openly blaspheme. But as surely as the Father hath given the Son power over all flesh, so surely will that greater Pentecost come when he *will pour out of his Spirit upon all flesh, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.*

Call when He is Near.

To the learned men of Athens the inspired Peter proclaimed, There is a Lord of heaven and earth, the Creator of all, the Judge of all, who hath determined the great eras of man's religious advancement, and the boundaries, migrations, and changes of nations, with reference to the establishment of the kingdom of his Son over the hearts of all men everywhere, and also their final account of Him in the judgment. These “times before appointed” are easily to be traced in the history of the ages that have passed since the foundation of the world. The present is generally thought by the Church to be the culminating one preparatory to the happy age when he shall be “King of kings and Lord of lords.” We, then, as workers together with Him, beseech you that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. For he saith, “I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee; behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of

salvation." Let us, as ministers of the gospel, press the offers of mercy to sinners through the blood of Jesus Christ upon all classes and conditions of men, compelling even the friendless outcast wandering on the highway, and the beggar shivering and starving beneath the hedge, to come in. Let us publish them to Jew and Gentile; then, "behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for He hath glorified thee." And, now, when by so many tokens the Lord is manifesting to his people that "He is near," let us summon all that wait for the promise of the Father to "call upon Him;" not alone in public assemblies, but "every family apart, and their wives apart." No word of pleading, for Jesus' sake, that we send on high is void; no word of promise, God, for Jesus' sake, sends down to us is void. Each shall prosper in the thing whereto it is sent.

The Power of Three Ciphers.

In the early days of the theological seminary at Allegheny it was often in great need of money. The churches were not fully awake to the importance of the institution. The country was then comparatively poor. And its warmest friends were sometimes bowed down with trouble and fear. It is an instructive legend of that day, that once, in a time of extremity, the Rev. Dr. Francis Herron, president of the board of directors, the Rev. Dr. Elisha P. Swift, also a director, and the pious Rev. Joseph Patterson, met to devise some way of relief. With all their faith, the first mentioned brethren were greatly dejected. "We have no one to help us," said one of them. "No one!" replied Mr. Patterson, warmly, "why, I know of a thousand here." The two looked astonished. He continued: "Is not Dr. Herron a cipher; and is not Dr. Swift a cipher; and am not I a cipher? But JESUS CHRIST is surely *One*. And if we put one *before* three ciphers, does it not make a thousand?" They took new courage, went to that One who is able to help, and did not pray in vain.

"I preached to Myself."

The church of an eminent Presbyterian minister was, a few years ago, in a very cold state. He tried various methods to kindle new life in it. He determined to go to his own soul. He afterwards said: "I sat down and prepared, with much prayer, an earnest sermon *to myself*; I preached it to myself in the pulpit. I was astonished to see how the people listened to it, and the effect that it had upon them." Theological learning, forcible reasoning, luminous expositions of scripture, apt illustrations, fervid oratory, the claims of the suffering and the benighted, all have their place in the pulpit; but more powerful than all these are the pleas drawn from the personal experiences of a soul that has pressed its way within the veil, dwelt "in the secret place of the Most High," and abode "under the shadow of the Almighty"—if indeed that can be called "a shadow" which is only the dimming of the glory above the mercy-seat by the wings of the merciful cherubim, lest that glory may consume us. Such a soul comes forth qualified to cry; "Then will I teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners shall be converted unto thee."

THE NEW YEAR should be to every soul a period of extraordinary thanksgiving for mercies past; self-examination; renewal of the dedication of life, faculties, family, property, and influence to the Lord who gave and preserves them; and of setting apart of grateful gifts for the poor, for deserving charities, and for the various departments of the work of the Church.

A Poor Profession; but making many Rich.

A young man gave, at the Fulton Street prayer-meeting, New York, the following account of God's goodness to him in answer to prayer, and confirming His covenant of blessing upon him when he devoted himself to the ministry of the gospel:

"My dear sainted mother had some time before ceased her praying for me, her impenitent boy, and had joined the blood-washed throng in heaven. I was at the academy, fitting for college. After my own conversion, I felt my heart very much drawn toward the gospel ministry. Like a dutiful child, I wrote to my father, telling him the desires of my heart. He wrote, dissuading me from my choice. He said he had designed me for the legal profession. The ministerial profession was a poor profession—poor pay, poor station, poor honors, poor prospects, poor everything. He said if I persisted in my choice, I must depend upon myself. He would not, could not help me. I did persist in my choice, and was left to depend upon myself. My father's letters began also to fall off. He would write very seldom, and then, when he did do so, his letters would contain only four or five lines, hurriedly written. Many things conspired to make me feel that I was almost an outcast from my father's house and his affections.

"It was in this state of things that I wrote to this meeting, asking those present to pray for the conversion of my father. I prayed for him continually and earnestly myself, and I wished you to help me pray. Now mark what followed. Almost immediately after sending that request for prayer, I received a letter from my father. It was not a letter of four or five lines, but it was a full sheet. It told me that he was in great distress about his soul, and implored me to tell him what he should do to be saved. I am here to-day to tell you that my father is saved through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. I am here to tell you that God answered our prayers. I cannot tell you how thankful he is that I persisted in my choice, and how glad he is that he can give me to the glorious work of preaching the gospel."

The Kind of Men Wanted in the Ministry.

The men the world needs at the present time are well described in the fol-

lowing words from a speaker at a meeting in London.

"We want men of kindred spirit with Milne, of China, who, when he came before the committee, seemed so unlikely to be God's man that they were unwilling to accept him, but consented that he should be sent out as a servant of the mission; and when they asked if he would go, he replied: 'Why, when the Lord's house is building, to be a hewer of wood and drawer of water seems too great an honour for me.' We want men of a kindred spirit with Henry Martyn, who, when he expressed a desire to go out to India, was told that he had not a constitution for the climate, and he had better not go. 'How long do you think I should live,' said he, 'if I went to India to preach the gospel?' 'Why possibly you might live seven years!' was the reply. 'Seven years,' said he; 'oh, how much a man may do for Christ in seven years! I will go.' We want men of a kindred spirit with George Whitefield, who, when in the zenith of his career, when he seemed to be self-consuming in his zeal for Christ, said, 'I want to exist as one of Christ's bees, but I seem to be such a drone that I deserve to be thrust out of the hive.' We want men of kindred spirit with the great Apostle of the Gentiles, who said, 'my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they may be saved.' We want men having in them the mind of Christ Jesus, the great, and first, and chief Missionary, who said, 'I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how am I straitened until it be accomplished!' If we get such men as these, why then there is indeed a fair prospect of the world being won for Christ."

A Calamitous Project.

The higher class of institutions for the education of the young in this country have in general originated with the ministry of the gospel. Their maintenance must depend chiefly upon the effective interest of Christians in them. And the object in view has been, and must ever be, culture in those branches of knowledge which incline and qualify the expanding mind to think upon the great ends for which it was created; its duties to its Creator and its fellow immortal beings; the truths and principles revealed in His word and in His works; and the everlasting destiny which lies before it. Assuming these things for granted, we must regard as calculated

to subvert the designs of Christian education, and most injurious to the best interests of the coming generations of our land, so far as carried into effect, a project, which, it is announced, will soon be brought before Congress in the form of a bill for its adoption. It contemplates the establishment of a bureau of military education in the War Department, under the charge of a Director-General, with the rank and pay of a Brigadier-General. State Legislatures are to designate colleges in which the plan may be carried out, and to each of these colleges the President is to appoint two Military Professors. Students who pursue military studies are to have books and camp equipage furnished free. A limited number of college graduates, showing greatest proficiency in military studies, are to have their names published in the *Army Register*, and one graduate per year from each college will be commissioned as second lieutenant in the army, on the same footing with West Point graduates. The government, we heartily acknowledge, should create and fully equip all the academies necessary to train in the science of war those destined for officers of the army or navy. But the church will watch with great jealousy any attempt to pervert numbers of the institutions which are forming the intellect that will control our country and affect the world, by giving the course of study in them a military cast, and by holding up military rewards to dazzle the minds of their students. We expect our legislators who, not to speak of other considerations of great importance, have at heart the best interests of education, of religion, and of the youth in our more advanced institutions, to guard against efforts to impose a

feature fraught with so much injury upon the educational system of our land.

Carroll College.

Recent statements from this institution inform the Board that there are now *sixty* students connected with its classes. A friend writes, "The institution is manifestly rising in public favour." Its present principal, Professor Walter L. Rankin, has the full confidence of those interested in the institution, and is sanguine of success in planting it upon a firm and permanent basis, if some aid be afforded by those who have the pecuniary means to do it, for a short period. The college was taken under the care of the church in Wisconsin in 1850. It is near the cities of Milwaukee and Chicago, in a beautiful and growing region. It is earnestly commended to the liberality of Christians, both there and elsewhere. Contributions may be sent to Professor Walter L. Rankin, Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Tract to Ministers and Students.

There is sent out to ministers and theological students, by a special contribution for that purpose, along with this number of the *Record*, a tract containing thoughts suitable to this season, and the present posture of the church, which has been compiled from the writings of the Rev. Dr. James W. Alexander, and grouped under the heading of "THE HOPE AND POWER OF THE CHURCH." May it stir many hearts to more fervent prayer, to more entire self-consecration to Christ, and to more zealous and self-denying labour for the advancement of His Kingdom.

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN NOVEMBER, 1867.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Harrisville ch	\$15 00
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Pine Creek ch	12 00
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Murraysville ch	30 30
<i>Pby of Columbus</i> —Truro ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Elizethtown</i> —Westfield ch	30 41
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Mount Hope ch	8 00
<i>Pby of Hocking</i> —Athens ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Huntington</i> —Curwensville ch	8 00
<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —Moriches ch	8 25
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Coatsville ch	15 00
<i>Pby of New York</i> —Westminster ch	31 05
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Stroudsburg ch	9 00
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Dutch Neck ch	20 00
<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —Ironton ch	9 75
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —North ch	\$9 10
<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Zion ch	2 10
<i>Pby of Schuylcr</i> —Macomb ch 20; Westminster ch 15 91	35 90
<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —Belle Centre ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Scubenville</i> —Ridge ch	17 10
<i>Pby of Salino</i> —Odm ch	2 88

<i>Pby of Troy</i> —Waterford ch	\$5 06
<i>Pby of Warren</i> —Lenox ch	5 50
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —West Alexander ch 38;	46 97
Upper Ten-Mile ch 8 97	6 28
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Clark ch	
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"Friends in Illinois" 100; Mrs. Eliza E Townsend, Painted Post, N Y 5; Patterson Estate 119 71	224 71
	\$755 26

II. FUND FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, &c.

<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Tenth ch 200 46; (less 5 for Record)	204 46
Total amount acknowledged,	\$959 73
WILLIAM MAIN, Treasurer.	

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Recent Intelligence.

MISSIONARIES SAILED.—The Rev. John Menaul and his wife embarked at this port, New York, for the Corisco mission on the 14th of December. Mr. Menaul is a member of the Presbytery of North River. They go out *via* England, as no direct passage could be obtained. Before they leave England, it is expected that two ladies, who are under appointment as teachers at Corisco, will join them for the rest of the journey. We ask for these missionaries an interest in the prayers of the churches.

THE OMAHA MISSION.—During last summer, the Rev. William Hamilton consented to take the temporary charge of this mission, and the Executive Committee hope he may be able to continue permanently in its service. His experience in former years as a missionary of the Board among the Iowas, and afterwards among the Omahas, peculiarly qualifies him for this work, which he relinquished only on account of the health of Mrs. Hamilton. In a letter dated December 10th, he speaks of most of the Omahas being on their winter hunt, from which it was not expected they would return for six weeks or two months. Amongst the few that remained, religious meetings were held twice a week in one of the villages, and much interest was shown by some of them in seeking the salvation of their souls.

CHURCH AT BOGOTA.—The Rev. T. F. Wallace, under date of November 16th, speaks of a valuable piece of ground in that city, with a building on it that can be adapted to the purposes of the mission, which can be purchased at the very low price of \$10,000, in gold. The brethren are anxious to secure this property; the opportunity of obtaining anything at all so eligible at a price so moderate has not heretofore been within their reach, and may not soon be presented again. We trust the churches will enable the Board to authorize this purchase to be made.

THE MISSION PRESS AT SHANGHAI.—We have received the annual report of this Press, and a very good report it is; we hope to publish it in one of the missionary periodicals. The whole number of pages printed during the year ending October 1st, was 21,374,350 pages.

NEW STATIONS IN JAPAN.—Dr. Hopburn writing at Yokohama, October 22d, mentions the opinion of the mission, that a station should be formed at Yedo and another at Osaka or Hiyogo, as soon as new missionaries can come to their assistance. He gives an encouraging view of the opening field of labour for Christ in Japan.

LETTERS have been received also, to the 16th of December, from the Chippewa mission, November 19th; Seminole, not dated; San Francisco, October 28th; Tungchow, September 2d; Chefoo, October 1st; Shanghai, October 16th; Hangchow, September 19th; Ningpo, October 7th; Canton, October 12th; Bangkok, September 30th; Liberia, November 2d. These contain many matters of interest, and some of them we hope to publish hereafter.

FOREIGN POSTAGE.—Some changes in the rates of foreign postage, and also in some instances in the routes, go into effect on the 1st of January. See the standing notice, on page 16 for the rates hereafter to be paid. It is supposed that letters to U. S. Colombia, Brazil, Japan, and China, can be sent direct; but if sent to the Mission House, they will be forwarded with pleasure.

A Year's Work Ended.

The year 1867 will have ended when these lines reach the eyes of most of the supporters of our Missions. A year's work for Christ and for the unevangelized will have ended. The preaching, teaching, writing, and praying of our missionary friends for a year will have ended. The gifts, prayers, and counsels of our Christian friends in this country, in behalf of this cause, for another year will have ended. But the influence and the results of these varied Christian labours for the cause of Christ in foreign countries will by no means be ended; these will not be fully known until disclosed in the world to come. Yet some of them have become manifest as the last year was passing. We recall a few things, which have been gathered from the twelve numbers of the *Record* for 1867.

In the list of missionary labourers, the issue of January reported the death of two devoted Christian woman—Mrs. Condit and Mrs. Loomis, and of the Chinese minister, Rev. Kying-Lin-yin. In later months, the death of the Rev. J. L. Mackey, of the Hindoo minister, Rev. Ishwari Das, and of Mrs. Noyes were reported—all of them ranking among the very best missionaries, American and native. Their removal was indeed a heavy loss to the cause, but their work was finished, and they have entered into rest. New labourers have gone out from this country, or have been called into service on heathen ground. Six ordained ministers, three of whom were married, have embarked for different missionary fields. A missionary physician and his wife, and two ministers have returned to their posts. Two unmarried ladies have been sent out as teachers, and two are to embark in a short time. Two Hindus and two Chinese have been ordained as ministers. The native assistants of lower grades we do not now enumerate, but there has been a considerable increase in their number.

In the additions to the churches, encouraging returns have been given. In the Liberian and Corisco churches, twenty-one new communicants are reported—the returns of the former not being complete: in China, 67; in Siam, 12; India, 20; in Brazil, 82; among the Seminoles, 17;—besides a considerable number re-organized as a church, and some also re-organized among the Creeks. Some have been added to the Church in other missions. These statistics may not be altogether accurate, but they must be nearly correct, and they show that our brethren are not labouring in vain.

In other kinds of missionary work progress has been reported—such as the English and Japanese Dictionary finished and published, the Creek Primer revised and reprinted, the Creek Hymn Book revised and in press, and numerous tracts and treatises on Christian topics, especially in India and China.

In the pecuniary support of this cause by our churches, and especially by our Sabbath-schools, there is much in the review of last year to encourage every Christian heart. The gifts of our beloved children are on a far more liberal scale than in any former year, and many touching examples of their love and zeal for Christ have these gifts furnished. We trust their interest in sending the gospel abroad will continue to increase, so that they may become a generation of devoted missionary Christians, such as the world has not seen since the first age of the church. Nor must we omit to refer to the noble gifts of many of the adult members of our churches; some of these have been seldom surpassed or equalled. In many cases, we feel assured, they have fully given as the Lord has prospered them. Many have been the liberal offerings of the poor. A few days ago we learned from his pastor that the good man, to whom a brief reference was made in these columns several years ago, who supports himself and his wife by his hard work as a day labourer,

still gives his fifty dollars a year to foreign missions—his gift not being known to his brethren in the church. Similar examples of piety among both rich and poor are doubtless known to Him who took notice of the gifts cast into the treasury at the Temple in Jerusalem.

In other kinds of support—in faith, sympathy, prayer, self-denial, love, hope—who can measure the service which has been rendered to this cause of Christ by his people? We do not doubt that in these respects the last year has been a year blest of God. That we have come far short of our duty in these respects, no one can doubt; that we should deplore lukewarmness, unbelief, and neglect of duty towards the heathen is very evident; on this we do not here dwell. We trust that the Spirit of God is prompting his people to engage in this work more generally, and with greater earnestness; and in the promises of his abundant influences is our hope placed for the time to come. This slight review will not be made in vain if it leads any of our readers to thank God and take courage.

Another Year's Work.

With the new year we may well renew our purpose of serving God in the work of missions. This work remains unfinished. Years pass away; the workmen may be called from their labours; but the work itself still claims the earnest attention of all the people of God.

In general, our missions are going on well. Gradually they are spreading the knowledge of salvation among tribes and nations, whose aggregate population must be not less than eight hundred millions. Our missionary friends make but a little band of workmen among such multitudes, and the missionaries of all Protestant churches in the whole foreign field would not equal in number the ministers of the gospel in one of our Western States—Indiana or Illinois, for instance, which are not yet old-settled States.

Small as their number is, far too small indeed on any theory of missions, our missionaries are engaged in a work of vast magnitude. They are preaching Christ where he is not yet known, or known to but few. They are educating some of the youth, and training some of their converts to become teachers or ministers. They are translating the Holy Scriptures, and preparing works of instruction for people who have no Christian books. They are using such means as are approved and employed in our own Church for the spread of the gospel; and they are so doing this as to prepare the way for transferring the work of evangelization into the hands of native churches and ministers, when these shall, by the blessing of God, be ready for such and so great a work. The work is great, immeasurably beyond our common conception of it, and well might we feel discouraged if we were required to perform it in our own strength; but it is the work of God.

We need enter here into no minute statements of the fields and labours of the missionaries; these are often brought to the notice of our readers. Nor need we enter upon any argument for this cause, or any reply to objections which are sometimes made. We are writing for those chiefly who recognize the cause of missions as the cause of God.

Amongst such, we apprehend, the chief difficulty is in really feeling the truth and power of our own belief on the subject—that our Lord commands us to do this work, and that it should be done out of love to him, zeal for his glory, and faith in his blessing the work of our hands; that the souls of men in Africa, China, and

other countries abroad where our brethren preach the gospel, are to be lost or saved; and in order to their being saved, their knowledge of Christ and faith in him are indispensable; that Providence is opening many doors for engaging in this work; that sympathy should be deeply felt with those who have gone out to do their part of it, who are also in a degree the representatives of their Christian brethren at home, and that sympathy should be felt also for the native Christian converts, often weak and imperfect, exposed to great trials of their faith, and placed where it is greatly important that they should let their light shine clearly; that the gift of money is needed for supporting this work; that more labourers are surely needed in these harvest-fields; that prayer should be continually offered in behalf of all these great interests. It is in view of considerations of this kind that we should enter upon another year, perhaps our last year, of work for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ—among many nations. The Lord enable his people to fulfil all this work, with proper intelligence, thoughtfulness, and earnestness! Very many of our Christian brethren, we rejoice to believe, are thus devoted to the promotion of this cause of Christ; if others are not yet fully enlisted in its behalf, we wish they could be induced to consider its claims upon them. And what we do, let us do quickly; for the time is short.

The Children's "Foreign Missionary."

This little newspaper yields to few papers of its class in its attractive appearance, and excels most of them in the value of its information. We fully believe that a year's reading of this newspaper will do much to enlarge the minds of our children, and to draw their hearts to Christ and his cause,—far more indeed than would be readily believed by those who may not have considered the subject. This newspaper, and also the pamphlet periodical of the same name, edited by our colleague, the new Secretary of the Board, can be commended in warm terms, and we would gladly see them widely circulated. The newspaper is sent free, one copy to the children of each family, in Sunday-schools that make regular collections in aid of the Board.

The "Week of Prayer."

The last General Assembly "*Resolved*, That in accordance with the practice of previous Assemblies, and also in grateful recognition of the blessings with which the Lord has been pleased to accompany such seasons of prayer, the Assembly would recommend the observance of the first week, commencing with the first Sabbath in January, 1868, as a week of prayer for the outpouring of the Spirit of God, that his promise to the church may be fulfilled, that all flesh shall see the salvation of God. And the Assembly would exhort the people of all our churches to a general and earnest attendance upon prayer during that period."

It will be remembered that the observance thus recommended was first suggested by our missionaries in India, and that its chief reference was to the work in which they and other missionaries were engaged, the conversion of the world. We observe with regret that in a list of topics for each day respectively, which has been published by the *Evangelical Alliance*, and widely printed in our newspapers,

this original object of its observance is not clearly kept in view. In this list we do not see any reference to *the preaching of the gospel* as the means of converting the heathen, nor to *the outpouring of the Holy Spirit*, as the great agent in their conversion. This list of topics is in other respects open to remark, but the Assembly's Minute, as reprinted above, will possess much greater weight with our readers.

Mission to the Chinese in California.

Thoughts in the Night and in the Day.

SAN FRANCISCO, October 8th, 1867.

Dear Brother,—Though living in this nervous, bustling, growing town—the town which some of its self-complaisant inhabitants predict is ere long to be the centre of trade, and the great radiating point for travellers for all this little globe—though living in such a place yet have I nothing especially important to write. We have had no earthquakes for a long time, (but no man knows when the next one may come.) Two rains we have had, which furnished me with means for discovering where were the leaks in our roof, and gave me timely warning to prepare for the long and rainy winter, and gave me also a text for profitable meditation, as I lay in bed hearing those water-drops striking the ceiling over my head, “Ah yes,” said I, “the day shall declare it.” Only a few days previous I had called a mechanic, who made, what he termed, a thorough examination and pronounced the roof in good condition. “But now,” said I, “we see how it is when the rains descend and the floods come. Many who think they have tight roofs over their heads may wake up some night to find they have provided no shelter from the coming storm of Divine wrath: many who presumed their houses were built on enduring foundations will live on unconcerned till the day of death, and then be startled to find their houses without foundations, and already the storms are coming, and no time left to build anew. Many who supposed they had built with gold, silver, and precious stones may be greatly surprised in the last day, when the fires are trying every man's work—they will be surprised to behold the amount of wood, hay, and stubble they had used. Therefore, while I am going about warning men to build on the right foundation, and also to take heed *how* they build even on this true foundation, let me also be looking to the foundations of my own house, and careful that when that storm comes which will sweep away the wicked, I may be found safely sheltered, free from

fear, and altogether at peace.” Thus I meditated.

... I send you a few lines that you may keep in your mind some connected history of this little mission; and it does me a great deal of good to think that you are fully as much interested in everything relating to this mission as I am, and not you only, but all the Church. It is not my mission, but yours; nor yet is it your mission; it is the Church's mission; and better still than that, it is the property, the peculiar care of the Great Head of the Church—the vineyard of his planting; therefore, what interests are centered on it!—how many are watching its progress! The work swells in importance, and what a few moments ago was appearing rather diminutive in comparison with the larger missions under your care, now assumes greatly enlarged proportions. Consequently, I may presume that almost anything I can tell you of our every-day duties and experience will be acceptable.

The Chinese going and coming.

On last Monday the magnificent steamship *China*, sailed for Yokahama and Hong-Kong. She is 378 feet long. The *Great Republic*, which sailed September 3d, is 360 feet in length, both splendidly finished and furnished. The *Republic* carried home 750 Chinese, at \$40 each, finding them in everything. The *China* carried 917, at the same rates; a sailing vessel yesterday left with upwards of a hundred more. The receding tide is strong this fall.

Many are now returning who have been waiting to hear of more peaceful and prosperous times in their native districts than has been their lot to hear for several years past. The favorable news recently received, causes them now to visit homes from which they have long been absent. Many also who have the means to spare, are embracing the opportunity afforded by these splendid steamers to visit parents and friends at home. They will return, if all be well, after an absence of a few months.

I stated that 750 went home on the *Great Republic*; on the steamer which next returned to this port from China,

there were only 300 Chinese passengers, and half of them were old California residents. This may furnish some notion of the migratory waves.

A man in whom great interest is felt.

Amongst the passengers of the *China* on Monday last, was a man in whom we feel great interest. It is four years since he first entered this chapel, having been introduced to it by a man who had long been accustomed to come occasionally, who professed to believe our doctrines, but confessed that he did not conduct himself according to them—he loved this present life, though a long time ago in China (as he told us) he had united with a mission church—of him I have little hope, while of the man to whom he first explained some of the doctrines of the Christian faith, and whom he brought to the chapel, I have much hope.

This latter person soon became quite regular in his attendance on the services. He began at once to attend the Sabbath-school, and applied himself with untiring diligence to study, improving every leisure moment at home for adding to his fund of knowledge. He always carried with him pencil and paper, and noted down every new word he heard, and which interested him. In this way, and by copying from other books, he is now in possession of a neatly written pocket

vocabulary, quite complete in its way, and alphabetically arranged. He has learned to read, so that the New Testament in English is not a sealed book to him; he also reads Chinese well. For this knowledge of English he is indebted mainly to our Sabbath-school. In church he has been a close listener, and apparently, a devout worshipper. He has attended many of the prayer-meetings, and has seemed glad of the privilege of worshipping the true God, and praying to him in these meetings—he hesitates not to confess in public that he believes in the "one God in three persons," that he trusts in Jesus for salvation, that he receives the Old and New Testament as the word of God.

He has not been baptized and received to the communion, but expresses the hope that he may be perhaps in China, or (if he returns) when he comes back to this country. We gave him letters to our brethren in Canton, and hope he will report to them when he arrives. Should he remain in China he may be a means of carrying a light and setting it up in his native village. He belongs to the Hak-Kah people.

Those who have become connected with our little church are from different districts in the province of Canton, and should they return, and should they remain faithful, the good seed may by them be spread very far.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN NOVEMBER, 1867.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Gloversville Sab-sch for debt 20 10; Boston Spa ch E W Lee 5; Mrs Lee 5; Miss Gellat 50c. Sab-sch for debt 14 50; Hamilton Union Sab-sch for debt 13 50; Windsor Sab-sch 22 78. *Pby of Londonderry*—First ch Newburyport 182 46. *Pby of Mohawk-Park*—Central ch Syracuse for debt 40, to ed girl at Tungchow 60; Sab-sch Missy Socy for debt 62 51; Oneida Sab-sch 30; a family 76c; Oneida Valley Sab-sch 7, for debt 2 10. *Pby of Troy*—Second st ch Troy 341 92; Phoebe Vail's little savings 3 25; Mechanicsville and Stillwater Sab-schs 10; 3d ch Troy 6. 827 38

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Butler Sab-sch for debt 22 50; Plaingrove ch Female Missy Socy 74 61; Sab-sch 7, for Mr Mattee's sch China 10 83; Harrisville ch 15; Sab-sch for debt 21; Amity ch 12; Sab-sch for debt 43 83; New Salem Sab-sch for debt 8. *Pby of Allegheny City*—Claremont Mission Sab-sch for debt 3; Emworth Sab-sch for debt 6 52; Beaver Sab-sch for debt 19 15; Industry Sab-sch for debt 6. *Pby of Beaver*—Slippery Rock ch 3 16; Sab-sch for debt 14 29; Westfield Sab-sch for debt 91; Pulaski Sab-sch for debt 87; Hopewell Sab-sch for debt 10 55. *Pby of Erie*—Sturgeonville Sab-sch for debt 28 80; Petroleum Centre ch 43 25; 2d ch Mercer Sab-sch for debt 30; Westminster Sab-sch to con James L Reed *Life Member* 45; Harmonsburg Sab-sch 4; Conneautville Sab-sch 4; Georgetown Sab-sch for debt 19 25; Greenfield Sab-sch for debt 6 80; Cool Spring Sab-sch for debt 9; Luna Sab-sch

for debt 6; 1st ch Mercer Sab-sch for debt 60 716 54

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Ellcott's City Sab-sch for debt 40, to con Porter E Alger *Life member* 30; Churchville Sab-sch 6 25; 2d ch Baltimore 60; Harmony ch Baltimore 64 32; Westminster Sab-sch Baltimore for debt 800; Aisquith st ch Baltimore for debt 30. *Pby of Carlisle*—Millerstown Sab-sch for debt 8 56; Fayetteville ch 24; Dickinson Sab-sch for debt 12 50; Big Spring Sab-sch for debt 60; 2d ch Carlisle Sab-sch for debt 46; Barton and Lanconing Sab-sch for debt 11 36; Mouth of Juniata ch 8; Williamsport Sab-sch for debt 11; Lower Path Valley ch 54; Burnt Cabin ch 16; Monaghan ch 10. *Pby of Lewis*—Monokin Sab-sch 23 37; Snow Hill Sab-sch 6. *Pby of Potomac*—New York Avenue ch Sab-sch Youth's Missionary Society for debt 250 60 1,568 89

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Genesee River*—Caledonia Sab-sch 6 61; Dnncan McPherson 12 50; Children of D C McPherson 5 28; Ruth Sab-sch for debt 26; Moscow Sab-sch for debt 20; Groveland Sab-sch for debt 19 29; Infant class 4 05. *Pby of Rochester City*—Webster Sab-sch 14; Phelps ch 20 127 73

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Bureau*—Andrew Sab-sch 5; Rock Island Sab-sch for debt 31 80; Beulah Sab-sch for debt 13 10. *Pby of Chicago*—Earlville Sab-sch for debt 10; Orchard at Mission Sab-sch Chicago 3 10; Zion ch 2; Sab-sch 10; Manteno Sab-sch for debt 20. *Pby of Rock River*

—Morrison Sab-sch 18 56; 2d ch Freeport 32. *Pby of Schuylcr*—Fountain Green Sab-sch for debt 12; Macomb Sab-sch for debt 20 75; Bardolph Sab-sch 16 50. Perry Sab-sch for debt 8 94; Mt Sterling Sab-sch for debt 3. *Pby of Warren*—John Knox Sab-sch 10 46; Oneida Sab-sch 9 80; Oquaque Sab-sch Ada Gordon 60c, Charley and Minnie Hanson 1 228 60

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Concord ch 15 85; Union Sab-sch for debt 5 50. Mission Sch for debt 5 25; New Holland ch for debt 5 50. *Pby of Cincinnati*—Montgomery Sab-sch for debt 23 10; 7th ch Cincinnati mo con 12 72; Findlay Mission Sab-sch for debt 4 20; Somerset Sab-sch for debt 22 15; Feesburg ch for debt 9; Rending ch for debt 12. *Pby of Miami*—Second ch Springfield Sab-sch for debt 33 60; Washington ch 20 20; Bellbrook ch 5 50; 1st ch Springfield Sab-sch for debt 22 53. *Pby of Oxford*—Harmony ch 1 50; 1st ch Oxford Sab-sch add'l for debt 16; Venice Sab-sch for debt 5 70. *Pby of Sidney*—Piqua Sab-sch for debt 27 10; Troy Sab-sch 20 267 40

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS—*Pby of Bloomington*—Paxton ch 3 55; El Paso Sab-sch 7; Chenoa ch and Sab-sch 116 75; Waynesville Sab-sch 1 25; Clinton Sab-sch for debt 42; Mackinaw Sab-sch 5 53; Cheney's Grove ch 3; Onarga Sab-sch 15; Jenny Wilson 60c, Oscar Stanley 22c, Richie Amerman dec'd 68c for debt. *Pby of Kaskaskia*—Moro Sab-sch for debt 10; Greenville Sab-sch 4 45. *Pby of Peoria*—Prospect Sab-sch for debt and to con J Howard Parks *Life member* 30; French Grove Sab-sch 25; 1st ch Peoria Sab-sch for debt 17 17; Delavan Sab-sch 7 15; West Jersey Sab-sch 2 40. *Pby of Saline*—Friendsville ch 17, Sab-sch for debt 15; Richland Sab-sch for debt 6; Shawneetown ch 18 60; Odin ch 3 50, Sab-sch 3 83. *Pby of Sangamon*—First ch Springfield Sab-sch for debt 371 70; 2d ch Jacksonville Sab-sch for debt 17; North Sangamon ch 32, Sab-sch 53; West Okaw ch and Sab-sch 18; Sab-sch 5; Bethel ch 8 25 860 51

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SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI—*Pby of New Orleans*—First Ger ch New Orleans 32 00

Total received from churches, \$16,490 80

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DEATH OF DR. WILLIAM M. ENGLES.

It is our afflictive duty to announce to the readers of the *Record* the death of the REV. WM. M. ENGLES, D. D., President of the Board of Publication. This event occurred on the night of Wednesday, November 27th, at his residence in Philadelphia, after an illness of a few days. Dr. Engles was in the seventy-first year of his age.

The Presbyterian Board of Publication is probably more largely indebted to Dr. Engles than to any other one man for its existence and its usefulness, especially during the first twenty years of its history. He was one of the first half-dozen men who clearly perceived the necessity for such an institution, and who met to take counsel together in reference to its formation. In all the incipient measures which led to its organization, and afterwards to its adoption and re-organization by the General Assembly, he took a prominent part. He was appointed at the very beginning a member of its Executive Committee, and continued to serve uninterruptedly in that capacity until June, 1863. He was likewise appointed the first Editor of the Board's publications, and every one of them passed under his eye and hand until the same date. In the following year, after the death of the Rev. Dr. Phillips, of New York, President of the Board, Dr. Engles was elected to fill the vacant chair. This he continued to do with dignity and Christian courtesy and warm devotion to the Board's interests, until his removal by death.

His usefulness in connection with this Board, the Church can never fully appreciate. His sound judgment rarely allowed him to fall into a mistake. His extensive reading, and his thorough and discriminating orthodoxy placed upon the Board's catalogue a large variety of the most approved Calvinistic books, both of our own country and of Great Britain, yet kept its list to a remarkable degree free from all admixture of error. A large number of old and valuable works which had become nearly extinct because of their cumbrous style, were revised and abridged by him, and have had an extensive circulation and usefulness in every part of the land. He was also himself the author of a large number of valuable books and tracts, nearly all of which were published anonymously.

Among these, his "*Sick-room Devotions*" has carried life and comfort to thousands of chambers of sickness. His little work, "*The Soldiers' Pocket-book*," of which about three hundred thousand, in English and German, were circulated among our soldiers during the war, achieved an untold and unspeakable amount of good.

In the death of its former Editor and recent President, the Board of Publication has lost a wise and devoted friend. May the Lord, whose resources are infinite, raise up and strengthen others to carry forward and enlarge the work he so well began.

Our Distribution Fund.

In the last two numbers of the *Record* we have stated the necessities of our Distribution Fund, and the kind of applications then waiting for donations of books, tracts, &c., &c. We have since received several liberal donations from individuals, but are yet far from having enough to meet the exigencies of the case. A number of interesting and urgent appeals for donations are before us. We trust that other liberal donors will follow the example a few generous individuals have just been setting, and give us the means to scatter without stint the publications of the Board among the poor and the needy, whenever they are asked for from any part of the land.

The Sabbath-School Visitor—Semi-monthly.

The General Assembly of 1866 passed the following resolution :

"That as soon as the Board can find it financially prudent to publish *The Sabbath-School Visitor* twice a month instead of once, the importance of that paper requires that it shall be done."

Numerous Sabbath-schools in various parts of the church, and several Presbyteries have also expressed their desire to have the paper oftener than once a month. Its general popularity and largely increased circulation have also led to the hope that a more frequent issue would be sustained and useful. At its last monthly meeting the Board therefore resolved that after the first of January the *Visitor* should be issued both monthly and semi-monthly.

We now appeal to pastors, Sunday-school superintendents and teachers, and all others interested in the Sabbath-schools of the Presbyterian church, to aid the Board by exerting their influence to introduce the semi-monthly issue into their respective schools. The honest and earnest endeavour is put forth to make the *Visitor* as attractive, as instructive, and as cheap as any child's paper published in the land. Will our churches appreciate and encourage the effort?

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The Young Pioneer's Credentials.

The following letter from an esteemed brother, who, in self-denial, has laid the foundations of our Zion in an important Western city, is well worthy of perusal.

Our brother says: "In my last I forgot to tell you of an occurrence which rebuked keenly my own timidity, and its mention may cheer you as the fact did me. In our straitness of time for worship on Sabbath, and of means in the beginning of our work, we had no *regular* occasions for presenting the several benevolent agencies of our church, and had asked for no contributions for most of them. The monthly concert for prayer we observed on Wednesday evenings. But recently I stated at a prayer-meeting the reasons of our course, and then asked the wishes of the members regarding regular contributions; and their expression, one after another, was unanimous for a regular contribution to every one of the objects; and this without any intimation of a wish or judgment from me. And you may depend on it, I will not be heard again offering pleas for neglect. In our special work of building, we are still cheered as ever. The plasterers finish to-day, the sash-makers and carpenters this week, or early next. Then we expect our glass daily; after that we will carry our chairs for seats, and we are in it, a rejoicing people.

"But already we feel authorized in passing beyond this. We have secured means to cancel all bills to this point, and already we have lifted the last great burden—the provision for the pews and the brick work. I *must* lay aside the brick and mortar service and serve in the sanctuary, and must do all my part at getting funds before we enter the house; so I am doing it thoroughly and systematically. Along with the subscription book, which I wear about me as regularly as my coat, the Western Minister's '*Vade Mecum*,' the young pioneer's '*Credentials*,' I carry a list very carefully made out from the Directory, and reviewed in conference with the best advised friends—a list of every man to whom it can be of any use to apply for a contribution. And I will not desist until every one is tried. And then I think, coming back to our members the *third* time, they will carefully take up what remains.

"Pardon the length at which I write, but I am privileged to walk amongst a people whom the Lord hath so greatly blessed."

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION IN NOVEMBER, 1867.

<i>Pby of Lake</i> —Crown Point ch 8; Millersburg ch 8 50	\$16 50	<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Madison ch 7 20; Hubbard ch 12; Canfield ch 9	28 20
<i>Pby of Huntington</i> —Mt Union and Shirleysburg chs	12 00	<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Troy ch	17 21
<i>Pby of Dane</i> —Blue Mounds ch, refunded, 75; Rock-hill Ger ch 3 50	78 50	<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Tom's River ch	13 43
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Dubuque Ger ch, special, 55 00		<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Portageville ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Burlington 1st ch, special, 50; Burlington Ger ch, special, 76; Franklin Centre ch, special, 98; West Point ch, special, 17; Fort Madison ch, special, 32; Keokuk ch, special, 1 95; Kosauoy ch, special, 32 50	464 50	<i>Pby of Fairfield</i> —Libertyville ch 1 80; Bentonsport 7 65; Birmingham ch, special, 31	40 45
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Mahanoy City ch 19 91; Mauch Chunk, special, 200	219 91	<i>Pby of Albany</i> —State Street ch	126 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Easton 1st ch, special,	20 00	<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —East Hopewell and Nashville chs 10; Jeromeville ch 7 13	17 13
<i>Pby of Ravitan</i> —Amwell 2d ch 10 74; Millford ch, special, 50	60 74	<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Ridge ch	16 75
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Greenwich 1st ch 36; Asbury ch, special, 100	136 00	<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Zion ch	2 05
<i>Pby of St Louis</i> —German 1st ch	7 00	<i>Pby of Hocking</i> —Athens ch	10 00
<i>Pby of St Paul</i> —Stillwater 2d and White Bear Lake chs, special,	30 00	<i>Pby of Blairville</i> —New Alexandria ch 15 60; Union ch 16	25 60
<i>Pby of Michigan</i> —Westminster ch, Detroit 33 19		<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Chillicothe 1st ch	51 71
<i>Pby of Chicago</i> —Aurora 1st ch 8; Mendota ch 22 80	30 80	<i>Pby of Richland</i> —Waterford ch 3 23; Olivesburg ch 11	14 23
		<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Long Island ch	5 00
		<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Slippery Rock Sab-sch	1 63
		MISCELLANEOUS.—Friends, special, 506; Friends in Ill 100; Mrs E E Townsend, Painted Post, N Y	5
			611 00
		Total receipts in November, 1867,	\$2,149 58
		DAVID KEITH, Treasurer,	
		St. Louis, Mo.	

FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS, AND THE NEEDY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

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<i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —Pleasant Ridge ch 3; Warren ch 10 60; Lagrange ch 5 30	18 90
<i>Pby of Lake</i> —Valparaiso ch 16; Union Mills ch 2 76	18 76
<i>Pby of Loganport</i> —Indian Creek ch 3 50; Rensselaer ch 20 20	23 70
<i>Pby of Muncie</i> —New Castle ch 4 35	4 35
<i>Pby of Hoeking</i> —Decatur ch 5 80; Barlow ch 4 55	9 85
<i>Pby of Marion</i> —York ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Richland</i> —Fredericktown ch	13 60
<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Zanesville 2d ch	28 00
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Chippewa ch 14 20; Chester ch 1; Millersburg ch 13 75; Jeromeville ch 2; Jackson ch 1; Canal Fulton 1st ch 3 60	35 55
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Chestnut Level ch 40 07; Strasburg ch 15; Cedar Grove ch 6; Slateville ch 31 90; Slate Ridge ch 25 46; Waynesburg ch 21	139 43
<i>Pby of Huntington</i> —Alexandria ch 33 25; Upper Tuscarora ch 5 25; Fruit Hill ch 9; Williamsburg ch 16; Lewistown ch 107 40	170 90
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —White Clay Creek and Head of Christiana chs 25; Forks of Brandywine ch 25; Downingtown Central ch 12; Oxford ch 54 17; Fagg's Manor ch 28 27	144 44
<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Washington ch 11 75; Sunbury ch 24; Locoming Centre ch 10; Bloomsburg ch 27	72 75
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Sixth ch 53 50; Seventh ch 121 44	174 94
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Alexander ch 22; North ch 49	71 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Bensalem ch	6 75
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Cross Roads ch 15; Beulah ch 20 36	35 36
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Mt Pleasant ch 3; Mt Tabor ch 4; Licking ch 10; Leatherwood ch 16 90; Clarion ch, add'l, 8 50; Rehoboth ch 1; Concord ch 5; Callensburg ch 10	58 40
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Pittsburgh Central ch 153 40; Bellefield ch 30 50; Monongahela ch 29 95; Racoon ch 20; East Liberty ch 199 27	433 12
<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Mt Washington ch 9 67; Rehoboth ch 45 70; Mc Keesport ch 20 81; Connellsville ch 28; Sewickley ch 6	109 68
<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Plum Creek ch 32 07; Ebenezer ch 17 16; Gilgal ch 4 75; Elderton ch 6 87; Rural Valley ch 10 52; Mr and Mrs Henry Clark, of Clarksburgh ch, 1	73 37
<i>Pby of St Paul</i> —Westminster ch 29 48; Stillwater ch 6	35 48
<i>Pby of Maumee</i> —Union ch 3 75; Hicksville ch 3 40; Toledo 2d ch 6 46; Toledo 1st ch 23 60; Gilead ch 8 19	45 29
<i>Pby of Missouri River</i> —Bellevue ch 8; Council Bluff ch 27	35 00
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Newton ch	5 93
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Bloomfield ch 9; Steubenville 1st ch 8 25; New Hagerstown ch 22; New Cumberland ch 5	44 25
<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Martinsville ch	12 00
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Wheeling 1st ch 53; Forks of Wheeling ch 34; Fairview ch 6; West Liberty ch 16; Upper Buffalo ch 17; Frankfort ch 8 50; Mill Creek ch 11 80; Burgetts-town ch 11 80	156 30
<i>Pby of Winnebago</i> —Juneau ch	2 55
	\$3,921 14
Rev Joseph Hervey, D.D., of Hervey, Mich	\$5 00
Rev Dr Taylor, of Princeton, N J	10 00
David D Wood, Esq., of Phila	10 00
Jas Russell, Esq., of North Jackson, Ohio	5 00
D Shoemaker, Esq., of Slippery Rock, Pa	1 00
"A Friend"	10 00
"Nameless"	32 00
	\$3,963 14
GEO. H. VAN GELDER, Treasurer Trustees of General Assembly, Office, No. 320 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, October 4th, 1867.	
The following amounts have been received since last report, viz.	
<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Dr Sprague's ch 175; Mariaville ch 8; Hamilton Union ch 8 05	\$191 05
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Buffalo ch 7; Westminster ch 6	13 00
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Annapolis ch 34; Aisquith St ch 20 25	54 25
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Bedford ch 40; Hagerstown ch 20; Gettysburg ch 18 87; McConnellsburg ch 14; Green Hill ch 7	99 87
<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —Alexander ch	8 77
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Portageville ch 8 05; Wyoming ch 11 50; Sparta 2d ch 4 25	23 80
<i>Pby of Chicago</i> —Oswego ch	6 18
<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Zion ch	1 75
<i>Pby of Schuyler</i> —Perry ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Cynthiana, Marshall and Rocky Spring chs	11 70
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Springdale ch 46; Glendale ch 52 10; Cincinnati Central ch 82 40; Cummins-ville ch 12 84	193 34
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Middletown ch	23 00
<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —Buck Creek ch 22; Belle Centre ch 5	27 00
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Onarga ch	9 00
<i>Pby of Palestine</i> —Grandview ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Sakine</i> —Friendville ch	8 70
<i>Pby of Indianapolis</i> —Bethany ch	3 50
<i>Pby of Madison</i> —Lexington ch 4; Pleasant Town-ship ch, add'l 1	5 00
<i>Pby of New Albany</i> —Sharon ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Muscatine ch 13; Tipton and New York chs 26	39 00
<i>Pby of Highland</i> —Achtson ch	12 00
<i>Pby of Louisville</i> —Walnut Hills ch	11 88
<i>Pby of West Lexington</i> —Lexington ch	29 40
<i>Pby of Palmyra</i> —Kirkville ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Burlington</i> —Cream Ridge ch	4 65
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Liberty Corner ch	15 00
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Mahanoy City ch	14 16
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Tom's River ch 10 13; Shrewsbury ch 12; Red Bank ch 20	42 13
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Stewartsville ch	48 00
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Trenton 4th ch 37; E Fuller, Esq., and wife 40 00	77 00

(To be continued.)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

Rev. S. C. LOGAN, *Corresponding Secretary*, A. CAMERON, Esq., *Treasurer*, Box 224 Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Wm. MAIN, Esq., *Receiving Agent*, 907 Arch street, Philadelphia.

Prayer does Help.

The favour of the Lord has been signally shown in many instances in the history of the efforts of Catawba Presbytery to establish an institute to educate coloured teachers and ministers. One of recent occurrence has greatly strengthened the faith of the brethren, and encouraged them to persevere. The Presbytery had located the Biddle M. Institute in Charlotte, North Carolina. For two months the building committee had laboured to secure an eligible site, but the difficulties seemed insuperable. At a prayer-meeting of the students, these difficulties were briefly stated by one of the instructors, and they were requested to make special prayer that the Lord would provide a suitable location. They were reminded that it was the Lord's work, and the hearts of men were subject to his control, and he had bidden us ask in faith for all things necessary for human happiness and the Divine glory. Still the way seemed closed. A small lot in the suburbs of Charlotte was contracted for, and the carpenters were taking down the house designed for the central portion of the Institute. The committee had laboured faithfully, but had finally been compelled to locate the institution in an unsuitable portion of the city, on insufficient ground. *While the carpenters were busy at work, and the wagons were loading up to start in one direction, a gentleman came by, and after expressing his cordial approbation of the enterprise, offered as a donation eight acres of a beautiful grove, on a ridge overlooking the city, and declared his intention, if his offer was accepted, to lay out one hundred acres around the Institute in acre lots for sale to the freedmen under the superintendence of the committee.* Here has been a signal instance of the power of prayer and the goodness of the Lord our God. He has exceeded our expectations, and surpassed our hopes. We prayed for a few acres to be paid for at their full value. He has given us the *best* location, ample grounds, and a town where the best of the freedmen can be collected and brought under elevating influences.

The Biddle Memorial Institute will be commenced with every condition fulfilled necessary to complete success.

- 1st. It is in the centre of a large coloured Presbyterian population.
- 2nd. It is one and a half miles from the centre of Charlotte, the most flourishing town in the Carolinas, with *five* Railroads diverging from it.
- 3d. The grounds secured will furnish ample space for the erection of all the buildings necessary to a first-class college.
- 4th. The freedmen's town is near enough for the citizens to prosecute their callings in Charlotte, while they are relieved of city taxes, and shielded from many temptations.

Additional funds are necessary to complete the building, but these the Lord will supply. We are praying for it, and they will be provided. Those wishing to aid in the elevation and evangelization of four millions of a semi-Christianized people, are requested to address the Rev. W. L. Miller, Secretary of Board of Trustees of Biddle Memorial Institute, Charlotte, North Carolina, who will cheerfully answer all inquiries, and fully explain the plan, objects, and advantages of the

Biddle Memorial Institute enterprise. Contributions earnestly requested, to be addressed to Rev. S. C. Alexander, Treasurer of Biddle Memorial Institute, Charlotte, North Carolina.

DONATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN FOR NOVEMBER, 1867.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Amsterdam Village ch 20; West Milton ch 5 95; Hamilton Union ch 10; Gloversville ch 38 65	\$74 60	<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Oxford ch	\$12 00
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Worthington ch 13; Butler ch 47 05; Scrubgrass ch 16; New Salem ch 16; Bull Creek ch 5; Union ch 11 05	108 10	<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Penn Square ch 128 38; Ridley ch 3	131 38
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Central ch	52 00	<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —Seventh St ch, Washington 3 25	3 25
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Unity ch	15 00	<i>Pby of Palcatine</i> —Grandview ch	10 80
<i>Pby of Buffalo City</i> —Alden ch 7 50; Calvary ch 10	17 50	<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —West Newton ch	15 00
<i>Pty of Benicia</i> —Napa ch	10 00	<i>Pby of Richland</i> —Perryville ch	19 30
<i>Pty of Bloomington</i> —Waynesville ch 12; Towanda ch 16	28 00	<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Carrollton ch 11; Kilgore ch 6 50; Feed Spring ch 2 50; Beech Spring ch 14; Two Ridges ch 28 40	62 40
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Poke Run ch	22 41	<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —Third ch, Springfield 20; Farmington ch 27	47 00
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Princeton ch	13 00	<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —Buck Creek ch	29 00
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Licking ch 27 50; Greenville ch, add'l, 3	30 50	<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Canton ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Long Grove ch 6 50; Summit ch 12 50; Marion ch 25 40; Linn Grove ch 5 49 40	49 40	<i>Pby of St Louis</i> —Salem ch	9 00
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Fayetteville ch 11; Paxton ch 23 20	34 20	<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Saltsburg ch	17 13
<i>Pby of Chicago</i> —Manteno ch	31 63	<i>Pby of Vincennes</i> —Upper Indiana ch 6 40; 1st ch Evansville 30	36 40
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —First ch Cincinnati, Sab-sch special, B M I 20; 5th ch Cincinnati 21 19; 7th ch, Cincinnati 111 05	152 24	<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Dalton ch 33; Dalton ch Sab-sch 11 39; 1st ch Canal Fulton 8 05	52 44
<i>Pby of Crawfordsville</i> —First ch, Terre Haute	11 00	<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Cross Creek ch 50; West Liberty ch 5 50	55 50
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —First ch Hartford	20 00	<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Salem ch	35 60
<i>Pby of Dane</i> —Madison ch	40 25	MISCELLANEOUS.	
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Scotch Grove ch	12 00	Little Davie 1: Rev A C Alexander, N C 15; A Chapman, Aquina, Ind 5; Mrs M Robinson, Kittanning, Pa 10; Nehemiah Choate, Derry, N H 40; Mrs Louisa Nichols, New Britain, Conn, special, B M I 5; A friend, Nicholasville 1	77 00
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Cool Spring ch 10; Salem ch 6	16 00	<i>Received at Philadelphia.</i>	
<i>Pby of Findlay</i> —Rockport ch 1 60; Vanwert ch 12; Findlay ch 23	36 60	<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Onargh ch	\$3 00
<i>Pby of Fairfield</i> —Bentonsport ch	7 80	<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Gettysburgh ch	23 97
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Wyoming ch	15 60	<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Mahoning City ch	17 75
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —East Kishacoquillas Sab-sch	17 69	<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Lower Mt Bethel ch	16 00
<i>Pby of Indianapolis</i> —Hopewell ch 19 10; Shiloh ch 3 75	22 85	<i>Pby of North River</i> —Rondout ch	40 00
<i>Pby of Kaskaskia</i> —Nashville ch	10 00	<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Oxford ch	37 61
<i>Pby of Londonderry</i> —Newburyport ch 56 62; Windham ch 16 08	72 70	<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —First ch Alexandria	7 60
<i>Pby of Logansport</i> —Logansport ch 16; Rensselaer ch 3	19 00	<i>Pby of Raritan</i> —Second Amwell ch	6 00
<i>Pby of Lake</i> —Valparaiso ch Sab-sch, special 50 00	50 00	<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Zion ch	2 45
<i>Pby of Muncie</i> —Union ch 2; Hartford City ch 2; 1st ch, Indianapolis, add'l 7	11 00	<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —First ch Springfield	29 00
<i>Pby of Madison</i> —Hanover ch, add'l, 5; 1st ch, Madison 60	65 00	<i>Pby of Saline</i> —Odin ch	8 50
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Dick's Creek ch	4 60	<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Barclay ch	9 00
<i>Pby of Mohawk</i> —Park Central ch	83 00	MISCELLANEOUS.	
<i>Pby of Missouri River</i> —Omaha Mission ch 25; 1st ch Council Bluffs 15 95	40 95	Rev George Ainalie and wife, Rochester, Minn	5 00
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Tom's River ch	9 47	Total receipts in November,	\$2,436 00
<i>Pby of Milwaukee</i> —First ch Beloit, special, 57 60	57 60	A. CAMERON, Treasurer.	
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Long Run ch 12 75; Poland ch 110 60; Deerfield ch 25 75; Yellow Creek ch 25	174 10	The Committee would acknowledge the following gifts received:	
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Pleasant Grove ch 8; Stewarts-ville ch 33 85	41 85	1 package new books from Messrs Evans and Linn, through W. T. & B. Society, Cincinnati, Ohio. Not valued.	
<i>Pby of New Albany</i> —Sharon ch	2 00	100 copies "Freedman" for Sumter school, S. C. from Boston A. T. S.	
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Central ch, bal 4; Temperance-ville ch 11 50; 4th ch, Pittsburgh 20; Mingo ch 09; Miller's Run ch 4 23	108 78	From Tract Depository, Richmond, Va., books for Sumter. Valued at 11 35	
		1 box of clothing from First Presbyterian ch' Allegheny City. Not valued.	
		1 package books from Rev. J. F. McLaren, D.D. Not valued.	

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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The great argument for Home Missions is the unparalleled advance of our country; and the present power of the argument is the character of the population. God, it has been said, sifted three countries, to sow the land with the finest of the wheat. The religious element of the early settlers had a vast influence. It was stamped in the gristle, ere it hardened into bone. The immigration came then so gradually, that it could not, and did not act as a disturbing force. The pure stream ran in its limpid flow over the virgin soil. But *now* the strange condition of the nations,—the growing instability of things in Europe, and the consequent distrust,—the rush of events on that continent since the conflict of Sadowa,—the end of our rebellion—the construction of the Pacific Railroad, the destined highway of nations—the long hoped-for path to the Orient by the West now realized,—the intense and blood earnestness of our people occupy every fireside there, and hurries on us immigration, which, but for our faith in an overruling Providence would frighten us. It is this feature of our condition which impresses us. The superstitions and the infidelity which pervade that immigration, and the kindred evils which cleave to them might well alarm every thoughtful man,—citizens ere they can measure their high responsibility—equal to any of us in the value of their votes: these are for the weal or woe of our most cherished interests. More need not be said; there it is, and it looks us in the face. As long as the springs in the distant mountains can pour down their limpid streams, the roll of its wave is pure, notwithstanding the infusion of foreign ingredients, but—it is possible the infusion may overcome the native stream, and these dark and poisonous waters may flow, carrying death to the being of the nation. It is only by keeping, not abreast but ahead, of these introduced elements that we can be saved. To send the missionaries to take possession of opening and inviting fields is our duty, and hence our safety. This is before the Church; this is the crisis of our religious history. The roll of the tide is West, along the iron road, where towns grow by magic and populations gather. Is the Church aware of these facts? Is she oblivious to the changes on the map of the United States? Will she not study these rapid and breathless developments? We cannot afford to loiter. This then is the aim of Home Missions. There spreads our country onward—Westward. That is the deeply trodden path of the people. We know at this instant of fields of utmost promise which we would love to occupy. But, alas! we cannot! we send back

sorrowful negatives to the applications which come from these distant territories, and it is the saddest duty the secretary has to perform. It remains with the Church to say what we shall do? Must these *contractions* go on while the country *expands* at a rate so amazing? Must we be content to hold our own, and cry *All right along the Potomac*? No advance, no fresh occupations, no spiritual victories. And now that the Week of Prayer has just closed, and we cast out rapidly these lines for the press, are we to hope as the results of these prayers, no answering efforts, no fresh consecrations; or shall we sleep again till another year shall summon those that remain to new prayer and fresh exhortations! Thy kingdom come; we have prayed it,—do we mean it, and do we intend to do more than ever this year to help on by vigorous efforts and increased contributions the work of God? It may be said here, that there is a gratifying increase in the contributions of the churches this year so far, but not enough to justify the Board in such expansion as they would desire. We do not feel that the Church will hold the office blameless, if, in the full sight of the facts of this case, we drift into debt, and in the issue compel more serious contraction. We have no command from the General Assembly to incur debt, yea, we have their positive injunction to avoid it.

Heathendom at Home.

Help the Board of Missions to send the Gospel to such fields as below described.

Iowa.

"One of our elders in travelling home on Sabbath evening, at one place found a large family, parents and daughters, all manufacturing their sorgum into molasses. At another place, he found several young men fighting and swearing. At another, he saw six wagons with horses attached, and a large collection of young people engaged in a dance. I shall endeavour to extend my labours into this Sodom, and ask Presbytery for assistance.

"My year's salary, including a box of clothing valued at \$107, amounts to \$452."

"If Riches Increase, set not your Heart upon them."

We have often seen those who, when in comparative poverty, *were generous with their little, but who have become penurious in becoming rich.* While their means were small, their outgoes trod close upon their incomes; their habit of giving was exercised and strengthened in some proportion to that of receiving, and the passion for accumulating had not room to spread its roots. But when the gains began sensibly to advance beyond the outgoes, a habit was formed of calculating how long it would take to reach such and

such a sum; and with no active principle of benevolence proportionally counterworking the growing passion for gains, every little increase served to feed the passion, and every call for charities was resisted, because it postponed the time of reaching the proposed amount to be laid in. Aware of this principle of human nature, divine wisdom has given the caution, "If riches increase, set not your heart upon them;" hinting to us that the "setting of the heart upon them" is a common result of increase.

How many thousands have said in their hearts, O if I were as rich as such a one, how would I multiply the streams of my bounty; I would do nothing else than employ my wealth in doing good. But all such talk is vain; the process of becoming so rich would expose you to the fiercer heats of temptation, consuming all benevolent affections. The process of increasing wealth, without the outgoes of benevolence, is a process of confirming a feeling of poverty, a grasping desire for more, which like the grave will be ever crying, Give give. A case has been known of a man at the age of threescore and ten, with his hundred thousand dollars, free from debt, and well invested, and yet crying like a child in apprehension of a possible experience of poverty. And this state of feeling was induced by a most natural process, by a mind given up to the passion of accumulating, without the counter-process of distributing. This is an invariable result of human

experience in like circumstances, and it shows the importance of some law of conduct to keep our benevolent activities in use. Our condition is like that of a leaky vessel, which needs the constant labour of the pump in throwing out, to prevent its being submerged.

This fact in human nature should be well considered by the young, who are just entering upon a course of business, and upon the formation of character. Here is a powerful element in the production of character, which one cannot overlook without great damage to himself. Whether the young person regards his happiness and usefulness for time or for

eternity, it is immensely important that he adopt this divinely appointed method of enlarging his heart.

And the church as a whole, and each professed Christian, has a special interest in this matter, because *covetousness is more especially the sin of the visible church*. It is so, because it is of such a nature that it can better conceal itself under a Christian profession. Spurious conversions more often consist of a change of the dominion of one lust for that of another; and as long as the heart remains unchanged, the lesser changes must consist in some substitution like this.—*Rev. Parsons Cooke.*

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN DECEMBER, 1867.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Ballston Spa ch 55 64; West Milton ch 9; Gloverville ch 41 70; Kingsboro ch 51 12; Ballston Centre ch 30 25. *Pby of Londonderry*—Newburyport 1st ch 129 48, of which 51 from ladies' Whitefield Circle; Windham ch 40 06. *Pby of Mohawk*—Park Central ch Syracuse 150; Smithville Flats ch 10. *Pby of Troy*—South ch Troy 10; Second st ch Troy 255 08; Waterford ch 100 882 33

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Glade Run ch 17; Worthington ch 13; Sunbury ch 6 40; Brady's Bend ch 11. *Pby of Allegheny City*—Beaver ch 22 70; Concord ch 3. *Pby of Beaver*—Sharon ch 25 30; Newton ch 8 13; Leontonia ch 4 34; Columbiana ch 3 75; East Palestine ch 9 91; Beaver Falls ch 60 50; Little Beaver ch 20; Westfield ch 57; Mt Pleasant ch 37; Hopewell ch 3. *Pby of Erie*—Mill Creek ch 23 75; Cochran-ton ch 15; Milledgeville ch 9 30; 1st ch Mercer 80 429 13

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Taneytown ch 150; Bethel ch 13 50; Chestnut Grove ch 15 50. *Pby of Carlisle*—Harrisburg ch 83 33; Mechanicsburg ch 20; Barton and Lonaconing ch 17 80; Carlisle 2d ch 159 40; Gettysburg ch Sab-sch 39 12. *Pby of Potomac*—First ch Prince William and Manassas ch 5; N Y Ave ch Washington 63 63; Alexandria 1st ch 12 15; North ch Washington 43 06; Seventh st ch Washington 4 626 51

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Buffalo City*—Alden 1st ch 11; Central ch Buffalo 50. *Pby of Genesee River*—Tuscarora ch 3; Wyoming ch 21 50 85 50

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Chicago*—Queen Anne Ger ch 10 12; Jefferson Park ch Chicago 53 18; St Anne ch 5 23. *Pby of Rock River*—Galena South ch 70; Galena Ger ch 5 70; Morris-town ch 8 15; Fulton City ch 12; Middle Creek ch 24; Dixon ch 50 16; Shannon ch 5 75. *Pby of Schuyler*—Ipava ch 18; Perry ch 17; Mount Sterling ch 8. *Pby of Warren*—Shiloh ch 10 55 300 84

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Washington ch 20; South Salem ch 33; Pisgah ch 15 25; Belfast ch 4 75. *Pby of Cincinnati*—Somerset ch 6 45; 1st ch Glendale 90 55; Cummins-ville ch 12; Reading ch 13 04. *Pby of Miami*—Diek's Creek ch 17 70; Middletown ch 26; Rev R H Jackson 1; Monroe ch 14. *Pby of Oxford*—Venice ch 34 75; Somerville ch 20; Camden ch 7 56. *Pby of Sidney*—First ch Urbana 26; Bellefontaine 1st ch 46; Covington ch 4 332 05

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Bloomington*—Heyworth ch 15; Union Grove ch 10; Farm Ridge ch 14 91. *Pby of Kaskaskia*—Zion and St John's Ger ch 7 60. *Pby of Palestine*—Hebron ch 9 50; Oakland ch 8. *Pby of Sangamon*—Springfield 3d ch 53 10; Farmington ch 27 145 11

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Indianapolis*—Hopewell ch 26. *Pby of New Albany*—Sharon ch 3; Rehoboth ch 6; Bloomington ch 15; New Albany 1st ch 130. *Pby of Vincennes*—Second ch, Vincennes 27; Washington ch 13; Petersburg ch 7 50 225 50

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—Wilton ch 7; Sugar Creek ch 10 50; Rev J D Mason 25; Fairview ch 4 50; Muscatine ch 25; Tipton ch 25; New York ch 6. *Pby of Dubuque*—Prairie ch 5; Andrew ch 8; Farmer's Creek ch 4; Lime Spring ch 3; Chester ch 3; Waverly ch 13; Bethel ch 3; Jessup ch 7 05; 1st ch Bellevue 7. *Pby of Fort Dodge*—Unity ch 5; Ostfriesland ch 4. *Pby of Vinton*—West Irving ch 8; Rock Creek ch 10; Deep River ch 5 55; South Ridge ch 5 55 194 25

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Topeka*—Burlingame ch 15 00

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Ebenezer*—Falmouth ch 15. *Pby of Lexington*—Hopewell ch 50; Lexington 1st ch 25 90 00

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Lafayette*—Kansas City ch 21 50. *Pby of Palmyra*—La Ciede ch 4; Brookfield ch 14. *Pby of St Louis*—St Charles ch 32 60. *Pby of Upper Missouri*—Sioux City ch 10 50; Fillmore ch 23 66, of wh Sab-sch 3 50, and Rev J N Young 10 106 26

Pby of Holston—Salem ch 15; Mt Bethel ch 10 25 00

Pby of Nashville—First colored ch, Columbia 7 20

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Burlington*—Burlington ch 52 27; Camden 1st ch, in part, 3. *Pby of Corisco*—Evangelinba ch 15. *Pby of Luzerne*—Coalville ch 7; Conyngham ch 20; Shenandoah City ch 18; Wilkesbarre ch 227; Archbald Ger ch 4. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Kingston ch 52 30; Lawrence ch 156 25; Pennington ch, add'l 6; New Brunswick 1st ch 132 46, of wh Sab-sch 20. *Pby of Newton*—Mansfield 2d ch 21, of wh 1 Willie N N Ackman's holiday money; Oxford 2d ch 50; Pleasant Grove ch 19. *Pby of Passaic*—Wickliffe ch Newark 32 43. *Pby of Raritan*—German Valley ch 33 50. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Monroeton ch 8; Stevensville ch 11; Rushville ch 4. *Pby of West Jersey*—Bridgeton 2d ch 61 64, of wh Sab-sch 44 28; Absecon ch 14; Blackwoodtown ch 115 16; Woodbury ch 35 25; Hammoncton ch 8; Bridgeton 1st ch 325, of wh 60 from Ladies' Soc'y 1431 32

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—South Salem ch 122, of wh Sab-sch 15, Ladies' Western Benev Ass'n 32; Yorktown ch 40. *Pby of Hudson*—Rockland 1st ch 3. *Pby of Long Island*—Middletown ch 22 80; Huntington 1st ch 109; East Hampton ch 44 38. *Pby of Nassau*—Second ch Brooklyn, from 8 C Burnett 10; Roos St ch Sab-sch 50; Williamsburg Ger ch 5. *Pby of New York*—Greenbush ch 30; Stony Point ch 11 10

Brick ch 1768 40; Chelsea ch 62; Fifth Avenue and Nineteenth Street ch 6951 39 9229 57

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Crawfordsville*—Bethany ch, add'l 8. *Pby of Fort Wayne*—Warsaw ch 8; Kendallville 1st ch 35; Pleasant Ridge ch 11; Elhannon ch 4. *Pby of Lake-Goshen* ch 11. *Pby of Logansport*—Perrysburg ch 7; Indian Creek ch 3 75; Sand Ridge ch 3 75; Oxford ch 5; Lexington ch 21; Lafayette 1st ch 38 98; Logansport 1st ch 71 10. *Pby of Altonia*—Brownsburg ch 3; Clermont ch 1; Hartford ch 6 75; Union ch 11; New Castle ch 23 80; Ebenezer ch 8 45 279 53

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Marion*—Bucyrus 1st ch 50; Crestline ch 15; Delaware ch 19; Mt Gilead ch 5. *Pby of Richland*—Mansfield ch 24; Shelby ch 10; Waterford ch 13 58; Savannah ch 35; Haysville ch 39 75; Fredericktown ch 39 80. *Pby of Wooster*—Millersburg ch 8 65; Frederickburg ch Sab-sch 7; Chester ch 1. *Pby of Zanesville*—Marietta ch branch Sab-sch 1 18; Washington ch 39 75; McConnellsville ch 7 815 71

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of Benicia*—Napa ch 20. *Pby of California*—First ch San Francisco 185 77 205 77

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Leacock ch 38 18; Marietta ch 22; Chestnut Level ch 41 28. *Pby of Huntingdon*—Martinsburg ch 18; West Kishacoquillas ch 70; Shaver's Creek ch 5; Upper Tuscarora ch 15; Sinking Valley ch 48. *Pby of New Castle*—Doe Run ch 13 42; Upper Octorara ch 107; Benev Fund of New London Congregation 80, of wh from M N C 10; Fagg's Manor ch 118; Downingtown ch 10. *Pby of Northumberland*—Jersey Shore ch 35 94; North Point ch 19 80, of wh 11 from Hyner's Run. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Second ch half mo coll 7 60; North Tenth St ch 45 39; Central ch 430. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Easton 1st ch, a widow's mite 5, from a lady 5, — 10; Bensalem ch 17 50; Plumsteadville ch 7; Roxborough ch 19; Falls of Schuylkill ch 9 80; Allentownship ch 40; Conshohocken ch 15; Neshaminy ch 88 25 1825 84

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—Greensburg ch 27 66. *Pby of Clarion*—Middle Creek ch 12 80; Greenville ch 18 50; Piegah ch 9 30. *Pby of Ohio*—Central ch, add'l 48 66; Shady Side ch 138 10; Miller's Run ch 17 35; Sharon ch, add'l 7; Bethany ch, Male Missy' Socy' 43 75, Female Missy' Socy' 19, — 62 76; Bethel ch, 100; Pittsburgh 2d ch Sab-sch 12 08. *Pby of Redstone*—Brownsville ch 14. *Pby of Salisbury*—Appley Manor ch 17 86; Cherry Run ch 5 91; Crooked Creek ch 12 55; Glade Run ch Sab-sch 15; Ebenezer ch 41 25; Marion ch 6 15; Gilgal ch 13; Mt Pleasant ch 18 594 92

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—Black River Falls ch 9; Chippewa Falls ch 5 50. *Pby of St Paul*—Rev J G Rheldaffer 10; Westminster ch Minneapolis 115 08; Rockford 1st ch 5; Medina ch 5; Andrew ch, St Anthony 44; La Sueur ch 4; Judson ch 2. *Pby of St Minnesota*—Lake City 1st ch 40; Rochester ch 37; Preston ch 5 281 58

SYNOD OF SANDBURKY.—*Pby of Findlay*—Van Wert ch 20; Highland ch 3; Enon Valley ch 5. *Pby of Maumee*—Bryan ch 10; Hicksville ch 5; Union ch 8; Toledo 2d ch 3 75; Gilead ch 8 02; Ottawa ch 11; Bethel ch 9. *Pby of Michigan*—Zeeland ch 4 40; Woodhull ch 3 20; Westminster ch Detroit 66 22. *Pby of Western Reserve*—Rev R B Moore 30; Guilford ch 16 25 196 84

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Des Moines*—Des Moines ch 41 25. *Pby of Fairbald*—Brighton ch 125; Salina ch 7 25; Ottumwa ch 7; Sigourney ch 7. *Pby of Iowa*—Union ch, Fort Madison 19. *Pby of Missouri River*—Bellevue ch 12; Nebraska City ch 8 15; Blackbird Hills ch 10 112 90

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Yellow Creek ch 40; Bethesda ch 6; Alliance ch 21. *Pby of St Clairsville*—St Clairsville ch 38; Bellair ch 34 80. *Pby of Steubenville*—Perry ch 5; Centre Unity ch, from the Hanna Fund, 368 80; Bacon Ridge ch 20; New Cumberland ch 10; Wells-villes ch 35 85; Waynesburg ch 9; Bethlehem ch

9. *Pby of Washington*—Fairview ch 10 35; East Buffalo ch 24 75; 1st ch Washington, mon coll 16 25; 2d ch Wheeling 125; Cross Roads ch 30 88. *Pby of West Virginia*—Sisterville ch 10 10; Bethel ch 6; Grafton ch 5; Gnatty Creek ch 2 60 825 85

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Pleasantville Ger ch 8 15; Belleville ch 5; Lakeview ch 3; Blue Mounds 1st ch 7 85. *Pby of Milwaukee*—West Granville 1st Ger ch 4; Port Washington ch 25. *Pby of Winnebago*—Winneconne 1st ch 5; Depere ch 25 81 00

Total receipts from churches, \$18,396 86

MISCELLANEOUS.—W J H 2; Young ladies of Lawrenceville fem sem'y 4 75; Mrs L H Huston, Chillicothe, Ohio 3; J S Brown, Iroquois, Ill 1; "A lady, Delaware," 5; Mr S Grundyke, Eugene, Ind, 10; D H Maxwell, Esq, Rockville, Ind 2; "A few friends," 40; Mrs Mary C Donaldson, Phila, 1100; A friend of missions, Chillicothe, Mo, 6; Rev T L Janeway, D.L. 500; Jas Lenox, Esq, 2000; "Two ladies," 500; John E Parsons, Esq, 100; A M Bruen, Scarsdale, 500; Religious Contribution Socy of Princeton, Theological Sem'y, 82 41; A T Williams, Diamond City, Montana, 1 50; Mrs N J Biddle, Phila, 100; Rev Jno Pitkin, 3 25 4,959 91

LEGACIES.—Legacy of the late Dr Kilbourn, of Ohio, 200, less tax and exch 12 25, — 187 75; Bequest of Mrs Ann Piper, dec'd, Ills, 50, less exchange 12 cts, — 49 85; Bal of legacy of Mrs Isabella Fulton, dec'd, late of Phelps, N Y 40 30 277 93

Total Receipts in December, \$23,632 40

S. D. POWEL, Treasurer,
No. 907 Arch street, Philadelphia.

CLOTHING.

1 box from ladies of 1st ch, Morristown, N J, valued at \$340 00
1 box from ladies of Hamilton, Ohio, valued at 296 75
1 box from ladies of 1st ch, New Brunswick, N J, valued at 270 00
1 box from ladies of Wilkesbarre ch, Pa, valued at 392 00
1 box from ladies of Huntingdon ch, Pa, valued at 250 00
1 box from ladies of Greenwich ch, N J, valued at 110 31
1 box from ladies of Wheeling 1st ch, W Va, valued at 109 00
1 box from Sabbath-school of Fredericksburg ch, Ohio, valued at 40 00
1 box from ladies of Newton ch, N J, valued at 160 00
1 box from ladies of 2d ch, Peoria, Ill, value not given.
1 box from ladies of 1st ch, Albany, N Y, valued at 314 70
1 box from ladies of Bridgeport ch, Connecticut, valued at 130 00
1 package from Sabbath-school of Holmesburg ch, Pa. value not given.

Total, \$2,412 76

NOTE.—Two boxes acknowledged in January Record as from First church Allegheny, should have been First church Albany.

MISSION HOUSE.

No. 907 ARCH STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

Corresponding Secretary—REV. T. L. JANEWAY, D.D.
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LETTERS relating to Missionary Appointments and other operations of the Board, should be addressed to the Corresponding Secretary, No. 907 Arch street, Philadelphia. Letters relating to the pecuniary affairs of the Board, or containing remittances of money, should be sent to S. D. POWEL, Esq., Treasurer—same address.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTIFUL, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

Resolution of the General Assembly of 1867.

“That the Day of Prayer for colleges, schools, and the youth of the Church, on
THE LAST THURSDAY OF FEBRUARY,
 be observed, so far as possible, in all our churches; and that
THE FIRST SABBATH OF MARCH,
 immediately following, be improved by such instruction from the pulpit as may
 awaken in parents a deeper concern for the salvation of their children, and may
 lead the children and youth to consecrate themselves to Christ; also, that appeals
 be made at the same time for enlarged contributions to the Ministerial Fund of the
 Board.”

The Hopeful Aspect of Education—Action of the Board.

At the meeting of the Board of Education for January, the secretary reported the following as an encouraging fact: There is evidently a steady increase in the number of candidates recommended by the presbyteries to our care; and it has reached a point where we may begin to trace the precious fruits of the revivals of the last two years, and thank God. Since the beginning of the war the cause had sunk very low, but now the number of students for the ministry is rapidly on the gain. If we compare the closing quarter in each of the last few years we find that in that of 1861, but 28 candidates were taken under the care of the Board; in 1862, only 17; in 1863, 22; in 1864, 27; in 1865, 32; in 1866, 39; in that of the year just gone, 47. Other facts of present interest were mentioned.

The Board sends forth the following resolutions, which it trusts will be borne upon the memory and heart of those that love the Saviour, in connection with the Day of Prayer for youth and schools on the last Thursday of February, and on the Sabbath appointed for Education (the 1st) in March:

Resolved, That the Board of Education regards with sincere gratitude to God, the source of all blessing, the manifest fact that an increasing number of His youthful servants are taking up their cross, leaving houses and lands, parents, kindred, ease and, honour as to the world, that they may follow Christ, and preach His gospel to our perishing race; and it does, in view of that fact, call upon the churches to sustain these young men in the great purpose they have set before them, by placing in our treasury the means that are necessary to obtain for them the intellectual furniture which success in their work demands.

Resolved, That this Board marks with thankfulness the increased desire among Christians to give the blessings of a sound and religious education to the various foreign populations, to the regions desolated by war, and to other portions of our country where they are most needed; to give effect to these efforts, fully twice the amount contributed by the Church last year will be needed, and the Board hopes that in every congregation where the Day for Prayer of youth and colleges may be observed, the people of God will not come before Him “empty,” but that they will

accompany their petitions for blessing upon those objects with such gifts as will prove before God their sincerity, and be a chief means of procuring for suffering and struggling schools the very benefits the churches ask for them.

Resolved, That it is the deep conviction of this Board that the only hope of the church, as to the increase of the ministry in numbers, spirituality, zeal and power; as to the thorough awakening of its membership to a considerate and large-hearted beneficence in the use of worldly goods; and as to the conversion of this whole land, and all this world, to the Lord Jesus Christ; lies in God's answers to its importunate prayers for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Ghost, on the plea of Christ's precious blood, and through His all-sufficient intercession on high.

Our German Population.

In one of the most lovely and fertile of the numerous lovely and fertile regions of the Valley of the Mississippi, a few years ago, a company of Germans laid out a town, far removed from any other settlements, with the view of collecting there a society where Christian "priests" should not be allowed to come even for a night's shelter, where Christian Sabbaths should never be observed with more respect than any other day, and where public opinion should permit men to say and do just what their opinions or appetites might prompt. The true history of that town would form a wonderful and dreadful record. Its morals became a stench to even the heathen Indians, upon whose border it stood. Its horrid blasphemies rose at last to such a pitch, before God visited it with a fearful judgment that for a time made it a desolation, that a procession was formed upon one peaceful Sabbath morning, in mockery of the day and its blessed founder, which marched through the streets bearing at its head a grotesque effigy of the Saviour of mankind, and this they took to a hill near by, and, with shouts of insult, burned.

There are numerous Germans of fervent piety in our land. We can never repay the debt we owe to their Reformers, and to their many shining lights in Christian doctrine, and in Christ-like life. But very great dangers threaten America from the torrent of infidelity and licentiousness which Germany is pouring over it. It is a form of unbelief more dangerous in some respects than that which has grown up amidst, and been unconsciously modified and restrained by the Christianity of the British Islands. It is more arrogant, and more aggressive. It is more subject to the beck of reckless leaders. It is much more sensual. It is far more destructive to society. Its enmity to Christianity is more deadly. A recent German daily paper cries out: "No castle of priests! Abolish the observance of Sunday as a public institution! Close the churches on Sunday!" And it speaks of the Americans as "afflicted with the 'English disease,' which is a religious madness, composed of pietism, phariseeism, hypocrisy, Sunday sanctimoniousness, and humbug, supported by downright fanaticism." Formal opposition has been made to the reading of the Scriptures in the public schools. Is there any leaven of evil in our land more dangerous than this? Any that we should more earnestly endeavour to overcome, in a wise and Christian manner?

The Board of Education is deeply impressed with the feeling that to save this population, and to avert these threatening dangers, one very important means is to plant sound Christian schools, under the care of earnest and faithful men, in the heart of the districts where the largest numbers of Germans dwell. It has encouraged the gathering of schools of German children in the cities of New York, Williamsburgh, (N. Y.) New Orleans, St. Louis, and in several towns. The reports

of some of these schools to us during the past year have shown their usefulness. The last annual report of the Board gave accounts of several of them up till the time when it was prepared.

The Theological School, at Dubuque, is an institution for which the Presbyterian Church should feel a tender solicitude. A report of its Board of Directors, to the Presbyteries of Dubuque and Dane, of which a copy has been sent us, states: "It is in a highly, and increasingly, flourishing condition. The examinations have shown that the pupils are thoroughly instructed; and all of them passed very satisfactory examinations in all the departments." Considerable room has been added to the building during the summer, by raising a portion of it one story higher. The cost, over a thousand dollars, has been met by contributions obtained chiefly by Professor Van Vliet, and the Rev. W. L. Green. For the efficient assistance of the latter, the directors express their warm gratitude. They refer "with highest appreciation and warmest thanks to the various labours of the Rev. Mr. Van Vliet," who "has done and is doing great good," and has been a means under which "the school has been greatly prospered and blessed;" notwithstanding, "during a considerable part of the past year, he has laboured in weakness and ill-health." Fourteen of the students of this institution are aided by the Board of Education. Several others formerly aided by it are now at work for the Saviour among their people.

And now the Board lays this weighty subject upon the conscience and heart of the Church. It is assured, that with a fair presentation of it, this will not be done in vain. Three things of a practical nature we would suggest. *First*, that each Presbytery and church would consider the spiritual condition of the German population within its reach, and whether some efficient efforts cannot be put forth to bring those not under evangelical influence to hear the precious offers of the gospel, and to give their children a Christian education. *Second*, that intelligent and pious individuals should send us pecuniary assistance in doing what the Board has on hand. *Third*, that due earnest effort should be made in every congregation to give a good contribution, on the *day of prayer for youth and schools*, for this and other objects under the care of *this department* of the Board of Education.

Thanks of an Earnest Teacher.

We have received already some grateful evidences of the good done by the precious thoughts of Dr. Alexander, sent out to pastors and students in a supplement to the *January Record*. The following letter may stimulate some to re-read and pray over it:—

The perusal yesterday of "*The Hope and Power of the Church*," has greatly quickened me, and has, more than anything else, brought my heart in unison with this "Week of Prayer." Wearied to exhaustion by toil and care, especially burdensome in relation to the institution this season, and grieved by my fears, least this season of supplication should find and leave me all unstrung, and out of tune, by reason of the secular duties crowding me all the days, to me these precious whisperings of the sainted Alexander came at once inspiriting, and yet most soothing and restful. It now seems to me as though

"mountains would become a plain." Here are one hundred and thirty youths and children, many of them of no ordinary capacity, yet scarcely half a dozen show any love for the Lord. How I long to be permitted to bring these lambs to the fold! "Pray for us."

Information for Churches and Presbyteries.

The last General Assembly took action in regard to two matters which should be specially kept in view by Presbyteries at their spring and future meetings.

First, It was agreed, (in the adoption of the Report on Ministerial Sustentation), "that it be enjoined on all the Presbyteries to guard against the admission of men to the ministry, of whose character, habits, acquirements, prudence, and piety, they have not ample evidence to satisfy them of their fitness for the sacred office; and that it be earn-

estly urged upon *all the Presbyteries* not to grant license to their candidates 'except in extraordinary cases' until they have spent the whole three sessions of study in the seminary."

Second, (in the report on the subject of the Board of Education), "That the Board be instructed to withhold appropriations, except in extraordinary cases, to schools, and academies, in those Presbyteries none of whose congregations have contributed to the funds of this Board."

The object of the last resolution was to secure a general collection on the last Thursday of February for the School Department.

Academy at Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin.

An energetic young pastor, (Rev. J. W. Dinsmore) in the Northwest, describes in a letter to us the efforts of his people to plant "the classical school beside the church" in a region where such a light will shine far and wide. It affords us much pleasure to state that they have secured as a principal the Rev. Daniel Wells, a minister of culture, experience, and ardent desire to raise up a generation of young men who will be a blessing to the world.

He says: This is a beautiful and healthful town of eighteen hundred people,

situate on the right bank of the Wisconsin, twenty-five miles west of Madison, and thirty southwest of Portage City. There is a large German element in our population, but the largest part are from New England and New York, with a goodly number of Jerseymen. Three years ago, there was but little evangelical religion of any name in this whole region. Yet the people were intelligent, enterprising, and thrifty. A Presbyterian church was organized out of the fragments of a former Congregational organization, and I was settled pastor. The Lord prospered us, and we have grown greatly. Already our church has an extensive influence, in providing for the spiritual wants of five thousand souls.

The prospects for an academy are unusually fine. The demand is for an institution of a high grade, an academy which will take rank with the best, and command respect, and draw pupils from abroad. There is no competition in this whole region, indeed, I know of no school such as we purpose establishing, within a circle whose radius is fifty miles. There is a great desire on the part of the young people of this region to secure a good education. This is a place of uncommon beauty and picturesqueness of natural scenery. It is very healthful, and living is unusually cheap.

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN DECEMBER, 1867.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Second ch. Albany	\$105 00
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Sunberry ch	5 48
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Fairmount ch	8 00
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Annapolis ch	26 00
<i>Pby of Chilliote</i> —Belfast ch 1 85; Amsterdam ch 1 97; Hillsboro' ch 34 82	38 64
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —S Salem ch, of which 10 from Sab-seh	39 00
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Bethesda ch 37 50; New Bethlehem ch 8	45 50
<i>Pby of Corisen</i> —Evangasimba ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Pluckamin ch	20 00
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Portageville ch	4 25
<i>Pby of Indianapolis</i> —Shelbyville ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Logansport</i> —Delphi ch	8 50
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Summit Hill ch, from P	10 00
<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —Smithtown ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Mohawk</i> —Smithville ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Second ch, Springfield, O	39 00
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —New London ch, Benevolent Fund of	55 00
<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Bloomsburg ch	33 37
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —German ch, Williamsburg	7 00
<i>Pby of New York</i> —First ch New York	3,344 28
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Hamilton ch 47 10; Seven Mile ch 7 67; Bethel ch 8 50	63 27
<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —New York Av ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Pussanic</i> —Chester ch	20 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Neshaminy ch 20; Allentownship ch 20	40 00
<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Harmony ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Galena ch	31 58
<i>Pby of Salsburg</i> —Cherrytree ch 4; Bethesda ch 3 55	7 55
<i>Pby of Saline</i> —Shawneetown ch	12 00
<i>Pby of Staubenville</i> —Centre Unity ch	426 80

<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Bellair ch	24 00
<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Monroeton ch	6 00
<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —Sidney 1st ch	18 70
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Washington 1st ch	60 25
	\$4,547 15

LEGACIES.

Estate of Dr Kiborn, Ohio, 200, less tax 12 25 — 187 75; Bequest of Mrs Ann Piper, late of Illinois, 49 87	\$237 62
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MISCELLANEOUS.

A Lady, Delaware, 5; Rev W J McCord, Waseca, New York, 2; Interest on the real estate of the late John Means, Lebanon, Pa, 136 12; John E Parsons, Esq, New York, 25	168 12
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\$4,925 89

II. FUND FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, &c.

<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Marietta ch	\$1 75
<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —Lewinsville and Fall chs	5 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Cohoeksch ch, from Gaston Memorial Miss. Fund, special,	20 00
	\$26 75

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Recent Intelligence.

THE REV. DAVID HERRON and his wife, and Miss Isabella A. Nassau embarked at this port for England, on the 7th of January, the former to proceed to India, and Miss Nassau to Corisco, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Menaal, whose departure was mentioned in the *Record* of last month. Mr. Herron is returning to the work in which he was long an efficient labourer, and in so doing he has to meet the trial of separating from three of his children, who are left with friends in this country; his youngest son accompanies him. Mrs. Herron, of this city, and Miss Nassau, daughter of the Rev. C. W. Nassau, D.D., of Lawrenceville, New Jersey, are ladies held in the highest esteem by many Christian friends. On the 25th of December, the Rev. R. Lenington and his wife, and Mrs. Schneider, wife of the Rev. F. J. C. Schneider, embarked at this port for Brazil. Mrs. Schneider returns with improved health. Mr. Lenington, a member of the Presbytery of Sangamon, has for some years been pastor of the Madeira Portuguese churches in Illinois, and he will be able at once to enter upon missionary work in Brazil. We trust our readers will remember these missionaries in their prayers.

ADDED TO THE CHURCH.—The Rev. A. Rudolph, under date of November 21st, speaks of having admitted to the church of Lodianna, the wife of one of the native Christians, and also one of the girls in the Orphan Institute. The Rev. F. J. C. Schneider, writing at Rio de Janeiro, November 23d, mentions the admission of two persons, a man and his wife, to the church. He also refers to one of the deacons of the church as having been called to enter upon his eternal rest, and speaks of him as one who “adorned the profession he had made, and gave every evidence of being prepared to render up his account.” The annual narrative of the Presbytery of Siam, dated November 1st, mentions the admission of eleven persons during the year, to the church in Bangkok, and four to the church in Petchaburi. One of the converts of the latter place had been refused permission to visit her home; she has literally given up all for Christ. On the first Sabbath in November four more converts were admitted to the church in Bangkok, and a delightful communion season was enjoyed. The report of the Ningpo Mission, October 1st, mentions the admission of seventy persons to the communion of the six churches in the bounds of the Mission during the preceding year, making the whole number of communicants three hundred and twenty-nine. The brethren say, “What are these among the many millions of this province?” And yet they are most grateful for such tokens of the blessing of God on their labours. Four new members were added to the Corisco church during the year.

THE LICENSURE of Nai Klai to preach the gospel by the Presbytery of Siam, in November, was an event of very encouraging interest. At the same meeting, on the call of the native church in Bangkok, the Rev. S. R. House, M.D., was installed as pastor.

THE NEW MISSION TO THE LAOS.—Letters have been received from the Rev. D. McGilvary, of dates to the 18th of September, reporting the safe arrival of himself and family at Chieng-Mai, on the 1st of April last, their continued health, and the good prospects of their new mission. See notice on the next page.

EDUCATIONAL MEASURES AMONG THE CREEKS AND SEMINOLES.—Letters dated:

December 19th at the Creek Station, and December 17th at the Seminole Station, speak of the strong desire which exists in both these tribes that the Board should take the charge of boarding-schools, somewhat as in former years. The Creeks are willing to be at most of the expense of such a school, having funds for educational purposes. In this respect, the Seminoles are not so well supplied. In both cases, the Board, besides defraying a part of the expense, would have the appointment of superintendents and teachers. It is no easy matter to conduct such schools satisfactorily, as the experience of the Board in former years abundantly proved; but yet schools of this kind have done great good among the Indians.

LETTERS, besides those referred to above, have been received to January 15th, from the Chippewa Mission, December 31st; Omaha, January 6th; Corisco, October 15th; Tungchow, October 14th; Shanghai, October 24th; Bangkok, November 12th; Petchaburi, November 7th; Allahabad, November 8th; Roorkee, November 7th; Lodiana, November 22d; Rawal Pindi, October 26th; San Francisco, December 9th; Bogota, November 14th. These letters contain many things of interest, which cannot be satisfactorily epitomized; in general, they are encouraging as to the progress of the missionary work.

The Laos Mission.

We have at last received full accounts from our highly esteemed missionary, the Rev. Daniel McGilvary and his family, in letters dated in July and September. They were eighty-nine days on the journey from Bangkok to Chieng-Mai, but were kept in safety. They were well received by the authorities, and by the people. Some delay had occurred in procuring timber for building a house, and they were living in a temporary bamboo house. An eligible site for mission premises was offered by the king. Mr. McGilvary speaks of finding an open door and an inviting field in which to labour. There are apparently no restrictions placed on the work. The people may be visited, and the gospel preached to them in public and in private. Large numbers of the people of all degrees had visited the missionary. One or two chapels should be provided as soon as practicable; and the missionary regards a printing press as a thing which will soon be needed, to be supplied with type cut for the Laos alphabet; many can read, but no books are printed in their language, and the Scriptures are yet to be translated into it. Two cities are spoken of, besides Chieng-Mai, one of ten thousand inhabitants, distant a day's journey from the capital, and one of twenty thousand, about three days' distant, both easy of access, "while smaller towns and innumerable villages, and a fine populous country are all open, and have been for years, to missionary effort."

The Rev. Jonathan Wilson and his family have probably left Bangkok before this for Chieng-Mai. These brethren are separated from their friends and the Church, more in time than in distance, as no regular communication is kept up with the rest of the world. One package of letters and papers for Mr. McGilvary had been carried off by robbers, who attacked the boat on which they were sent; but finding they could make no use of such matters, they left them on the river bank, and some of them afterwards were recovered.

We are sure that these accounts will be read with much interest, and be regarded by many of our readers as an answer to their prayers. We trust many prayers will still be offered by the churches for these brethren and their interesting work.

How to Enlist Others.

"Very many of our Christian brethren, we rejoice to believe, are devoted to the promotion of this cause of Christ; if others are not yet fully enlisted in its behalf, we wish they could be induced to consider its claims upon them."

How can this be done? We trust that *all* the members of our churches do feel some degree of interest in the spread of the gospel in all the world; we doubt not, they all pray, Thy kingdom come! But too many do not feel that degree of interest which would make them willing to go out personally as missionaries, if the door were opened before them, nor willing to part with their children that they may go, nor even willing to part with their pecuniary means, on any liberal scale, in order to send out and support those of their Christian brethren who do go. We need not dwell on these facts; we suppose all will acknowledge them to be correctly stated, at least all who are likely to read these lines; but the question recurs, what can be done to secure the full co-operation of our Christian brethren in this cause?

No extended reply can be offered here to this question, but a brief answer to it may be suggested. As praying, believing, repenting, or loving Christ and his people is of grace, all of grace, so is a true concern for the glory of Christ in the salvation of the heathen, so is the willingness to make sacrifices for this object, so is the disposition to give one's property in aid of this cause; all this is also of grace. The word of God, and ministers of the gospel as the appointed expositors of the word, are the principal agencies in the hand of the Holy Spirit for promoting the exercise of all these graces. Hence, if the members of a church are supposed to come short of their duty in respect to the missionary cause, let the same means and influences be used to remedy this great defect, as would be employed in the case of any other neglected grace or duty. The precepts, warnings, and promises of the Scriptures, clearly and warmly set forth by a beloved pastor, will prove to be most useful. He may call to his aid the help of a returned missionary, if Providence permit, or of some other minister, as an occasional thing, but he should not rely on the service of outsiders in this case any more than he would in other parts of his ministerial work.

This view of the subject rests the interest, which our people may be expected to take in the work of missions, mainly on the ministers of the churches and on the common means of promoting the exercise of Christian grace. It is but weakness to make the interest of Christian people in this cause depend on its special features—its foreign aspects—its novelties of views; a weakness equalled perhaps by that of the theory, that would turn the duty of promoting this cause over to some centralized agency like that of a Missionary Board, or to the hands of any other ministerial agents than the respected pastors of the churches. Not so would our ministers expect to make their people "grow in grace," in other respects. And all observation shows that when ministers adopt and earnestly carry out this theory of the subject, their congregations are invariably brought forward in the fulfilment of their duty towards this work.

All this by no means excludes the circulation of missionary information, the affording to the churches the opportunity of making regular gifts to this cause, the particular training of the children to take a part in this work, the holding of meetings of prayer for this object, and of anniversary meetings also to review the progress of a year's work, of farewell missionary meetings with such brethren as may be going out, when opportunity offers, of reception meetings with returned missionaries, and any special services which a minister and the church session may consider expedient. It is quite within the province of a church session to see that

things of this kind be made tributary to the growth and fruitfulness of this grace ; and it is most desirable that our Sunday-schools and congregations should enter with spirit and lively interest into the great movement that looks to the redemption of the world. Only let all this, if possible, emanate from within rather than from without ; let it be the outgrowth of deeply felt grace in the heart.

The late Rev. James L. Mackey.

We take the following just tribute to the memory of the lamented missionary, Mr. Mackey, from a letter of the Rev. A. Bushnell, an esteemed missionary of the American Board, for many years at Gaboon, on the same part of the African coast as Corisco. Mr. Bushnell wrote at his station, August 8, 1867 :

We, too, are afflicted, and feel that we have sustained a great loss. During these seventeen years, since the departed Brother landed at my house, we have been intimate friends, and have mingled our counsels, prayers, and tears in the varied afflictions, trials, and labours, through which we have passed; and I can say I have found no one in all respects his equal. Possessed of good common sense, and sound judgment, a strong and well-disciplined mind, and a sanctified heart; with faith, hope, and patient zeal in lively exercise; he was admirably fitted for service in this dark and difficult portion of the Lord's vineyard. And by his removal, your Board, the Corisco Mission, and all Africa, have sustained no ordinary loss. He has accomplished a good work in Africa, and "being dead yet speaketh," wherever his kind voice has formerly been heard in earnest, tender tones of winning sympathy and love. He was universally esteemed by both natives and foreigners, and regrets are often expressed that they will hear his voice and see his face no more. May the bereaved widow, who was ever an efficient help-mate, and devoted companion, receive in large measure the sympathy of the churches, as she doubtless does of the Great Head of the Church.

You are aware that from the first establishment of your Mission at Corisco, it has been in close sympathy with ours. Indeed the two have been more like separate stations of one, than two distinct missions. We have deeply sympathized with our brethren there in all their bereavements, and in the Papal aggressions, that have cast a threatening shadow over their prospects; and rejoice in their continued perseverance and

faith. It is almost a year since I was there, but frequent communication by letter, and a recent visit of two months of Brother Clarke and family, have kept us well acquainted with the progress and prospects of the Lord's work there, and at Bonita: and I have only encouraging words to write. Let not the Board and churches become discouraged, "for in due time" they shall "reap if they faint not," an abundant harvest, the first fruits of which have been gathered. Notwithstanding the relapse of many of our converts, and the great difficulty of obtaining native helpers here, we are not without encouraging tokens of good: and I doubt not the Gaboon and Corisco Mission are ultimately destined to enlighten and Christianize all these equatorial regions of Ethiopia.

The Convert and his Teacher.

The relations between them are tender and sacred. How often does the Apostle Paul refer to his spiritual children, and with what solicitude for their welfare! And how deeply grateful must they have felt to him, through whose teaching they were led to Christ for salvation! With their love and thankfulness would be mingled the feeling of their weakness and need of his continued instruction, and also of the truest sympathy in all his afflictions. Such thoughts as these will be suggested to the mind of the reader of the following letter. It is written by Tam Ching, at Canton, where he is studying for the ministry, and addressed to the missionary by whom he was led to the Saviour, when he was in California, a few years ago. Mr. Loomis has kindly translated this letter for our columns.

Wishing the illustrious teacher, from the most high Jehovah, which is the true God in three persons, may receive grace and peace.

I remember that formerly in God's house I heard the doctrine—it pointed

me to heaven. With the deepest thankfulness, I received those distinguished favours. It is now a long time since, by your kindness and pains, I received those benefits, but though my heart were cut in twain, I could not forget.

Removed to a very great distance from your teaching, very quickly a year and more has passed, and even thus far off I am ever thinking about the church.

Suddenly there springs up an eager desire to discharge my obligation, and the purpose is formed at an early day to cut off the note paper and send it up with expressions of regard: and also to arrange and gather together my abounding feelings and thoughts upon paper, and send them, by means of the carp in the river, or by the wild goose through the clouds; but lacking these means, alas! I am debarred from sending my epistle.

But just at this juncture, —, the teacher, is about returning to his native land, his way being past your honorable palace.

The report is that the lady [Mrs. Coombs] has bid adieu and departed from this dusty world, and relying on the grace of the Lord has ascended up to heaven's mansion, there face to face to chant the praises of the one true God in three persons.

According to man's reasoning, this is the sundering and separating of one body; and truly it is a cause for grief and weeping. But according to the teachings of the book of glad tidings, Paul says, For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain: also he says, To depart, and be with Christ is far better. Jesus says, I will cause that where I am there shall ye be also. Therefore, from these points of view, considering the subject, we contemplate the soul while in the body as a lamp covered by an earthen vessel; if suddenly the vessel is broken, its light shines out bright as the sun and the moon. Now say whether it is a cause for mourning, or a cause for rejoicing?

While in this world there is not one thing we can call our own; but having departed from the world suddenly we become possessors of all things; then which is better, to be poor, or to be rich? Ah, how blessed is it to go home!

Although the husband and wife in all affairs—in feelings, in love are intensely bound together, and belong to one another, and when suddenly one is taken

from the world, it is like the sundering of the string of a harp: whose heart, thus broken, would not be in extreme distress? Yet let me express ten thousand hopes that the harp string may be again united.

Properly my duty requires that I should hasten to your palace, and in person set forth and expand my words for the comfort of your heart; but, alas! the distance is great, hills and streams separate us, and though hurriedly I might run I would never get through. Therefore earnestly I arrange a few words, and embrace an opportunity just now offering, respectfully to send my composition, which is as uncultivated as the crowing of the fowls, but yet offered with a sincere heart, though the penmanship is coarse, and the style wanting in elegant diction and in the respectful phraseology.

To —, the bishop, great man: this 1867th year, 5th month, 11th day, in the evening, the child Tam Ching writes and presents.

Happy Death of a Seminole Indian.

On last Sabbath morning brother Pahos Hacho breathed his last. He was a member of our church, and a devoted Christian. But when we meet hereafter to worship God there will be one more vacant seat, one voice less lifted up in prayer and praise. During the hot months of the past summer he toiled hard to earn a livelihood for his little family; but suddenly he was attacked with fever, so violent that no medical aid could check its course. During three long weeks he suffered the greatest bodily distress. I visited him often, during his sickness, and found him a patient sufferer.

Although it was sad to witness his sufferings, yet I could not help rejoicing in seeing so strikingly displayed in this dark man of the forest, the triumphs of the gospel. Truly, I felt, in hearing his earnest prayers, and the confidence which he placed in Jesus Christ, it is not in vain that the gospel has been preached to the heathen. Once he groped his way in heathenish darkness, ignorant of God, and of salvation through his Son. But having learned the way to God, the hope of eternal life was his sweet comfort. On his pillow lay his hymn book, which he loved to read and to sing the sweet songs which it contained. I would take it up and com-

mence singing the dear words, in which he would join with the utmost delight.

One day when I told him that a brother minister had come, and that on the coming Sabbath we expected to celebrate the dying love of our Saviour, he burst into tears and wept like a child, requesting me to tell all the brethren not to forget him in their prayers. At his request the brethren held meetings for religious worship at his house, and when they were all singing of Jesus suffering on the cross, he would raise his hands and clap them, so happy did he feel in possessing an interest in that Saviour. On Saturday, the last time I saw him alive, life was fast ebbing away, but he survived until Sabbath morning, when he requested his brethren to come to his house to sing and pray. They went, but before they left his spirit took its flight.

They prepared his grave and coffin, and I preached to the remaining part of the congregation under our arbour. Late in the afternoon we met at our departed brother's house, to perform for him our last act of kindness. It was a very solemn meeting. I preached from 1 Thess. iv 13-17, and hope that the truths thus proclaimed to that large and attentive audience of Red men, concerning the resurrection and judgment, together with the solemn circumstances of the occasion will not soon be forgotten. The discourse was concluded by recommending the desolate widow and orphan of our deceased brother to the consideration and tender care of all the Christian brethren present, and after prayer most fervently and feelingly offered by our good chief, Long John, we proceeded to deposit the remains in the grave. After the corpse was placed in the grave every one present showed their last token of respect by dropping a lump of clay into the grave. It was then filled up, meanwhile the whole assembly looking on with the deepest solemnity. When it was finished the benediction was pronounced, and then all dispersed for their homes, just as the sun had disappeared in the Western heavens.

J. R. RAMSAY.

Seminole Agency, Oct. 13th, 1867.

More Men needed in our Missions in China.

It is evident from this report of the missions of the Board in this country, that an open and widening door is set before them, and that their various labours are already bearing fruit. The

Church has reason to be grateful for the encouragement which has been granted from on high to her efforts for the salvation of this people. But it must not be forgotten, that these efforts do not bear a just proportion, either to the multitudes and the spiritual wants of the Chinese, or to the resources of the churches by whom these missions are supported. So far as furnishing men for the work is concerned, the Committee greatly regret to report no progress in the last year. The year is ended, without even one ordained missionary having been sent out to this great field. Our Church has but one minister in Peking, the capital of China, and the chief city in a province containing 27,990,000 inhabitants; but three in Shantung, a province containing 28,958,000; and nearly similar statements might be made of other provinces. Indeed, the whole number of Protestant missionaries from Europe and America now in China will not give one man to each three millions of people! More men should be sent forth, as well to strengthen existing stations as to occupy new points of great interest.—*Annual Report, May 1st, 1867, P. 38.*

Mission to the Jews.

The work of Mr. Neander still embraces two departments—his parish, being the minister of a German Church in Williamsburgh, in which he continues to meet with encouragement, and his province of labour as a missionary to the Jews in New York and its vicinity. The former agrees well with the latter in some respects, giving him greater influence with the Jews than if he were solely a missionary to them, and giving them opportunities of hearing the gospel preached by one who is of their own race.

The efforts made for the conversion of this people have been the same as in former years—visits to them at their places of business and in their dwelling-houses for religious conversation, interviews with them in the streets, receiving

some of them at his house, distributing the Scriptures, etc. He was not permitted to see any of them enabled to confess their faith in the Redeemer. Generally his intercourse with them was marked by respect, and in some instances by kindness and good-will. He speaks of them as increasing in number, in wealth, in extravagant outlay on their synagogues; a growing number are indifferent to all that is distinctive in their own faith.

The Jews are to be reached and influenced, chiefly, in Mr. Neander's opinion, by the godly examples and by the prayers of the Christian people among whom they dwell, superadded to such opportunities of gaining a knowledge of our religion as are here within the reach of all classes. If the members of our churches would earnestly seek, in the use of all proper means, to lead the minds of the Hebrews of their personal acquaintance to the Messiah, it can hardly be doubted that the influence of such efforts would be most happy.

Whether the Church should rest satisfied with missionary efforts so limited for the large Jewish population of this city and vicinity, and whether such efforts should be made for the conversion of the Jews in other countries, are questions often suggested in former reports

of the Committee, and questions that have been thus far practically answered in the negative. These questions should receive earnest consideration from year to year, but the Committee can only submit them to the attention of their Christian brethren.—*Annual Report, May 1st, 1857, pp. 42, 43.*

Two Converts Admitted to the Church of Corisco.

The Rev. C. De Heer writes as follows, under date of August 15th :

Our labours at the station are carried on as usual, and through the blessing of God we see now and then the seed spring up and bring forth fruit. At our last communion season two youths were admitted into the fellowship of the church. One from the Banana tribe, the other from Kombe. They have been inquirers and appeared before the session a year ago, during which time their deportment has been very correct; they had also during the year visited their respective tribes, and returned to the school. The latter was brought to me some three years ago, by our lamented brother Paull, and up to the time of his death, he always evinced a deep interest in this one and others whom he brought at the same time.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN DECEMBER, 1867.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pky of Albany*—Charlton Sab-sch 5; West Milton ch Ladies Missionary Socy for Petchaburi sch 22 50; Balston Centre ch mo con 1 43; Ladies' Society for girls in Siam 36; 1st ch Ballston Spa 28 92. *Pky of Mohawk*—Smithville Flats ch 7 50. *Pky of Troy*—Cambridge ch 97 65; Sab-sch 24 31 223 11

SYNOD OF ALLEGHANY.—*Pky of Alleghany*—Bull Creek ch. Rev J F Boyd 40, and Sab-sch 5, for Tunghow sch; Centreville Sab-sch for debt 25; Muddy Creek Sab-sch for debt 10. *Pky of Erie*—Cochranon Sab-sch 35; Greenville Sab-sch 11 126 00

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pky of Baltimore*—Twelfth ch Baltimore, add'l 12 10; Broadway ch Baltimore 12 25. *Pky of Carlisle*—McConnellsburg Sab-sch for debt 5 51; Green Hill Sab-sch for debt 5; Mechanicsburg ch, O Saxton, for Tunghow sch 20; John C Dunlap 100, for Tunghow 100; Mercersburg Sab-sch for debt 66 50; Harrisburg ch 228 33; Gettysburg Sab-sch for debt 58 53. *Pky of Lewis*—Rehoboth ch 8 50. *Pky of Potomac*—North ch Washington 36 50, Sab-sch for debt 62 01; N Y Ave ch, Washington 69 65 784 88

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pky of Buffalo City*—Bethany Centre ch 12 81; Central ch Buffalo 50. *Pky of Genesee River*—Central ch Genesee mo con 11 51, Sab-sch for debt 54; Portageville Sab-sch for debt 6. *Pky of Rochester City*—St Peter's ch Sab-sch, Rochester for debt 50; Port Byron ch 27 30 211 62

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pky of Bureau*—Pleasant Ridge Sab-sch for debt 3 50. *Pky of Chicago*—Jefferson Park Sab-sch 110; Kankakee Sab-sch 3 50. *Pky of Rock River*—First Ger ch Galena

Sab-sch 5; Franklin Grove ch 11, Sab-sch 2 25; Ashton ch 5; Middle Creek Sab-sch 3; Morrison Sab-sch for Bonita Mission 40 68; Galena South ch 70. *Pky of Schuyler*—Westminster ch Quincy 66 80. *Pky of Warren*—Galesburg Sab-sch for debt 30; Shiloh Sab-sch for debt 9 75; Knoxville ch 13 50 363 88

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pky of Chillicothe*—Washington Sab-sch for debt 15; Belfast ch 2 35. *Pky of Cincinnati*—Seventh ch Cincinnati mo con 12 20, Sab-sch, add'l, for debt 30 03; 1st ch Walnut Hills Sab-sch quarterly coll 28 55. *Pky of Miami*—Monroe Sab-sch for debt 8; 3d ch Dayton 40, Sab-sch 12 80. *Pky of Oxford*—College Corner ch 14, Sab-sch 8; Reiley Sab-sch for debt 2 50 173 13

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pky of Bloomington*—Wayneville ch. Elm Grove Sab-sch 2; Brenton Sab-sch for debt 5; Bloomington Sab-sch for debt 8. *Pky of Kaskaskia*—Elm Point Sab-sch 20; Dry Point ch 8. *Pky of Palestine*—Hebron ch 6 26. *Pky of Sangamon*—Union Grove Sab-sch 8 50; Portuguese Sab-sch Springfield 16 05 73 80

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pky of Indianapolis*—Shelbyville ch 6 30. *Pky of Madison*—Vernon ch 13 35, Sab-sch 10 36. Infant class 8. *Pky of Vincennes*—Princeton Sab-sch 70 108 01

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pky of Cedar*—Wilton Sab-sch 20; Princeton Sab-sch 5; Red Oak ch 14, Sab-sch for debt 26. *Pky of Dubuque*—First ch Bellevue 7 36, Sab-sch 11 92 for debt; Chester Sab-sch 1 66; Frankville Sab-sch 2 25; Pleasant Grove ch 6 48, Sab-sch for debt 1 75; Pleasant Point Sab-sch for debt 1. *Pky of Vinton*—First ch Vinton Sab-sch for debt 7 64; Big Grove Sab-sch for debt 3 11. 119 16

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Leavenworth*—Strangers Sab-sch Leavenworth 4 00

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Louisville*—Fourth ch Louisville, a member 5. *Pby of Transylvania*—Richmond ch Rev R A Johnstone 50, Sab-sch 2 30 57 30

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Palmyra*—First ch Hannibal Sab-sch, add'l, for debt 31 75. *Pby of Southwest Missouri*—Calvary ch Springfield 55 86 75

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Corisco*—Evanrasimba ch 78 87. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—Westfield ch 32 44. *Pby of Luzerne*—White Haven Sab-sch 5 75; Eckley Sab-sch 6 75; Lehigh Tannery Sab-sch 3; 2d ch Pottsville Sab-sch for debt 50. *Pby of Monmouth*—Red Bank Sab-sch for debt 15; Jamesburg ch 22. *Pby of Newton*—First ch Mansfield 100; Hackettstown Sab-sch for debt 75; Washington Sab-sch 7 54. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Fourth ch Trenton 29, E B Fuiler and wife 51, for debt; 2d ch Cranberry 20; Titusville ch 32 75; Sab-sch for debt 14. *Pby of Passaic*—Boiling Spring ch mo con 31 04; 3d ch Newark mo con 28 47; Sab-sch Young People's Miss'y Soc'y 225; 1st ch Morristown mo con 101 75; Wickliffe ch mo con 12 21; Chester ch 25, Sab-sch for debt 25. *Pby of Raritan*—Frenchtown ch 34 24, Sab-sch for debt 40 64. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Towanda ch mo con 10. *Pby of West Jersey*—Second ch Bridgeton 41 55, Sab-sch 44 28 1,174 49

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Hudson*—Florida ch mo con 4; Monroe ch mo con 5; Washingtonville ch 29 50; Goshen Sab-sch district No 10 for debt 11. *Pby of Long Island*—East Hampton ch 107 89. *Pby of Nassau*—Astoria ch mo con 29 62; 1st ch Brooklyn mo con 63 80; South Third St Williamsburg mo con 39 16, Miss Celia Davies 15 66; Throop Avenue ch Brooklyn 60 18. *Pby of New York*—Forty-second St ch mo con 4 10; 1st ch Jersey City mo con 74 62; Rutgers St ch 252; Brick ch New York mo con 88 70, for Brazil Mission 1,000, Mission Chapel mo con 7 18, Sab-sch for Chefoo sch 500; 1st ch New York mo con 252 65, for China 100; Yorkville ch mo con 10; University Place ch mo con for Rio Chapel 100, Mission Sab-sch for Rio Chapel 50; Chelsea ch mo con 20; Palisades ch Dr C R Agnew 20. *Pby of New York 2d*—Mt Washington ch 200; Scotch ch Robert Carter and Brothers 500; Westminster ch Yonkers 91 32. *Pby of the North River*—Calvary ch Newburg 28; Smithfield ch 75, Sab-sch for debt 11; Cold Spring Sab-sch 2 3,732 46

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Crawfordville*—Terre Haute Sab-sch for debt 97 15. *Pby of Fort Wayne*—First ch Fort Wayne Sab-sch 106 53. *Pby of Muncie*—Calvary chapel Indianapolis, Inf't class for debt 9 212 66

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Marion*—Marion ch 14 60, Sab-sch 15, for debt 4. *Pby of Richland*—Bladensburg ch 6 40; Blooming Grove ch 9 35; Clear Fork Sab-sch for debt 2 70; Shelby Sab-sch 8; Mt Vernon Sab-sch to sup child at Tunghow 74. *Pby of Wooster*—Chippewa Sab-sch 12; East Hopewell and Nashville Sab-schs 25; Holmesville Sab-sch 22 193 05

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of Benicia*—Napa Sab-sch for debt 14. *Pby of Oregon*—Eugene City Sab-sch for debt 9 23 09

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—First ch Mt Joy 33. *Pby of Huntingdon*—West Kishoconquillas Sab-sch 34 06; Spruce Creek Sab-sch 18; Waynesburg and Newton Hamilton chs 69 15; Lower Tuscarora ch 25 25; Shaver's Creek ch 8; Waynesburg Sab-sch for debt 15. *Pby of New Castle*—Fagge Manor Sab-sch for debt 61 53. *Pby of Northumberland*—Briar Creek ch 6 50, Sab-sch for debt 2 30; Light St ch 7 50, Sab-sch for debt 4 80; New Columbia ch 16, Sab-sch for debt 2; West Hemlock Sab-sch for debt 9 05 cts; Chillisquaque Sab-sch for debt 5 25; Mooresburg Sab-sch for debt 2 50. *Pby of Philadelphia*—Arch Street ch Phila, A C M for China 5; South ch Infant Sab-sch, add'l 26, A little boy 3; 7th ch Sab-sch for debt 25 24. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Second ch half mo col'd 7 61; North ch

Sab-sch for debt 70 12. Infant sch 13. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—First ch Easton, A lady for the chapel at Rio 5; Doylestown ch 42; Abington ch 27 93, Sab-sch for debt 7 50; Neshaminy ch 82 75; Frankford Sab-sch for debt 100; Bridesburg Sab-sch for debt 50; Allen Township ch 41, Sab-sch for debt 9. *Pby of Shanghai*—Shanghai Sab-sch for debt 14 1,622 69

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—Johnstown Sab-sch for debt 70. *Pby of Ohio*—Concord ch 12; Pittsburgh 2d ch Infant class 15. *Pby of Redstone*—Pleasant Unity Sab-sch for debt 5. *Pby of Saltburg*—Rayne Sab-sch for debt 12 02; Indiana ch 100 214 02

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—Chippewa Falls Sab-sch for debt 5 50. *Pby of St Paul*—First ch Hudson Sab-sch for debt 3 75; Westminster ch Minneapolis mo con 2 50; Central ch St Paul Sab-sch 55, Infant class 10. *Pby of St. Minnesota*—St Charles Sab-sch for debt 3; Fremont Sab-sch for debt 2; Harmony Sab-sch for debt 2; Owatonna Sab-sch for debt 5 88 75

SYNOD OF SANSBOURIE.—*Pby of Michigan*—Woodhull Sab-sch and Bible class for debt 8 50. *Pby of Western Reserve*—Lafayette Sab-sch 1 25 9 75

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Des Moines*—Chariton ch 17 75. *Pby of Fairfield*—Salina ch 2 75, Sab-sch 4 75. *Pby of Iowa*—Evangelical St Peter's ch 6 31 25

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Beloit Sab-sch 3 55. *Pby of Steubenville*—Wellsville Sab-sch, add'l for debt 16; Centre Unity ch Hanna Fund 366 10. *Pby of Washington*—Second ch Wheeling 125; 1st ch Wheeling 20 50; 1st ch Washington mo con 16 28; Three Springs Sab-sch for debt 5; Beech Place Sab-sch 19. *Pby of West Virginia*—Morgantown ch twelve mo con's 49 30; Kingwood ch 10 50, Sammy, Willie, and Mary for debt 1 80; Sistersville ch 5 55; Bethel ch 8. *Pby of St Clairsville*—Five dollars credited in October to Rev G W Chalfant, should be to donor unknown 647 23

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Vernon Sab-sch 9 44, acknowledged last month, should have been Verona Sab-sch; Platteville German ch 1 85, Sab-sch 2. *Pby of Milwaukee*—Ottawa Sab-sch for debt 2 43; Delafield Sab-sch for debt 2 57. *Pby of Winnebago*—Depere Sab-sch 8, and Mission Sab-sch 2, for debt 18 85

SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.—*Pby of Catawba*—Concord col'd ch 6; Rocky River ch 6; Poplar Tent ch 6; Bethpage ch 2 20 00

Total received from churches, \$9,750 71

LEGACIES.—Estate of Isabella Fulton, deceased, Phelps, N Y 120 90; Legacy of Dr Kilborne, dec'd, Ohio, less tax and exchange 187 75; Bequest of Mrs Ann Piper, dec'd, Ill, less exchange 49 88; Bequest of Susan McMeans, dec'd, Hamilton O, 327 14, Less Gov't tax on Margaret Hawkins' legacy 72, and on John Means' legacy 82 06 531 61

MISCELLANEOUS.—James M'Clellan, Jefferson, Ind, 10; Lawrenceville High School mo con 50 12; Lehigh Gap Mission Sab-sch for debt 2; Hattie and Frank 50 cts, Willie B 25 cts, Mrs S and children for debt 1 50, Ella 35 cts, Bobby 25 cts; Central Pres ch, Hamilton, Canada, to com Benj E Charleton *Life member*, 275; R M Oliphant 200, Premium 80; Locantaka Sab-sch for India 20; Religious Contribution Society, Theological Seminary, Princeton, N J, 141; Little Minnie Botsford 1; A M Bruen, Scaradale 500; A Friend for debt, Portageville, N Y, 5; Mrs Randall's little ones 1 75; Miss C R Watt, Columbia, Tenn, 2, her Sab-sch 1; J J Hamilton, Pa, 7; Savings of Lissia, Kate, and Sallie 1; Mrs L M Miller, Niantic 5; Rev A G Compton, Arcata, Cal, for Rio Chapel 5; John E Parsons, Esq, 100; 1st Portuguese ch, Jacksonville, Ill, Sab-sch 27 15, and Johnny and James Cherry 85 cts, to sup young man in Brazil; Thank offering from E and L K 6 10; Rev E O Wines 10; Mrs Catharine Kinsey, Delaware Co, Pa, 8; Valmont ch Sab-sch, Colorado 21 50; A Lady, Delaware 5; Reformed Ger ch, Dayton, O, 15 1,500 42

Total Receipts in December, 1887 \$11,783 74

WM. RANKIN, Jr., Treasurer.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

PUBLISHING HOUSE, 821 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

Letters relating to agencies, donations of books and tracts, the appointment of Colporteurs, manuscripts and books offered for publication, and the general interests of the Board, to be addressed to the Rev. WILLIAM E. SCRENGE, D.D. Corresponding Secretary and Editor, No. 821 Chestnut street.

All communications, reports, remittances of money, donations, and orders for books, to be addressed to Mr. WINTHROP SARGENT, Superintendent of Colportage, Business Correspondent, and Treasurer.

Subscriptions to *The Record*, and the *Sabbath-School Visitor*, and payments for the same, to be addressed to Mr. PETER WALKER.

The End of our Year.

The fiscal year of the Board of Publication ends with the close of the present month, February. All sums sent for colportage and distribution before the first day of March, and only such, will be acknowledged in the next Annual Report. We would respectfully request all persons having in their hands any money for the Board, and all who may intend to make any donations for the current year, to send early enough for such acknowledgment.

It is not, however, as a mere matter of business precision that we would make this request. We do it also upon the ground that the Board *has need of the money* to carry forward its work of colportage and distribution. Appeals are constantly coming to us from every part of the country, for grants of books and tracts for needy Sabbath-schools, poor missionaries, freedmen's schools, and churches, and for gratuitous distribution, by individual Christians who are willing to give their time and labour, but who cannot afford to buy tracts to give away. Then the Board has a large number of colporteurs scattered over the most of our States and Territories. Their salaries must be promptly paid, or their labour must cease; and they must have ample supplies of books and tracts for gratuitous distribution, or their usefulness would be greatly curtailed. These operations require a large outlay of money, and unless our churches and benevolent persons aid the Board by liberal contributions, the work cannot go forward. Let those, therefore, who can, send forward their contributions.

Worthy of Imitation.

The Board of Publication lately received a donation of twenty-seven dollars and fifty-four cents from the Presbyterian Church in Shanghai, China. In the letter which accompanies it, it is stated that "nearly every member of our church (I think *every one*) has an interest in this little contribution, and will follow it with prayers." In the Minutes of the General Assembly this Church appears with twenty-four members. The amount thus collected makes an average contribution therefore, of one dollar and fourteen cents to each communicant. If all our churches would do as well this

year, the contributions to this Board would amount to about \$281,000 instead of the \$28,760 which were last year dropped into its Colportage Fund. Can they not do this? Has a little church, struggling in the centre of heathenism, greater ability and willingness than those of our own land which are basking in the glorious noon-day light of the gospel? Our treasury *needs* to be replenished. Will not every church member place something in it, and assist in the great work of scattering abroad leaves of truth, from the word of life, for the healing of the people?

Never Lost.

The efforts of the Colporteur, or the private Christian, in the distribution of tracts, are not always graciously received. But let no one be discouraged. The bread cast upon the waters may return after many days. The late Daniel Fanshaw, of New York, one day gave a tract to a young infidel, who received it with the indignant soliloquy, "what right has he to interfere with me or my opinions?" In a cool and contemptuous manner, he first read the tract, then set fire to it, and lighted his cigar. A tract lost! An act of love thrown away! So it seemed. Twenty years passed. Mr. Fanshaw died. The man who had destroyed his tract, and remained in sin, saw the notice of his death. The old transaction was reproduced in memory. The contents of the tract came up afresh, and the despiser was convinced of his sin, became a converted man, and was led to peace and joy in believing. The Holy Spirit acts in His own time and in a mysterious manner. That burned tract was not lost.

Every tract, every religious book, which goes forth from our press does its work. The results may not always be known in this life. The judgment day will declare them.

Our Country's Hope.

A grosser and more fatal mistake cannot be made by our statesmen than to separate, or to attempt to separate, knowledge and piety, education and religion. Yet this mistake has been perpetrated; and the bitter fruits of the separation must be reaped by our children, unless the church awake to her responsibilities, and prove herself to be what her Lord designed, the preserving salt, and the light of our country and her institutions. She must give a religious education to her children; she must be faithful in household training; she must plant Sabbath-schools, Bible and Catechetical classes, in every neighbourhood; she must furnish a Christian literature for her people and for the whole land, and place the tract, and the volume, and the Bible in every family; and above all, she must send forth the living preacher into all our waste places. She must furnish and sustain a pious and learned ministry in every section of our wide territory. This is the only hope of our land. Without it, party spirit will overwhelm us in anarchy and confusion. Revivals are sometimes spoken of as our

only hope; but how can we expect revivals without a ministry? And how can we hope for intelligence and virtue, or rather for virtuous intelligence, without this divinely appointed agency? The ministry first, and then the press. The pulpit and the press are our country's hope. Let both be provided, cherished, and sustained!

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From a Frontier Missionary.

To those who have generously aided the Board of Publication in making donations of its publications to the needy, such a testimony as that given below will convey a pleasant assurance that their money has been wisely and usefully expended.

A grant of Sabbath-school books was asked for by a domestic missionary in Minnesota. His request was granted and a package forwarded to his field of labour. The following is his response, dated from Monongalia County, Minnesota.

"It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your valuable donation of Sabbath-school books. You have made an admirable selection of library books, and the children are all delighted with them. Every one speaks also in terms of unbounded admiration respecting our new Sabbath-school hymn-book, "*Children's Praise*." As a frontier missionary, and on behalf of people living in a new settlement, most of whom are too poor to buy reading matter for themselves, many having barely sufficient means to procure their own subsistence for the winter, I tender through you to the Board of Publication, my most sincere thanks.

"If our churches only knew the amount of good thus effected through your timely donation of books and tracts to our struggling churches and missionary out-posts in the great West, they would give far more freely of their means in aid of the Distribution Fund of the Presbyterian Board of Publication."

Those who have read the last number of the *Record* have not forgotten, as we hope, that we then appealed to such as had money to give, for help to carry on this very branch of our work. Let such remember the words of the Lord Jesus. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Colportage in Nebraska.

When transmitting his report, a Colporteur in Kansas writes as follows:

"Since my last report I have travelled considerably in Nebraska and Kansas, but I never found money so scarce, as it has been recently. Still there were some pleasant circumstances connected with the labour. I stayed two nights, in going and coming, at one house. The family were very kind, and would receive no pay. They bought a copy of *Pilgrim's Progress*, and read it with much interest.

"I let another family have, for a short time, one of the Board's cheap publications, called *Confessions of a Convert*. The book was read with much interest and profit. An old gentleman began to read it aloud; then other members of the family read it. The old gentleman afterwards began to copy it. He said it was the best work upon the subject he had ever

seen, and he would like to write it all out if he had time. He wished to keep it longer, but it was the only copy I had, and another person was waiting for it. The little book is still 'moving on' and, with God's blessing it will do good; and that, too, in a neighbourhood where much error on this subject has been spread.

"The 'second hand' Sabbath-school library* you sent me, I left in a neighbourhood where it will be appreciated and will do much good. Pray for me, and for the cause in this region. J. S."

* These books came from the Sabbath-school of the first church of Newburyport, Mass.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

I. Old Michael and his little Friend.

By the author of "Blind Annie Lorimer," "The Path and the Lamp," &c., &c. 18mo. Price 45 and 50 cents.

A sweet story of a little lame girl, who was very poor, but was befriended and instructed by old Michael, who was also poor and in humble life, but in whom dwelt much of the wisdom that cometh from above. The story is admirably written, and abounds with lessons of true piety. It cannot fail to delight young readers.

II. Mat Warner; or the Boy who wanted his Own Way. By Nellie Grahame. 18mo. Price 35 and 40 cents.

Nellie Grahame's little books are always well-written and full of valuable instruction. Mat Warner was a proud and self-willed boy, who rebelled against

legitimate authority, ran away and went to sea, and suffered the natural consequences. It will do the boys good to read the book.

III. Hetty's Tongue. Price 55 and 60 cents.

IV. The Infant Voyagers. 18mo. Price 55 and 60 cents.

Several excellent stories are bound together in each of these volumes, and each is illustrated by several handsome pictures. Each chapter contains an important lesson, bearing upon the happiness and welfare of children, both in this world and the next.

A single copy of any publication of the Board will be sent by mail, pre-paid, on receipt of the catalogue price.

Address orders to WINTHROP SARGENT, Esq., 821 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE COLPORTAGE AND DISTRIBUTION FUNDS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION, SINCE LAST ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Ballston Centre ch 3; Saratoga Springs ch 19 36	22 36	<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —New York Ave ch, Washington	5 00
<i>Pby of Chicago</i> —Chicago Twenty-eighth street ch	13 00	<i>Pby of Saline</i> —Shawneetown ch	11 10
<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Belfast ch	2 10	<i>Pby of Shanghai</i> —Shanghai 1st ch	27 54
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Montgomery ch	9 00	<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —De Graff ch	2 25
<i>Pby of Corisco</i> —Evangasimba ch	3 00	<i>Pby of S Minnesota</i> —Freemont ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Strasburg ch 15; Marietta ch 9 75	24 75	<i>Pby of Strubenville</i> —Annapolis ch 7 10; Centre Unity ch Hanna Fund 163 88	170 98
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Bellevue 1st ch	4 02	<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Monroeton ch	4 00
<i>Pby of Ebenezer</i> —Crittenden ch 12 30; Williams-town ch 4	16 30	<i>Pby of Topeka</i> —Fort Scott ch	5 50
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Erie Park ch "T C Spencer,"	30 00	<i>Pby of Transylvania</i> —Stanford ch 1; Bradfords-wille ch 7; Bethel ch 6 50; Columbia ch 35 85; Ebenezer ch 25 25; Greensburg ch 5 50; Bethel Union ch 1 50	82 60
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Milroy ch	23 50	<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Bridgeton 2d ch	11 18
<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Westminster ch Keokuk	25 75	<i>Pby of West Virginia</i> —French Creek ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Summit Hill ch "P"	10 00	<i>Pby of Western Reserve</i> —Northfield ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Dayton 3d ch	49 00	<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Keene ch	9 25
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Jamesburg ch	20 00		
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Throop Ave ch 18 33; Jamaica ch 28 72	47 05		
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Blairstown ch	13 00		
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —New London Congregational Benev Fund 30; "M N C" 10	40 00		
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Mt Olive ch 5; Morristown 1st ch Sab—ch 20	25 00		
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> 2d—Doylestown ch 11 68; Newtown ch 21 26; Frankford ch 6	87 94		

MISCELLANEOUS.

Proceeds of legacy of Dr Kilborne, Ohio 187 75;
John E Parsons, Esq 25; Legacy of Ann Piper,
late of Missouri 50

262 75

\$1,018 92

WINTHROP SARGENT, Treasurer.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Corresponding Secretary, Rev. H. I. Cox.

Treasurer, DAVID KEITH, St. Louis, Mo. |

Close of Our Fiscal Year.

The present fiscal year of the Board of Church Extension closes April 1, 1868, and donations received hereafter cannot be included in the next Report to the General Assembly. During the nine months ending December 31, 1867, applications have been received, calling for more than \$70,000. While the receipts for the same period are cheerfully in advance of the corresponding months of any previous year, they do not reach one-half the above sum. As the result, (including the demands of last year still on file), the applications now exceed the funds on hand to meet them more than \$60,000. Experience having shown that inadequate means can be distributed far more satisfactorily when the particulars of a considerable number of applications are before us, than when only a few can be examined together, the Board has temporarily suspended the making of appropriations. We hope, however, soon to resume the work of supplying the wants of the needy. Will not the hundreds of churches who have thus far this year failed to forward a contribution to our treasurer, at once cheer their houseless brethren by a substantial token of their sympathy?

Presbyterian and Methodist Liberality.

Much has been said of late about the large sums raised by the Methodist Church during its Centenary Year. While we desire to give all due credit to our Methodist brethren, and rejoice in their liberality, we think it ought to be known that our Church gave last year for benevolent purposes more per member than the Methodist Church.

According to "the Amended and Completed Summaries" of their Church, recently published in the Methodist journals, their 1,146,081 members gave last year for benevolent purposes, exclusive of Centenary objects, the sum of \$933,318 25, or less than eighty-two cents per member. The Minutes of our last General Assembly report that our 246,350 members gave for corresponding objects last year \$1,045,356, which is \$4 24 per member, or more than five times the average of the Methodist Church.

The Centenary Collections, it is stated in the same journals, will amount to over \$7,000,000, and may reach \$8,000,000, of which sum \$900,000 has been given by one individual. Admitting that the Centenary with the other collections already stated will reach the sum of \$9,000,000, we have an average of less than eight dollars per member reported by the Methodists for all objects, exclusive of ministerial support. The Minutes of our last General Assembly report contributions including ministerial support of \$3,731,164. Allowing an average support of \$1000 to each of the 1700 ministers that were reported as drawing their support from particular congregations, (an allowance \$300 beyond the highest average we have seen given by any one who had investigated the subject), we have from our 246,350 communicants collections amounting to \$2,031,164, or an average of \$8 24 per member, or nearly 25 cents per member more than the corresponding average of the Methodist Church, including Centenary gifts.

We publish these statistics, not in any spirit of invidious comparison or of boasting, (which latter is excluded by the fact that our gifts but little exceeded an average of two cents a day from each member of our Church), but because we have noticed of late too many Jeremiahs over our illiberality, and too little disposition to thank God for what he has inclined our people to give for the spread of His kingdom. To gratefully record what we have received opens the way for more, since to him that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundantly.

Statement of Receipts for December 1867, will appear in the next *Record*.

FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS, AND THE NEEDY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

(Continued from page 22.)

<p><i>Pby of Raritan</i>—Arnwell 2d ch \$8 50</p> <p><i>Pby of West Jersey</i>—Pittsgrove ch 48 58</p> <p><i>Pby of Hudson</i>—Goshen ch 54 90</p> <p><i>Pby of New York</i>—University Place ch 774 21; Yorkville ch 4 76 778 97</p> <p><i>Pby of New York 2d</i>—Peekskill ch 34 31</p> <p><i>Pby of North River</i>—Bethlehem ch 83 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Crawfordville</i>—Carpenterville ch 5; Green Castle ch 11 16 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Hocking</i>—Athens ch 10 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Marion</i>—Kingston ch 4; Mt Gilead ch 5 30; Sandusky ch 5; Delaware ch 10 24 30</p> <p><i>Pby of Benicia</i>—Napa City ch 23 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Huntingdon</i>—Huntingdon ch 97; Miffin- town ch 68 85; Shirleysburg ch 8 20 174 05</p> <p><i>Pby of New Castle</i>—Wilmington 1st ch 17 21</p> <p><i>Pby of Blairsville</i>—Union ch 3 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Ohio</i>—Lawrenceville ch 62 44; Miller's Run ch 20 30 82 74</p> <p><i>Pby of Saltsburg</i>—Parnassus ch 12 15</p> <p><i>Pby of Chippewa</i>—La Crescent ch 10 00</p> <p><i>Pby of St Paul</i>—St Anthony ch 40 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Findlay</i>—West Union ch 5 99</p> <p><i>Pby of Fairfield</i>—La Fayette ch 3; Liberty ch 3 50; Birmingham ch 10 90 17 40</p> <p><i>Pby of Missouri River</i>—Nebraska City ch 26 45; Plattsmouth ch 10 36 45</p> <p><i>Pby of Steubenville</i>—Fair Mount ch 5; Two Ridges ch 27 50; Ridge ch 12 44 50</p> <p><i>Pby of Washington</i>—Fairview ch 5 85; Cross Creek ch 48 55 54 40</p> <p><i>Pby of Dane</i>—Oakland and Cambridge chs 10 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Milwaukee</i>—Janesville 1st ch 30 30</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$2,560 91</p> <p>Synod of Cincinnati \$148 23</p> <p>Friends in Illinois 100 00</p> <p>Western Ohio, through Dr Speer 25 00</p> <p>Legacy of Mrs Hannah Couper of New Castle, Del 100 00</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$2,930 14</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GEO. H. VAN GELDER, Treasurer Trustees of General Assembly, Office, No. 320 Walnut Street. <i>Philadelphia, December 5th, 1867.</i></p> <p>The following amounts have been received since last report, viz.</p> <p><i>Pby of Albany</i>—Kingsborough ch 26 45; Ballston Centre ch 19 09; Ballston Spa ch 18 59 \$64 13</p> <p><i>Pby of Allegheny</i>—Plain Grove ch 8 35; Sunberry ch 6 14 35</p> <p><i>Pby of Allegheny City</i>—Concord ch 4 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Beaver</i>—Little Beaver ch 5 22</p> <p><i>Pby of Carlisle</i>—Harrisburg ch 59 30</p> <p><i>Pby of Genesee River</i>—Tuscarora ch 3; Warsaw ch 20 23 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Bureau</i>—Woodhull ch 5 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Cincinnati</i>—Montgomery ch 11 25; Cincin- nati 5th ch 63 88 75 13</p> <p><i>Pby of Miami</i>—Monroe ch 16; Springfield 1st ch 25 41 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Sangamon</i>—Springfield 3d ch 38 50</p>	<p><i>Pby of Indianapolis</i>—Lafayette 1st ch \$28 42</p> <p><i>Pby of New Albany</i>—New Albany ch 80 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Dubuque</i>—Bellevue 1st ch 8 20</p> <p><i>Pby of St Louis</i>—Nazareth Ger ch 11 65</p> <p><i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i>—Pluckamin ch 25 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Newton</i>—Blairstown ch 13 00</p> <p><i>Pby of New Brunswick</i>—Lawrenceville ch 75 70; Titusville ch 16 15 91 85</p> <p><i>Pby of Passaic</i>—Chatham ch 37; Boiling Spring ch 18 18 55 18</p> <p><i>Pby of West Jersey</i>—Bridgeton 2d ch 10 95; Ab- secon ch 5 16 96</p> <p><i>Pby of Susquehanna</i>—Monroeton ch 5 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Connecticut</i>—Croton Falls ch 7 00</p> <p><i>Pby of New York 2d</i>—Mt Washington ch 68 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Columbus</i>—Truro ch 5 55</p> <p><i>Pby of Wooster</i>—Chippewa ch 17 80</p> <p><i>Pby of Donegal</i>—Marietta ch 21 50</p> <p><i>Pby of Huntingdon</i>—Hollidaysburg ch 48 12</p> <p><i>Pby of New Castle</i>—Doe Run ch 7 75; New Lon- don ch, Benef Fund 20 27 75</p> <p><i>Pby of Northumberland</i>—Williamsport ch 75 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i>—North Tenth St ch 16 54</p> <p><i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i>—Chestnut Hill ch 275; In- fant school of do 10 235 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Blairville</i>—New Salem ch 27 71</p> <p><i>Pby of Ohio</i>—Valley ch 10; Centre ch 17 25; Sha- ron ch 81 33 68 58</p> <p><i>Pby of Redstone</i>—Uniontown ch 50; Laurel Hill ch 15 03 65 03</p> <p><i>Pby of Western Reserve</i>—Northfield ch 5 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Des Moines</i>—Albia ch 3 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Iowa</i>—Mt Pleasant ch 24 35; Round Grove ch 8 75 33 10</p> <p><i>Pby of New Lisbon</i>—Bethesda ch 6; Poland ch 10 16 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Steubenville</i>—Corinth ch 11 00</p> <p><i>Pby of St Clairville</i>—Nottingham ch 40 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Washington</i>—Wheeling 2d ch 28 00</p> <p><i>Pby of West Virginia</i>—Buckhannon ch 9 50; French Creek ch 26 18 35 68</p> <p><i>Pby of Winnebago</i>—Westfield ch 5 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Corisco</i>—Evangasimba ch 5 50</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$1,567 81</p> <p>A member of Louisville 4th ch 5 00</p> <p>A lady of Delaware 5 00</p> <p>"P," of Summit Hill, Pa, 10 00</p> <p>N P More of Columbus, Ohio 10 00</p> <p>Rev Robert Irwin 10 00</p> <p>Interest on Permanent Funds 213 25</p> <p>Bequest of Mrs Ann Poper, late of Ill 50 00</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">\$1,871 06</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GEO. H. VAN GELDER, Treasurer Trustees of General Assembly, Office No. 320 Walnut Street, <i>Philadelphia, January 6th, 1868.</i></p> <p>In remitting money to this Fund, the name of the Church and Presbytery to which it belongs should be distinctly stated, that it may be cor- rectly acknowledged. And where checks or drafts are sent they should be drawn to the order of "Geo. H. VAN GELDER, Treasurer."</p>
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

REV. S. C. LOGAN, *Corresponding Secretary*, A. CAMERON, Esq., *Treasurer*, Box 224 Pittsburgh, Pa.
WM. MAIN, Esq., *Receiving Agent*, 907 Arch street, Philadelphia.

How money was raised to Educate a Catechist.

The following extract from a letter written by a lady who is a member of a mission church in Ohio, will show how this work may be accomplished if the Sabbath-school teachers will but make the effort.

"Dear Sir.—Although a stranger to you, I am no stranger to the noble work in which you are engaged, and my prayer is that God may open the hearts of Christians all over this land to aid you with the necessary funds to prosecute it. We have resolved to work as well as pray, for I believe that to some extent we must answer our own prayers. Although the prospect looked dark—for our church is truly a mission church, and our Sabbath-school poor, pecuniarily, yet we are determined to raise one hundred and fifty dollars for the support of a student catechist. The effort was made, and succeeded beyond our most sanguine expectations. Our plan is this, we formed an association to raise the money, so that by the contribution of twenty-five cents, the smaller children might become members, while the teachers and members of the Bible classes were expected to contribute one dollar for the same privilege. Many cheerfully contributed more than that sum. The money is to be paid quarterly, and when our catechist gets fairly to work, we expect to get reports from him, which will be read to the school, and at that time the names of the scholars contributing are to be read, so that each one may feel a personal interest in the matter. In this way we have—although the work is but just fairly commenced—secured the assistance of those who never before felt that there was anything for them to do. As far as I have had the opportunity I have endeavoured to induce the children to *earn the money*, and as they have done so, they have come with beaming faces, saying, 'I've got my quarter.' Thus they secure a double blessing. If the hearts of the children and youth of our beloved land could only be enlisted in this good work, eternity alone will reveal the results."

Would that the Sabbath-schools that have hitherto done nothing for the good work could be induced to follow the example of the one referred to by our correspondent. Please try her plan.

The reports of missionaries from all points of the South agree in representing the present condition of the freedmen as worse than at any former period. Poverty and wretchedness are everywhere. A native of North Carolina, who has laboured for a year as catechist tells us of the visitation of forty-five families of the destitute in one congregation. He says, "Women with little children who have no husbands go from place to place hunting homes, getting bread wherever they can. They cannot get work on account of their children. I tried to get them into the poor-house, but could not, as there are no funds. I am fearful that many of them will perish this winter. A great number of the freedmen are contracting for the coming year with their former masters for their food and clothes, their former owners not being in circumstances to pay any wages. My father's women have all returned, and are now on my hands, the men having all left the country save one, who is now in Biddle Institute."

With such destitution appealing to us, how rich seem the gifts of these boxes of clothing with which we have been enabled to clothe many of the suffering poor. Will not other churches and individual Christians come to our help in this good work.

The Committee would thankfully acknowledge the following contributions—

First church of Allegheny City, 2 boxes of clothing, one valued at \$242 33; the other not valued.

1 box from Pres ch of Worth, Pa. Valued at \$40.

1 box from Miami City Pres ch. Valued at \$225.

1 box from Mrs. F. T. Woods, Huntingdon, Pa. Not Valued.

1 box from Pres ch Erie, Pa. Not valued.

1 box from Pres ch Constantine, Michigan. Not valued.

2 boxes from Pres ch East Liberty. Valued at \$75.

2 boxes from Mrs. E. G. Wallingford, Pittsburgh. Valued at \$77 and \$125.

400 volumes of Sabbath-school books from the 4th Pres ch, Pittsburgh.

A cabinet organ for Biddle Institute, from Mrs. B. G. Galloway, Cooper Institute, Dayton, Ohio.

2 boxes from Pres ch Washington, Pa. Valued at \$100.

1 box from member of West Spruce Street ch, Phila. Valued at \$50.

DONATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN FOR DECEMBER, 1867.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Princetown ch 18; Schenectady ch 68 75	86 75
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Beaver ch 18; Concord ch 3	19 00
<i>Pby of Buffalo City</i> —First ch Bath	6 40
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Little Beaver ch 5 75; Beaver Falls ch 19	24 75
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Champaign ch	13 50
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —South Salem ch 26; Croton Falls ch 5	31 00
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Springdale ch	11 85
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Piney Creek ch	6 25
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Fairview ch	3 55
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Second ch Mercer	13 00
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Hamptonburgh ch 29 50; Middletown ch 3 35	32 85
<i>Pby of Hocking</i> —Athens ch	6 00
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Mifflintown and Lost Creek chs	45 00
<i>Pby of Indianapolis</i> —Shelbyville ch	8 00
<i>Pby of Kaskaskia</i> —Elm Point ch	16 65
<i>Pby of Milwaukee</i> —Port Washington ch 10 45; Grafton ch 1 55	12 00
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —First and Third chs Dayton 40 02; Monroe ch 10	50 02
<i>Pby of Madison</i> —Hopewell ch	1 60
<i>Pby of Maumee</i> —Eagle Creek ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Marion</i> —Wyandott ch 2 13; Iberia ch 9 81	7 68
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —First ch Freeport	4 40
<i>Pby of North River</i> —Bethlehem ch	37 62
<i>Pby of New Albany</i> —Bloomington ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Shady Side ch 29 08; Long Island ch 4 21; Canonsburgh ch 12 90; Centre ch 18 85; East Liberty ch, add'l, 20; Bethany ch 58 55; Central ch, Pittsburgh 46 05	189 64
<i>Pby of Ogdensburg</i> —Hammond ch	7 75
<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —Georgetown ch	6 00
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Princeville ch 24 10; French Grove ch 10 10	34 20
<i>Pby of Richland</i> —Olivesburgh ch	13 25
<i>Pby of Realstone</i> —Brownsville ch	6 50
<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Freeport ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Saline</i> —Golconda ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Ridge ch 3; Annapolis ch 12 15 00	15 00
<i>Pby of Vinton</i> —Salem ch	7 00
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Forks of Wheeling ch	33 00
<i>Pby of Warren</i> —Knoxville ch	13 50
<i>Pby of Wheeling</i> —First ch Wheeling	35 00
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Jeromeville ch 7 23; Fredericksburg ch 53	60 23

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev Luke Dorland, N C 35; Mrs N Wade, Washington, Pa, special 20; Miss T F, Pittsburgh 20; Children's pennies, coloured school, Amelia, Va. 50 cents; E C Platt, special 5; Harriet Huntington 10; J G & Mrs E C Junkin 3; First ch, Harrisburg, Dr Weier's 20; H V L 61 cents; J J Hamilton, McCovsville 7; X Y, New Jersey 55; Mary H Smith, Elizabeth, Pa 5; Jane Stevenson, second installment 37 50; Unknown 1; Thos Neel, Greenfield Farm 5; Mrs E G Wallingford, Pittsburgh 500; T C Caruthers, Holliday's Cove, W V 10; John Lee, Medina, O 5

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Received at Philadelphia.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Ballston Centre ch 3, Sab-sch 2 62; Kingston ch 25	\$35 52
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Gettysburgh ch Sab-sch	11 80
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Red Oak ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Slateville ch 9; Marietta ch, add'l, 2	11 00
<i>Pby of Done</i> —Belleville ch	4 00
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Peosta ch	4 25
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —First ch, Metuchin	7 10
<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —East Hampton ch	14 37
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Summit Hill	10 00
<i>Pby of Milwaukee</i> —First German ch, West Granville	4 00
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Red Bank ch	5 00
<i>Pby of New York</i> —University Place ch	283 77
<i>Pby of New York 2d</i> —Peekskill ch	30 63
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —New London ch, Benevolent Fund 30; M N C 15; Fagg's Manor ch 11, 56 00	56 00
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Lawrenceville ch	25 60
<i>Pby of North River</i> —Rondout ch	25 00
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Blairstown ch	19 00
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Ross st ch, Brooklyn	50 00
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Boiling Springs ch 18 96; Central (Orange) ch 100	118 96
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Infant-sch of North ch	4 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Newtown ch	17 23
<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Galena South ch	21 10
<i>Pby of Richland</i> —First (Mansfield) ch	14 81
<i>Pby of S Minnesota</i> —Rochester ch	27 00
<i>Pby of Vinton</i> —Deep River ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Chippewa ch	11 00
<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —First (Bridgeton) ch	50 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev W J McCord, Waassaic, N Y 2 00

Total receipts in December, \$2,497 86

A. CAMERON, Treasurer.

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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The Cities of the West.

The following illustrates what might be accomplished in the great cities of the West, if the Board had now the means to encourage such enterprises. While it is true that the great, perhaps primary intention of the Church in erecting this Board was to aid the feeble of Christ's flock—the rural and out-lying districts of missionary efforts, yet most surely should the Board be permitted to seek, occupy, and build up in the cities of the West churches soon to be points of influence and sources of aid. We say the *West*, for while similar reasoning might be supposed to apply to the East, we must remember that the analogy fails, because the peculiarities of western growth, its amazing rapidity, and its commingled, heterogeneous populations are so vastly different. We know not a city of any magnitude East which could not by judicious arrangements—say the Glasgow measures of the Free Church—increase and multiply the self-sustaining and vigorous churches in the most uncultivated and repulsive portions of a degraded population. We have now points of great interest in other cities, just as promising as the case below, from which we sadly turn for want of means; we dare not attempt, lest plunging the Board into debt, the Church should frown upon us; and while it is easy to say the debt would appeal successfully to the Church and find relief, we cannot feel that we can promise any further than the Church by her acts bids us promise.

Essential to success, provided we had the means, are the *men*. Few men have the endowments, we mean not talents but aptitude for the work, the earnest fervour, the tact, the continued self-denial, the hopes against hope, which so many of the western efforts demand. But with the means and men, our Church would soon stand prominent in those marvellous cities of the West; those sudden growths where speculation fails, and fact is mightier than fiction. Would that our Church would realize her privilege and accomplish her duties.

CARE PLACE CHURCH STUDY, St. Louis, December 17, 1867.

REV. T. L. JANEWAY, D.D.,

Dear Brother,—In the good providence of God I am now come to the *last report* which, as a missionary in this field, I expect to be required to present.

By my own request, my people concurring, the appropriation to us so kindly granted for the last eighteen months will be withdrawn January 1st, 1868.

It will be with no little sacrifice on the part of all of us that we shall be able to maintain our position as a self-sustaining church; and yet, hard as the trial will be, we have entered on it with good hearts and good hope of success. Were the funds of the Church's Board abundant, I might feel it my duty to withhold this burden from my already greatly taxed and feeble little flock, but in your present straits I feel that it is simply duty to relieve you of this much, whatever it may cost us, in order that others, yet more needy than we, may not be deprived of their already insufficient help.

It will be proper at this time to submit a brief review of our progress since coming under the care of your Board. Eighteen months ago we were a little band of poor people, worshipping in a third story hall, over a German beer saloon. We had no formal organization, no means among us, nothing but *faith!* The expenses of the enterprise, both of Sunday-school and preaching service, I had myself assumed, and without any salary, and without any money, I had upheld the banner of the cross in this destitute part of the city for over a year, the Lord always providing friends and funds. Our Sunday-school had grown from sixty to near three hundred; our preaching services, from a mere handful to congregations of from seventy-five to one hundred and twenty-five. At this time we came under your care, and were organized shortly afterward into a Presbyterian church with a membership of about thirty.

We needed a *house*—how should we get it? We scarcely knew how to answer that question, and yet we went forward trusting in Him whose is the earth and the fulness thereof. Last May, (1867,) the work began; on the second Sabbath of August our plain but beautiful chapel was solemnly dedicated to Almighty God. Through the kind help of friends in the East, and chiefly through the efficient sympathy of Dr. Niccolls of the Second Church of this city, and the liberality of his people, we have paid upon our lot two thousand dollars, and upon our building over nine thousand dollars. There still remains a few hundred dollars to pay upon the church, and any one who may wish to help our sorely struggling people to *clear* off that remnant, will not be denied the opportunity to aid us. We have built upon the rear of our lot a chapel forty by seventy-five feet, leaving us still one hundred and two by seventy-five feet for a *church* when God shall prosper us. The neighbourhood in which we have planted ourselves is rapidly improving, and filling up, and our property has already greatly appreciated. The payments on what remains are tolerably easy, and we hope year by year to cut down the amount due until free from every debt.

Since removing to our chapel, the congregations have much increased; the attendance is good, growing; and the word seems to be reaching the hearts of the hearers. Within the last two months thirty persons, nearly all heads of families, or young, active people, have been received to the church. At the present there is a deep interest in religion; a number of inquirers, and some who within the past two weeks have been led to a comfortable hope in Jesus Christ.

The interest in our Sabbath-school is unabated, and from one Bible class, numbering over thirty young ladies, *five* have recently been brought into the church, and several more are just ready for that step.

We have an active *Young People's Association* organized and officered for missionary work. We have laid off one large district, and solemnly undertaken to lay the *gospel invitation* before every child and adult of its teeming population, by private visitation and solicitation.

We have a *Night Mission*, combining devotional and hortatory exercises, with instruction in singing. We call it our *singing service*, and find that we reach a great many young people by it.

The first service is on *Monday* night, the second on *Friday* night, we have also a *Wednesday* lecture, and a *Saturday night Normal Class* for training teachers. So you see our hands are full of work, and we mean to fight the devil on his own ground, and *outside* of our own walls, though never, I trust, outside of our blessed "STRONGHOLD."

I believe that these means, with the blessing of the Holy Spirit upon them, will prove successful in making us in a few years—I have almost faith to write *months*—a strong and permanently established church. May the Lord grant it in his own good time.

I have been thus particular, perhaps prosy, because I have felt it due to you, and to any future efforts of like kind in our large cities of the West, to give details. I know your heart will be cheered, and I trust it will appear that the unusual outlay which such work requires, may in the end be the very best of investments.

With many thanks, both on behalf of myself and my flock, for the uniform Christian kindness which has characterized the dealings of the Board and its officers with us, and with hearty personal expressions of good will and good wishes for yourself,

I am yours in Jesus,

HENRY C. MCCOOK.

An excellent member of the Baptist church, Boston, when twenty-three years old, subscribed the following covenant, which he faithfully observed :

1. By the grace of God, I will never be worth more than \$50,000.
2. By the grace of God, I will give one-fourth of my net profits to charitable and religious uses.
3. If ever worth \$20,000, I will give one-half of my net profits; if \$30,000, three-fourths; and all after \$50,000, so help me God; or give it to a more faithful steward and set me aside.

N. R. COBB.

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN JANUARY, 1868.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Albany 1st ch 407 57; Hamilton Union ch 18; West Galway ch 22; New Scotland ch 23 10; Carlisle ch 10; Esperance ch 10; 3d ch Albany 181; 1st ch Little Falls 38 60. *Pby of Mohawk*—Oswego 1st ch 204 50, of which 20 from the Sab-sch 861 77

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Slate Lick ch 23; Leesburg ch 12; Middlesex ch 14; Clintonville ch 5. *Pby of Allegheny City*—North ch Allegheny City 194 07; Bridgewater ch 38 40; 1st ch, Allegheny City 100 91. *Pby of Beaver*—New Salem ch 13 23. *Pby of Erie*—Park ch Sab-sch Erie 50; Meadville ch 60; Fairfield ch 12; Petroleum Centre ch 26 50 609 11

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Taneytown ch 15; Broadway ch Sab-sch, Baltimore 17 03; Westminster ch, Baltimore from Henry D Harvey and family for Nebraska 170. *Pby of Carlisle*—Upper Path Valley ch 58 20; Newport ch 28; Great Conewago ch 19; St Thomas and Rocky Spring ch 30, of which 10 from estate of Matthew Patton, dec'd; Chambersburg ch 141 59. *Pby of Potomac*—Capitol Hill ch, Washington 130; Darnestown ch 17 02, of wh Youths' missy's Body 8 40 645 84

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Genesee River*—Central ch Genesee 25; Moscow ch 7; Bath ch 14. *Pby of Ogdensburg*—Rossie ch 7 65. *Pby of Rochester City*—Seneca ch 30 20 83 85

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Bureau*—Arlington ch 10; Princeton ch 19 15. *Pby of Chicago*—Rev Robert Rudd 5; Manteno ch 20. *Pby of Rock River*—Foreston Ger ch 12. *Pby of Schuyler*—Dodgeville ch 5; Bardolph ch 8 79 15

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Bloomington ch 72 28; Union ch 7 50; North Fork ch 15 38; Greenfield ch 14; Red Oak ch 10; Concord ch 7. *Pby of Cincinnati*—Monroe ch 8 75; Pleasant Ridge ch 41 25; Springdale ch 43 80; Loveland ch 35; Goshen ch 19 20. *Pby of Miami*—Franklin ch 23 70; 1st and 3d chs Dayton 118 70; 1st ch Springfield 110; 2d ch Springfield 57 85. *Pby of Oxford*—Seven Mile ch 15 33; New Paris ch 7; Hamilton ch, bal 4. *Pby of Sidney*—First ch Sidney 34 25; Piqua ch 100; West Liberty ch 26 31; Synodical Collection 79 63 878 48

SYNODS OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Bloomington*—Wayneville ch 5 75; Galloway ch 15; Gilman ch 8. *Pby of Anthonia*—Litchfield ch 21; Stanton ch 7 55; Elm Point ch 8. *Pby of Palatine*—Arcola ch 19,

of which Rev E Howell 7. *Pby of Peoria*—Limestone ch 3; Princeville ch 22 35; Delavan ch 36. *Pby of Saline*—Olney ch 3 86; Pisgah ch 7. *Pby of Sangamon*—Springfield 1st ch 139 93; North Sangamon ch 26 322 44

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Indianapolis*—Acton ch 5. *Pby of Madison*—Jefferson ch 3 10; Hopewell ch 3; Rev J M McRee 2; Lexington ch 10 85. *Pby of New Albany*—Bedford ch 19; Ger ch Jackson co 5. *Pby of Vincennes*—Evansville 1st ch 25 85 73 80

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—Mechanicsville ch 8 90; Davenport ch 78 20. *Pby of Dubuque*—Peosta ch 4 50; Epworth ch 3 50; Independence ch 12; Farley ch 2. *Pby of Fort Dodge*—Algona ch 2. *Pby of Vinton*—Malaka ch 4 50 115 80

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Highland*—Salem ch 2 50; Atchison ch 22. *Pby of Leavenworth*—Leocompton ch 10; Perryville ch 18 80; Quindaro col'd ch 3. *Pby of Topeka*—Iola ch 8 70; Carlyle ch 8 73 00

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Louisville*—Louisville 4th ch, from a member 5 00

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Lafayette*—Sugar Creek ch 10. *Pby of St Louis*—Union ch 13 50. *Pby of Upper Missouri*—Union ch 10 40; Mirabile ch 5; Hamilton ch 14 45 83 85

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Burlington*—Colambus ch Sab-sch 5. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—Elizabeth 1st ch, add'l 60. *Pby of Luzerne*—Summit Hill ch, from P 25, from Mrs Jane McLean 5, — 30; Scranton 1st ch 260; Tunkhannock ch 17; Scranton Ger ch 5; Pittston ch 100; Newton ch 8. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Trenton 4th ch 200, of wh 139 from E B Fuller and wife; Bound Brook ch 55, of wh a widow's mite 5; Ewing ch 47. *Pby of Neaton*—Harmony ch 27 25; Stroudsburg ch 17; Belvidere ch 130; Blairstown ch 60; Hackettstown ch 315. *Pby of Passaic*—Elizabeth 2d ch, add'l 120; Chatham Village ch 75. *Pby of Raritan*—Kingwood ch 23 31; Amwell 1st ch 25 69; Clinton ch 91 76, of which Ladies' Sewing Circle 60, Sab-sch 10 64. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Barclay ch 11 81; Wyalusing ch 25; Orwell ch 12 06. *Pby of West Jersey*—Woodstown ch 15 50; Cedarville ch 50; Greenwich ch 72 40; May's Landing ch 4 65; Tuckahoe ch 2 27, of wh Sab-sch 1 27 1865 00

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—South East Centre ch 20 44. *Pby of Hudson*—Jefferson-

ville Ger ch 5; Goshen ch 61 35. *Pby of Long Island*—Second ch Huntington 38; Sweet Hollow ch 6 30. *Pby of New York*—First ch New York 225 90; Rutgers St ch 225; Alexander ch 6 70; Fifth Avenue and Nineteenth Street ch 50. *Pby of New York 2d*—Delhi ch 40; Scotch ch New York 189; Westminster ch, Yonkers 31 75; Canal Street ch, New York 10 80; West Farms ch 12 86. *Pby of North River*—Kingston 1st ch 20; New Hamburg ch 10 94 2964 04

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Crawfordsville*—Crawfordsville ch 15 70. *Pby of Fort Wayne*—La Grange ch 30; Eel River ch 7; Ligonier ch 12; Roanoke ch 3 50; Fort Wayne 1st ch 77; Piercet ch 8 50. *Pby of Luke*—Crown Point ch 26 75. *Pby of Logansport*—Rock Creek ch 6; Sugar Creek ch 10; Bensalem ch 2 193 45

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Columbus*—London ch 7. *Pby of Hocking*—Decatur ch 8 40; Barlow ch 4 70. *Pby of Marion*—Iberia ch 12 78. *Pby of Wooster*—First ch, Canal Fulton 9; Berlin ch 6; Fredericksburg ch 5; Apple Creek ch 12. *Pby of Zanesville*—Salt Creek ch 16; Buffalo ch 23 38 99 26

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of California*—Larkin St ch, San Francisco 20. *Pby of Stockton*—Yreka ch 20 40 00

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Piqua ch 62; Wrightsville ch Sab-sech 31 25. *Pby of Hamington*—Bellefonte ch 57 08; Perryville ch 98; Spruce Creek ch, add'l from D Stewart, Esq, 250; Mifflintown and Lost Creek chs 118 80; Altoona ch 77 70; Shirleysburg and Mt Union chs 20. *Pby of New Castle*—Newark 1st ch, Del, 11; Forks of Brandywine ch 41 63; Lower Brandywine ch 16 70. *Pby of Northumberland*—Washingtonville ch 16 75; Renovo ch Sab-sech 31 50; Milton ch 136 15. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Spring Garden ch Sab-sech 51, "W R G" 20, "61 71; Heatonville ch 10; West Arch St ch 66 63; Princeton ch, from Mrs Marshall 5; 2d ch Phila, 200, from a member, of wh 100 for California. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Providence ch 14; Norristown 1st ch Sab-sech 73 13; Germantown 2d ch 85 20; Easton 1st ch 100; Slatington ch 26; Doylestown ch, add'l 27 1650 54

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—Beulah ch 42 50. *Pby of Clarion*—Brookville ch 14 50; Mt Pleasant ch 6; Mt Tabor ch 9; Oak Grove ch 3 25; Bethesda ch, add'l 50 cts. *Pby of Ohio*—East Liberty ch Sab-sech 167 81; 6th ch, Pittsburg 266 30; East Liberty ch 328 14; Valley ch 17 75; Raccoon ch 75; 4th ch Pittsburg 70. *Pby of Redstone*—Dunlap's Creek and New Salem chs 28; McClellandtown ch 40 03, of wh bequest of Mrs Elizabeth Wilson, dec'd 29 50; Rehoboth ch 66 03, of wh Sab-sech 70 cts; George's Creek ch 8; Mt Pleasant ch 47 50; Spring Hill Furnace ch 3 71. *Pby of Saltsburg*—"E W" 500; Saltsburg ch 59 78; Mechanicsburg ch 9 48; East Union ch 7 80 1760 19

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—Galesville ch 10. *Pby of St Paul*—Forest ch 22; Dundas ch 10 50. *Pby of S Minnesota*—Fremont ch 34; St Charles ch 6; Owatonna ch 13 95 50

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Findlay*—Shanesville ch 7 50; Delphos ch 5; Harrison ch 4 86; Blue Earth ch 4 80; Pleasantville ch 9; Blanchard ch 5 50. *Pby of Michigan*—South Lyon ch 20; Plymouth 2d ch 11 67 65

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Des Moines*—Chariton ch 8 20; Columbia ch 2 50; Corydon ch 2. *Pby of Fairfield*—Liberty ch 5; Lafayette ch 8; Troy ch 5 75; Crawfordsville ch, from Mrs Wm Brown 10; Darkeville ch 75 cts. *Pby of Iowa*—Unity ch 5 80; Ononwa ch 5 63 00

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Pleasant Valley ch 20; Canfield ch 35. *Pby of St Clairsville*—Concord ch 16 20; Bethel ch 5; Bealeville ch 14; Powhattan ch 6 75; Morristoryn ch 12 23. *Pby of Steubenville*—Feed Spring ch 6; Bloomfield ch 11. *Pby of Washington*—Fairview ch, add'l 23 81; West Liberty ch 42; Frankfort ch 10; Unity ch 6 207 99

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Hurricane Corners Ger ch 1 50; Rockville Ger ch 2 50. *Pby*

of Milwaukee—Holland ch 3; Richland Ger ch 6
Pby of Winnebago—Plover 1st ch 6 19 00

Total receipts from churches, \$12,822 65

MISCELLANEOUS.—Rev W J McCord, Wassic, New York 2 50; Mrs Austin Rogers, Cape Vincent, New York 2; "D M L" 25; "Friends in Illinois" 100; "A B" 20; Family of Rev "D M," Kibbourn City, Wis 3; Rev John E King, Vinton, Iowa 5; Cash 50; "A friend," Washington, Pa 2; Dr Gayley, Phila 5; Mrs Jane R Wilson, Shippensburg, Pa 10; Jacob Sutphen 5; "M E D" 5; "J N D" 1; Rev Thaddeus McRae, Austin, Texas 25; F Dunleavy Long, A M, Jersey Shore, Pa 10; "W J" 100; Miss Mary H S 5; Rev C S Martindale and wife, Zanesville, O 10; "The treasure of little Robert Taylor, a Sunday-school boy who has gone to his rest" 4 15; Miss M H Foley, Kittanning, Pa 15 95; Mr Slaymaker, Phila, 6; "D," interior of Pa 5; "A B K" 10; Mrs Foster, Greensburg, Pa 18 91; Rev Wm Annan, Allegheny City, Pa 5 444 51

LEGACIES.—Bequest of Susan McMans, dec'd, late of Hamilton, Ohio 327 14; Legacy of David Hodge, dec'd, late of Steubenville, Ohio 823 38; Bal of legacy of James H Will, dec'd, Ohio 201 71; Legacy of David Negley, dec'd, late of Allegheny County, Pa 250, less tax 26 88, — 223 12; Legacy of Cornelius S Torbert, dec'd, late of Newtown, Bucks Co, Pa 500, less taxes 55, — 445 2020 33

Total Receipts in January, \$15,287 40

S. D. POWEL, Treasurer,
No. 907 Arch street, Philadelphia.

CLOTHING.

2 boxes from ladies of 1st ch, Allegheny, Pa, valued at \$312 33
1 box from ladies of 1st ch, Easton, Pa, valued at 332 06
1 box from ladies of Wilkesbarre ch, Pa, valued at 201 72
6 boxes from ladies of Central ch, Philadelphia, valued at 1259 72
1 package from "M." Liberty, value not given.
1 box from ladies of Abington ch, Pa, valued at 200 00
1 box from ladies of Throop Ave ch, Brooklyn, N Y, value not given.
2 boxes from ladies of West Spruce Street ch, Phila, valued at 671 59
1 box from ladies of Union ch, Pa, valued at 96 00
1 box from Mrs S E Schuyler, N J, value not given.
1 box from ladies of Milton ch, Pa, valued at 146 00
1 box from ladies of Williamsport ch, Penn, valued at 180 00
1 box from ladies of Tenafly ch, N J, valued at 150 00
! 1 box from ladies of St Peters ch, Rochester, valued at 75 00
1 package from Mrs A C Kerr, Delaware, value not given.
1 package from ladies of 1st ch, Allegheny City, Pa, value not given.
1 box from ladies of Flemington ch, N J, value not given.
1 box from ladies of Meadville ch, Pa, valued at 170 00
1 box from the little girls' missionary Society of 2d ch, Vincennes, value not given.

Total, \$3,994 02

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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTIFUL, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—*Matth. ix. 37, 38.*

And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees; and said to his servant, Go up now, and look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again, seven times. And it came to pass at the seventh time that he said, Behold there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not. And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain.—*1. Kings xviii. 42-45.*

Resolution of the General Assembly of 1867.

“That the Day of Prayer for colleges, schools, and the youth of the Church, on *THE LAST THURSDAY OF FEBRUARY, [the 27th,]* be observed, so far as possible, in all our churches; and that *THE FIRST SABBATH OF MARCH, [the 1st,]* immediately following, be improved by such instruction from the pulpit as may awaken in parents a deep concern for the salvation of their children, and may lead the children and youth to consecrate themselves to Christ; also, that appeals be made at the same time for enlarged contributions to the Ministerial Fund of the Board.”

Our Extra Space in this Number of the Record.

We occupy twelve pages, instead of four, in the RECORD of this month, for the sake of suggesting more fully thoughts and facts suitable for consideration upon the Sabbath devoted to this Board, and upon the Day of Prayer for Schools. We trust that they will prove seasonable and useful to pastors and people, to teachers and scholars; that they will aid in directing the instructions, and guiding the prayers of those days. There will also be sent out by mail in time for use to pastors especially, printed statements suitable to be presented at their meetings.

The Two Departments of the Board of Education.

The operations of the Board are conducted under two entirely distinct departments. They were organized at different times; their records are kept separately; their treasuries are distinct, and money cannot be appropriated from either one to carry on the work of the other; and the collections for them are taken up in the churches on different days.

The FIRST is the MINISTERIAL DEPARTMENT. It was organized as the “Board of Education” in 1819, for the purpose of combining the intelligence, and concentrating the efforts of the Presbyterian Church, in the great work of *training young men for the ministry of the gospel*. It was instructed to concert and execute measures proper for obtaining funds, and for promoting the general object. Into its treasury flow all the ordinary collections of the churches, whether taken up on the Sabbath appointed by the General Assembly for collections in its behalf, the *First Sabbath of March*, or at other times, unless they be expressly sent to the other fund.

The SECOND is the SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, OR DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL EDUCATION.

It was added to the Board in 1847. Its object is to secure the establishment of parochial and presbyterial schools, in which, together with the usual branches of secular learning, the truths and duties of our holy religion shall be assiduously inculcated. Its appropriations are applied to the *support of teachers*. The time appointed by the Assembly for its annual collection is the Day of Prayer for Schools and Colleges, the *Last Thursday of February*. Special donations are sent to it at other times through the year, from those whose intelligence, and wisdom, and love for the cause, stir them to aid the important class of institutions referred to.

Subjects for Prayer on the Last Thursday of February.

As we approach this day what a crowd of interesting associations gather round it! How many important subjects thrust themselves before the mind and heart!

Half a century ago the same piety which found expression in so many of our national religious societies, the Bible, Tract, and others, inspired a very deep interest in the conversion to God of the educated youth of the land, and in the institutions of learning. Of what use it was reasoned, were all the instruments in the world without the workmen to handle them? At first, Christians prayed specially for labourers to go into the world's wide harvest, upon the morning of each Sabbath. But in 1823, it is said, first, "the last Thursday of February" was held as a day of fasting and prayer for the outpouring of God's Spirit on the youth in schools. Powerful revivals of religion have marked its history from that time down even until the present, in every part of the land.

To give direction to the supplications of the day, it may be well to observe that, as the great end is to obtain the Divine blessing upon efforts to raise up a large increase of devoted preachers of the gospel, for the conversion of the world,

I. THE YOUTH OF THE CHURCH should be specially brought before God in prayer.

These of all earthly objects are *the nearest, the dearest, the most important to us*. To us they owe their being. They receive from us the impress which is to make them happy or miserable, and either useful or injurious to others. They are to be the heirs of our property, and the guardians of our reputation. None will so pierce us with reproaches in hell if we and they are lost, none will so bless us in heaven if we and they are saved. Let us pray, pray anxiously, for our own children.

These are *dearest to God*. They are the heirs of the blessings rolled up from age to age in answer to the prayers of innumerable saints. They have been solemnly given to Him in covenant, as their Father, their Redeemer, their Sanctifier, in the sacrament of baptism. They are the most innocent and lovely in His eyes of the inhabitants of earth, the objects of His most affectionate promises, and the patterns Jesus held up of the spirit of the kingdom of heaven. Let us pray in faith for those whom God is so ready to bless.

These are "*the holy seed*" which is the hope of the world. Children converted young are the richest and most honoured heirs of grace through life. Upon the youthful seed of the woman fall the sorest inflictions of the curse; the little child shall lead the regenerated wolves and leopards and lions of human nature to Him who is of the stem of Jesse. And the converted youth of the church are to be the dew of the coming millennial morning which shall revive the dead world, and make its wildernesses rejoice and blossom. Let us pray for the consecrated sons and daughters of the church, that they may be filled with the Spirit of the Lord, and stand with Jesus for an ensign of the people.

II. We should plead for GOD'S BLESSING UPON ALL OUR INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

Christian schools can only accomplish their great ends when the Holy Spirit comes and enlightens the understanding, and warms the heart, of both teachers and scholars.

The *common school system* shall send forth a generation of half-instructed, sensual, worldly, self-conceited men and women, who will hate the Bible, hate restraint, hate gospel truth, hate Jesus Christ, if we do not pray for God's grace upon all its operations, and watch and labour to shape them aright.

Our ministry shall preach Christless sermons, and wander as shepherds, leading their flocks fatally astray; our physicians shall bear the ancient opprobrium of their art, its tendency to godlessness; our lawyers shall prostitute our Sabbath and marriage laws, and remove the landmarks which show the Lord's right to our nation's honour and obedience; our men of science shall be utterly corrupted by foreign skepticism; our educated merchants, and engineers, and agriculturists, shall fill all our employments and families with unbelief and sin;—unless we pray for our *seminaries, colleges, academies, advanced schools*, their preceptors, and their pupils.

The *mission schools* of our own and other churches among *foreign populations* should be borne upon our hearts to the mercy-seat. Millions of coming immigrants are to be redeemed through their expanding influence. Numerous preachers of Christ to this and distant countries are to be taught in them the way of life.

It is a perilous portion of human life. The circumstances of young persons at school are peculiarly perilous to many.

What fervent prayer should be sent up to God that these fountains may not be a Marah, most bitter and poisonous to the people, but that He will mercifully grant power of healing to the leaves of the tree of life which we cast in, so that the waters shall be made sweet.

III. Nor can we rest until we cry mightily to God to give direction to all THE INTELLECTUAL AGENCIES THAT MOULD THE RISING GENERATION OF THE WORLD. The reports of missionary presbyteries in distant lands contain injunctions, which deeply touch our hearts, that their members and schools shall remember the Day of Prayer for Schools and Youth. They are praying in Siam, and China, and India, and Africa, and South America, importunately, at the same time with us. They beseech for our schools and children, since to them they chiefly look for helpers in their great work. But, far more, they have many lovely young persons under their care, for whom their souls go out with tenderest yearnings and cries to God, that He would save them and make them burning and shining lights amidst that general sepulchral gloom. And, again, Christians are terribly mistaken who think Satan is not far more busy than we. There are countless schools in the world which teach paganism, and the Koran, and the worship of Romanist and other saints, and fatal error in ten thousand forms. For these too we must pray—for mission schools, heathen schools, and anti-christian schools. Now they make the world barren and fill it with death. May the God of Elisha enable us to cast into these fountains a salt, and of His mercy say, I have healed these waters, there shall not be thence any more death or barren land. Elisha's God *can* do it; yea, and *will* do it, if we pray with the faith of men who were of like passions and weaknesses with ourselves. The God who by the preaching of one man brought to repentance a city, whose chief plea was that in it there were six-score thousands of babes too young to know their right hand from their left, will hear our prayers for all these children and youth of the lands of moral darkness.

What created mind can conceive the importance of these subjects for prayer! Convert the youth of the Church, the youth of American schools, the youth of the world's schools, and within one score of years Jesus will reign on earth!

Contributions for Schools on the Day of Prayer.

These ought to be made wherever Christians unite to pray; because,

I. It is natural for us to try to aid by means in our power whatsoever we love and feel an interest in.

II. Gifts and oblations are in all systems of religion considered a necessary, joyful, part of religion.

III. God appointed them to be a part of His worship of old, and rebuked as "empty" the forms that contained no gifts for the maintenance of His service.

IV. God appointed them to be a part of Christian duty, and made the first Christians most eminent in liberality.

V. Love of money, covetousness, and withholding from the Lord, are held up by the apostles as the most abominable of sins, like idolatry, and adultery.

VI. The General Assembly has repeatedly enjoined contributions be taken up in aid of the schools under the care of its Board of Education, upon the Last Thursday of February.

VII. The earnest appeals from all parts of the land for aid from this fund have left the Board without means to give to many deserving objects; its treasury is in debt; and it called (in the resolutions printed in the last RECORD, to which attention is again asked) for fully *twice* the amount it received from the churches last year.

VIII. There are four distinct classes of institutions that must suffer unless the liberal help of Christians is afforded. We will only mention here what they are. 1st. Schools in connection with congregations where they are needed on account of the want of common and other schools; or where the education given is of an objectionable character. 2d. Academies; some of them institutions of much local influence. 3d. Institutions in the South, to several of which, in regions utterly impoverished by war, we have granted unusually large sums. 4th. Our important and interesting mission schools among foreigners.

Lenox Collegiate Institute.

This interesting institution, which was adopted by the Synod of Iowa in 1861, is in the centre of a rich and beautiful country near the Dubuque and Southwestern Railroad. At the beginning of the war a full company of its students went out to sustain the government, of whom one fourth gave their lives to the cause, and others suffered and sacrificed much. The institution lost much in this way. It has had some noble instructors connected with it, who have endured severe trials in the hope of its final success. We are ashamed to offer it less than two hundred dollars of aid this year. But where is that to come from? Other institutions in that region need help also. We urge their claims upon the churches of the Synods there. The contributions from each meeting on the Day of Prayer, even though small separately, will in the aggregate accomplish much good. The following report has recently been received from Professor Hodge.

"We are endeavouring amidst great *discouragements* and *keen rivalries* to establish a good Presbyterian High School. I exercise a general supervision of the school—teach the classics, and then try to make a *feeble* support outside of the school.

"The Synod of Iowa, as you have doubtless learned, have got an agent about ready to enter the field in behalf of our Institute. It will however require a year's time for any material help to come to us through his efforts. If you in your good judgment can determine to extend aid a while longer, I think it would be well applied. We are greatly in need of fixtures, furniture, &c. Oh that the heart of some

generous friend might be opened towards us. Cannot a responsive cord be touched *any where* in our behalf? We have conducted weekly Bible Recitations as usual this Term. None of our Catholic students have asked to be excused from this exercise during the Term.

Pray that the guidance and blessing of Almighty God may attend you in all your labours for the church.

I am respectfully and fraternally yours,

SAMUEL HODGE.

Our French Mission Schools.

The consideration of some points in regard to "Our German Population" occupied a portion of the last RECORD. There is a population in some portions of our country not so numerous, but exercising an important influence upon our national character. The land whence come our fashions in dress, many of our most dangerous works of fiction, much of our science, and not a few of the best, and the worst, families in the land, is worthy of the serious thought of the Christian.

The Board of Education has its part to do in Christianizing the French in America, and that as important a part as any, the instruction of the youth. The schools described in the following two reports are doing each a noble work. They deserve the cordial support of the Church. We solicit a remembrance of their wants upon the Day of Prayer for schools, both in the pleas before the mercy-seat, and in the liberal benefactions of members of the Church.

French Mission School at Green Bay--Persecution by a Priest.

The following report from the Rev. Henry Morell, principal of the school at Green Bay, is worth of perusal, as showing the success of the efforts to impart Scriptural knowledge; and this is proved by the persecution it has excited on the part of the Romanists. A committee of the Synod of Wisconsin has examined into the condition of the school, and reports that it is managed with judgment, and a spirit of love breathed in an unusual degree into the labours of the teachers; and that the Spirit of God manifestly is present to bless these labours to the scholars.

Mr. Morell writes that the number of scholars on the roll during the past half year has been forty-three. Several of these have been compelled to leave the school by a priest in the neighbourhood. It is a shame that such persecutions are permitted in this land of freedom. The narrative of the successful resistance of a mere child to the arguments of the priest is very interesting. Mr. Morell writes as follows:

The opposition of the Romish priest has caused a decrease of numbers. Some five or six years ago, a girl who exceeds in superstitious devotion, and who was considered as an extra saint, one day pretended to have had an apparition of the holy Virgin, and to have received from her the command to build a chapel and a nunnery, on the spot where she pretended to have had the apparition. With many revelations resembling those of La Salette in France, she made, at that time, a great stir among the credulous and ignorant population, out of which resulted the erection of a log chapel on that consecrated spot. In this the image of a woman was placed on an altar, and a great crowd of people gathered there for a while to pay their homage to the Virgin. After a little, miraculous cures were reported to have been performed by that idol. Soon a large number of pilgrims from distant places were daily seen there paying vows to the queen of heaven, and the visionary girl got a very comfortable support by their gifts. Two grog-shops have been established close by, to sell whisky to accommodate those pilgrims, and to draw still more people to that den of lies. At first, the bishop and priests seemed not to approve that, but denounced it. But as soon as they saw this could become a new California to them, to make money, they took the matter in their own hand, and sanc-

tioned the whole iniquity. By this means money has been raised to build a nice chapel and a nunnery on that spot; and this money has been got as much from Protestants (to their own shame) as from Catholics. Since then that idol is carried round in procession, and followed by many thousands of people on the public roads, encumbering the roads, and forcing those they meet to stop till the procession be passed. One Sabbath, this fall, two members of my church met one of these processions as they were on their way to our meeting, and although they behaved like Christians, their only fault being that they kept their heads covered, the priest came and pushed them brutally against the fence, where they were obliged to wait till the whole crowd had passed. They complained of this outrage before the law, but they were condemned to pay the cost, for the priest brought a crowd of false witnesses to swear lies against them. Since the priest has been enabled to build his nunnery, he compels all the Catholics to send their children to school there, and even uses all his skill to induce Protestants to send theirs also, but happily without success. This is the cause of the decrease of the number of our pupils. The priest boasts of his good luck, and says to his people: "Protestants know well that we are right, they gave us money to help us to build our chapel and nunnery, and to establish our school; they protect us, giving us full power to march in procession; by-and-by they will be all with us." He endeavours to make the Protestants of Green Bay believe that we differ from other Protestants, that we are alone, a set of benighted people, in order to induce them to despise us, and not to take heed to what we say. But this is only for a short time. God is for us. Who can be against us?

Although our school has decreased in number now, on account of this strong opposition, it will increase again. We have many friends among the Roman Catholics; and the prospect is very encouraging among the children. We have now ten Roman Catholic children whose parents have not been moved by the sayings of the priest, because their children like our school and learn good things. One of these children is a little girl twelve years of age who loves the Saviour, and trusts in him alone for salvation. She dreads to go to the nunnery, and prays the Lord to make her parents understand the

truth as it is in Jesus, in order that they shall not send her there. And all the others are very intelligent, and have good ideas about the way of salvation.

Another girl, eleven years of age, whose parents are Protestant, and who first came to our school eighteen months ago, and began then to learn the letters, a few weeks ago was joined by the priest as she was returning home from the school. The priest was driving toward the nunnery. When he caught up to her he stopped, and invited her to ride with him a piece; she declined at first, but as the priest coaxed her earnestly, at length she yielded and went with him. The priest having learned from her that she was coming from our school, said to her, "Why do you go so far to school while you have a better one nearer home at the nunnery?" she answered: "Because it is not my duty to go there." Then the priest told her: "You attend a very bad school, where you are taught error." She answered: "I know the truth enough to judge that the things which are taught to me are good." The priest replied: "Well, Mrs. Morell does not hold the true religion; if she do not change she will be damned; how then can she teach good things?" She answered: "I know better than that; Mrs. Morell loves the Saviour; she cannot be damned; but you do not love him while you speak so, and you must fear for yourself that after damning others you be damned. I know not the heart of any person, but you do not speak as one that loves the Saviour; doubtless you are going to worship your virgin of stone, though you know that God forbids us to worship anything besides Him?" The priest answered: "I do not worship it, but I honour it. Do you not pray to the holy Virgin?" The little girl said: "No, for she cannot hear me; and although she could, we must pray to God alone. But it is not the holy Virgin you have there in that chapel; it is only a stone dressed up; if I were praying to my doll it would be the same thing as you do with your virgin." Then the priest said: "I do not pray to the image, but to the holy Virgin before her image. The holy Virgin saves us, therefore we must pray to her. Who can save you if you do not pray to her." She answered: "The Lord Jesus saves me, because he loved me, and I love him." But the priest told this child: "*What a folly!* to think that the Lord Jesus can save you, and that the holy Virgin cannot. If you do not pray to her, the

Lord will not save you." To which she answered "Has the holy Virgin suffered for our sins? Is it not the blood of Jesus that purifies from all sins? And you say it is a folly to think that he will save me. I cannot believe you, sir." Then they reached the road the little girl had to take to go home, and the conversation was ended. This child has learned the Shorter Catechism and a great number of passages of the Bible. And this proves that our teaching has not been in vain, and is a proof of the truth of these words: Prov. xxii. 6. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Many of our pupils can speak about the truth of the gospel with as much facility as this little girl. A little boy eight years of age, being asked whether he could do something to blot out his sins, answered: "No, nothing but the blood of the Saviour can blot out sins." Another little girl, being asked whether she was afraid of dying, answered, "No, because the Saviour loved me, and died for me; he took away my sins, and it is good to be with him."

Let us therefore rejoice. God is faithful and carries on his work of salvation notwithstanding the malice of the wicked men. I am sure that the Lord will, in the proper time, draw good from all that the priest is doing to hinder us in our good work; for He causes the wrath of man to turn to his own praise.

We have continued to teach during the term the same branches as we did before, among which religion has the prominent place. Twenty-five of our pupils have learned the Infant and the Shorter Catechism; also numerous passages of the Bible.

I hope the Board will not be discouraged in regard to helping us in keeping this school going on, on account of the opposition we meet with. The cause of Christ requires that this school be maintained here, especially under the present circumstances. I hope, therefore, dear brother, that you will continue to help us in this good work. And if Mrs. Morell's health constrain us to seek for another teacher, as it is very probable, you will help still to support another teacher, and make such arrangement as Providence shall point out.

We are much in need, at this time of severe weather. You will oblige us by sending the balance of what the Board granted us for the past year, as soon as it shall be consistent with the state of your treasury.

Mission Work among the French in Illinois.

Many of our readers will remember well the reformation among the Canadian French in Illinois, commenced under the influence of Mr. Chiniquy, and which has been carried forward by others who have better comprehended the spirit of Protestant Christianity. A second Presbyterian church at St. Ann's was for a time under the care of Rev. Theodore Monod, son of the eminent Dr. Frederic Monod, of Paris, France. Its present pastor is the Rev. H. E. Lippert, a faithful successor in his work of love. The school is an important arm of it; and the earnest character of the instruction is well exhibited in the following extracts from a report recently received, which we commend for perusal.

The average attendance during the last month was forty-five. The number of names on the roll is sixty-nine. The school is opened with singing, the reading of a passage of Scripture, remarks on the same, and prayer. Then follows the study of the Bible; instead of which, when it is desirable, the opening remarks are extended, and applied to the hearts and consciences of the children, who are invited to accept the Saviour without delay. The beginning of every afternoon is devoted to the recitation and explanation of the Shorter Catechism. The more advanced scholars, who study the catechism in English with our teacher, have committed to memory the answers to eighty-seven questions. Besides the branches usually taught in common schools, there are added French, Latin, and Algebra; in a few months we expect to commence the study of Greek. The two youths who have been received under the care of the Presbytery, and are aided by your Board, are doing well. At our last communion the most talented boy of our schools, not quite fifteen years old, made, together with four other persons, a profession of faith in Christ, and the next day expressed in a composition, which he had been required to write, his purpose of preaching the gospel, if God should permit. He is the brother of our excellent elder, who laboured last summer with great success among Protestants and Romanists.

Thus the Lord encourages this work,

begun in simple reliance upon Him. The school has no endowment, and no revenue by tuition fees, as the community is very poor yet. But God has marvelously provided for us thus far, and will He not stir up the hearts of His friends still to sustain this work, which is of so great importance to the evangelization of this yet largely Roman Catholic population? We need a school-house very much, as also maps, charts, etc. Less than six hundred dollars will suffice for all this. The school requires now about one-third of my

time, if not more; but, I believe, I am thus fulfilling in some measure the Saviour's command: "Feed my lambs."

I entreat you to grant us your aid also in this year, being persuaded that God will glorify himself through the weak instrumentality of this school. Blessed be his name for his salvation, and the privilege he grants to us of spreading the knowledge thereof among the poor.

May God bless abundantly your labours.

"Will you? and When?"

The teacher of a classical school, whose heart was oppressed with anxious desires for the conversion of the noble boys under his care, was walking with one of them along the street. They heeded not the passing throngs. The subject of their conversation was the salvation of the immortal soul. "Harry," said the teacher, tenderly and solemnly, "the whole matter may be solved in your answers to two questions, will you become a Christian? and when? Settle it first, whether it is best to serve God, or no. Take all the questions relating to this world, and that to come, into consideration, and decide, whether it is safest, wisest, best to be a Christian. Then, secondly, if it be so, look over all the duties, changes, hazards, trials, and hopes of life, and thoughtfully and fully determine, what is the best time for becoming a Christian. I leave the matter with you. The two main questions in regard to becoming a Christian are, "Will you? and When?" The boy went to his room to ponder the problem, not of geometry, the science of the measure of what shall be burned up and pass away, but of an inheritance that shall not pass away, eternal in the heavens. The solemn words, "will you? and when?" brought him to Jesus for pardon; then to the resolution to study for the ministry of the gospel, that he might preach life everlasting to thoughtless, dying men. It was well that he settled those two great questions when he did; for before he had finished his studies, he was suddenly called to die. There are many in our families who give little thought to either question. Some young persons assent to the first, but are undecided as to the second. This young man weighed, determined, and promptly acted upon *both* questions. Had he not done so *then*, how great the probabilities that he would have lost his soul. But now he wears a crown.

Reasons why the Board of Education is dear to Earnest Presbyterians.

(CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE FIRST SABBATH OF MARCH.)

Among the reasons why intelligent, earnest members of the Presbyterian Church love and cherish the Board of Education, contribute to its funds, and pray for the Divine blessing upon its operations, are the following:

FIRST.—ITS HISTORY.

A hundred and fifty years ago, "the numerous vacancies in our growing settlements" filled the hearts of the fathers of the Church with distress, and caused them to make efforts to lead to the ministry, and train for its responsible duties, young men born in this country, and qualified for them by their piety and talents. The famous "Log College," founded in 1726, by that eminently devoted and useful man,

Rev. William Tennent, "was the primeval theological seminary of our Church in America." In order to have young men "instructed *gratis*," the Synod of New York and Philadelphia in 1744 agreed "that every congregation under our care be applied to for yearly contributions, more or less, as they can afford." This was a sketch of the system of the present Board of Education, a generation before our present Republic was born. Through all the intervening efforts, in the several Colonies, and in the various rising States of the nation—whether those efforts were made in the humble cabin of some toiling, praying, hopeful pioneer of the wilderness, whose pious congregation contributed of their scant possessions in order to raise up missionaries to regions still more remote, and for people still poorer than they; or where they took the shape of more formal gifts of the living, or bequests of dying saints, to establish free scholarships in growing institutions of learning; or when those still more concrete aims took the form of Education Societies, and Presbyterian and Synodical Societies and Auxiliaries—still the tendency of all those desires, all those labours, and all that varied experience as to means and results, was to finally rear the grand, beautiful, and beneficent organization of the Church, ~~for~~ the Church, for the Church, which is now distinguished as its "Board of Education."

SECOND.—THE EMINENT WISDOM OF ITS PLAN.

That plan, as it has been matured by the wisdom of fifty successive General Assemblies of the entire Church, and by the consideration and suggestions of thousands of its ministers, now stands as follows:

1. It requires a certain *measure of maturity in the youth* whom it takes up. He must be of sufficient age to begin, must have "been a member in good and regular standing in some Presbyterian church at least six months; and in addition to giving good evidence of his capacity for the acquisition of knowledge, he must have spent at least three months in the study of the Latin language." (*Rules, &c., part I, art. 6.*)

2. The candidate is expected to be guided by the *approval of "his pastor, or some member of the Presbytery* to which he naturally belongs." (*Ib., part I, art. 2.*)

3. He is *examined by the Presbytery*, upon "his personal and experimental piety, on his motives for seeking the holy office of the ministry, on his attachment to the standards of the Presbyterian Church, in relation to his general habits, his prudence, his studies, his talents, his gifts for public speaking, his disposition to do all in his power to maintain himself, and his willingness to observe the rules of the Board." (*Ib., part I, art. 8.*)

4. The recommendation of the Presbytery—which must specify the "name, age, residence, church connection, stage of education, place of study, lowest amount of aid required, and to whose care the appropriation is to be sent," with other information of interest, as to the individual—is *considered by the Board of Education*, firstly in the Executive Committee, secondly in a meeting of the Board, before the candidate is taken under the care of the Church, and appropriations made from the treasury for his benefit.

5. The General Assembly has recommended that *each Presbytery* shall appoint an *Educational Committee*, "for the purpose of corresponding with and watching over candidates," and which "may examine and recommend applicants during the interval of the meetings of the Presbytery." (*Ib., part I, art. 4.*) And the Education Committee is expected to annually examine, and renew the recommendations of the students to the Board.

6. *Teachers and professors* must send *quarterly reports* in regard to each candidate under their care, "*showing his standing for piety, talents, diligence, scholarship,*

prudence, economy, health, and general influence; and no remittance is made to any until such report is received." (*Ib.*, part II., art. 3.)

7. For the wise guidance of the conduct of the candidate, certain rules are furnished him by the Board, on his reception under its general care; if these be violated the aid it renders may be withdrawn; if he turn aside from preparation for the ministry, or enter the ministry of another Church, he is bound to refund, with interest, all the money he has received of the Board.

8. The amount of annual aid granted, by direction of the General Assembly, is one hundred dollars to an academical, one hundred and twenty to a collegiate, and one hundred and fifty to a theological student; sufficient to supplement what most young men can supply from other sources, by good use of time in vacations; and yet not sufficient to tempt unworthy men, as an object.

Such is the plan of the Board of Education, than which none ever has been, and none ever can be, devised, that shall be more admirable, complete, thorough, efficient, and adapted to the Presbyterian system of church government, which we believe to be that of the Word of God.

THIRD.—USEFULNESS TO THE MOST DESERVING CLASSES IN THE CHURCH.

The particulars which would illustrate this head, must as a general rule be, from motives of delicacy and prudence, buried in the hearts of the Presbytery and Board. But many of the candidates aided by the Board may be embraced under the following classes:

1. Sons of ministers, and domestic and foreign missionaries.
2. Sons of eminently pious persons tried by afflictions and losses; of widows who thus give their all to Christ their Saviour; or orphans consecrated by dying parents to the service of God, and thus deprived of the sustenance they would have enjoyed had those parents lived.
3. Men from more destitute and missionary parts, who are thus better qualified to work in such fields, and disposed to enter them.
4. Youths of unusual promise who in the judgment of the Presbytery would be owned of God to greater usefulness, if aided to engage sooner in the work of the ministry, than if permitted to employ several of their best years in obtaining the means necessary to educate themselves.
5. Those so far advanced in years when they commence their studies, that it would be painful and wrong to compel them to tarry in order to earn a subsistence while fitting themselves for active service; whose comparative experience and maturity make them more efficient in some kinds of pastoral, or other necessary work of the Church; and who, perhaps, might be lost to the work of the ministry if under the necessity of now spending an unnecessary term of years in preparation.

FOURTH.—THE INCALCULABLE BENEFITS THE BOARD HAS RENDERED TO THE CAUSE OF CHRIST.

Some of these were shown in the Annual Report of the Board for 1867. Among them may be mentioned the facts that it has been the channel of the aid of the Church to a large number of the ablest and most useful pastors, distinguished professors, and teachers, of our connection; to 1058 of the 2294 names on the roll of the ministry of the previous year; to 305 of the 539 devoted domestic missionaries; to 34 of the 67 men who have given up all to preach Christ to the heathen, and were then in connection with the Foreign Board of Missions; and in all, from the year 1819, when the Board was constituted in the main in its present form, to 3416 Presbyterian candidates. On the other hand, the failure of but about three and one-third per cent. of the young taken up, to enter the ministry, exhibits the

wonderful efficiency of that truly scriptural, Presbyterian, and wise plan of conducting its educational operations, for which the Church owes thanks to God, and to the fathers who have gone before us, into whose minds God put it.

FIFTH.—THE SPIRIT WHICH HAS ANIMATED THE BOARD FROM THE BEGINNING.

Its influence and efforts have been directed to :

1. The advancement of scriptural piety, especially in the hearts of the young. Cold, or worldly, or covetous, or scheming ministers are a fearful calamity to the cause. When ministers are filled with the Holy Ghost, five shall chase an hundred, and an hundred shall put ten thousand to flight. One praying Moses may avert the destruction of a nation ; the warnings of one Jonah may cast a nation repenting of heathen crimes, prostrate at the feet of Jehovah.

2. The awakening of parents to the duties of fulfilling baptismal vows, early consecration to the ministry of their offspring, and training them in the fear of God and for high ends in life.

3. The direction of pastors and teachers of every kind in those various courses of effort and influence which shall most tend towards the accomplishment of the great end, to "send forth labourers into the harvest, for the harvest is great and the labourers are few."

4. Plain and earnest appeals, beginning with those principles which are most fundamental and most powerful, such as shall affect great increase in the number of truly pious, faithful, and suitable young men whose motive it shall be to "preach the gospel to every creature."

5. The procuring of the pecuniary means which are necessary for the prosecution of study on the part of the classes who require such aid, and the setting before Christians the principles and facts necessary to inspire liberality.

6. The Board of Education, as may be deduced from the preceding statements, is the **FIRST INSTRUMENTALITY TO WHICH THE CHURCH MUST LOOK FOR THE MEN WHO ARE TO PREACH THE GOSPEL** to all the corners of this vast and expanding country ; to plant the seed of salvation in all its wildernesses ; to save it from the hellish powers of superstition, falsehood, and infidelity, which are combined for the overthrow of true religion and its most essential institutions, such as the Sabbath, the marriage covenant and female purity, and all that can make this a holy and peaceful land—and for the men who are to go forth, with the spirit and power of Christ, to all the world, "to preach the gospel to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

Here are condensed into a brief summary, topics that might well occupy a volume. If pondered well, they will satisfy every thinking mind, and every pious heart, as to why earnest Presbyterians love, pray for, and contribute to the Board of Education.

This summary is presented now to refresh the memories of brethren in the ministry and eldership, especially, in their preparation for the presentation of the objects and wants of this Board on the day appointed by the Church ; or, if in the providence of God prevented then, when they may be able to bring them before their churches. And it is presented, also, that many in the Church, more or less interested in these subjects, some of whom possibly may have even viewed them in partial or insufficient light, may from these hints go on to study and be sure and appreciate them in their true importance, broad relationship, and solemn duties.

One of the immediate results of such an apprehension of these subjects will be a

desire, and corresponding effort, to place in the power of the Board the pecuniary means to sustain those sons of the Church who are now under its care at the various academies, colleges, and theological seminaries where they are engaged in study, and to pray that they may be men whose spirit, life, and influence shall be filled with the Holy Spirit and with power.

The Pleas of a mighty Man of God.

It is profitable for us to know by what pleas the men of past generations have prevailed with God, to bring down those wondrous effusions of power that have shaken communities, and the nation, and driven multitudes to flee from the ways of sin, to seek refuge in Christ. The following is an extract from a sermon of Rev. Dr. John McMillan, whose labours were greatly blessed during the great revival at the beginning of this century.

“The pleas and arguments which the Spirit of God enables the saints to present with efficacy, are the great designs of redemption; to glorify God in the highest and save sinners to the uttermost—the great price of redemption; the blood of Christ—and the great spring of it; everlasting redeeming love, and God's gracious covenant, founded in mercy, and executed in truth. Lord remember Zion, so greatly loved and so dearly bought—remember her for thy name's sake, thy great name, the glory of thy name—for thy mercy's sake, for the truth of thy word. Plead as David pled: Lord, do as thou hast said—Thou hast promised great and undeserved blessings to my kingdom, to my family, and to my person; O remember thy promise, and do as thou hast said, and I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever, with my mouth I will make known thy faithfulness to all generations. With good success may it be urged by the convinced sinner: Lord, thou hast said that thou wilt take away the stony heart, and give an heart of flesh. Lord, do as thou hast said; here is that very heart; break it by thy power, and melt it with thy love.”

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN JANUARY, 1868.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —First ch Albany 63 19; West Galway ch 10; 3d ch Albany 32 75; Schenectady ch 191 75	\$297 69	member 150, of wh for this fund 100; Princeton ch. West Phila 134 25, of wh 80 speciall \$234 25	
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Amity ch	12 00	<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Chestnut Hill ch, special	25 00
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —New Castle ch in part	40 00	<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —Darneston ch	8 62
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Twelfth ch Baltimore	17 75	<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Thrd ch Newark	39 64
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Polk Run ch 16 75; New Salem ch 33 56	50 31	<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Spring Valley ch	8 00
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Galloway ch	5 00	<i>Pby of Salsburg</i> —“E W” 300; Boiling Spring ch 6; Apollo ch 12	318 00
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Millersburg ct	10 00	<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —Sangamon ch	12 00
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Middle Spring ch	67 30	<i>Pby of Sabine</i> —Pisgah ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Lansing ch	3 00	<i>Pby of S Minnesota</i> —Fremont ch	8 00
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Slateville ch. add'l	1 00	<i>Pby of Vincennes</i> —Washington ch	8 00
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Elizabethtown Point ch	17 00	<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Dalton ch	46 50
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Meadville ch	20 00	<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Cedarville ch	50 10
<i>Pby of Fairfield</i> —Bloomfield ch	3 75		\$2,514 30
<i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —First ch, Fort Wayne,	12 90		
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Altoona ch	41 00		
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Monroe ch	4 00		
<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Mt Pleasant ch 2; Burlington ch 3	5 00		
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Pittston ch	25 00		
<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —First ch, Huntington	8 00		
<i>Pby of Milwaukee</i> —Holland ch	7 00		
<i>Pby of Madison</i> —Madison ch	31 50		
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Newark ch	5 50		
<i>Pby of Neaton</i> —Belvidere ch	30 00		
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Poland ch 16; Bethel ch 14 19	30 19		
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Bound Brook ch	25 00		
<i>Pby of New York</i> —First ch New York, add'l 100; Brook ch 401 50	591 50		
<i>Pby of New York 2d</i> —Scotch ch	243 00		
<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Williamsport ch	30 00		
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Lawrenceville ch	62 24		
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Venice ch	17 65		
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —West Spruce St ch, Sab-ach 40; Mrs Mary Patterson s	44 00		
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Second ch, from a			

MISCELLANEOUS.

“Friends in Illinois” 100; James Boughton, Carlisle, Pa. 5; F Donleavy Long, A M, Jersey Shore, Pa 10; Mrs Austin Rogers, Cape Vincent, N Y 2; Wm Hunting, Plainfield, N J 1; W F E 10; Interest 42 62

\$2,685 01

II. FUND FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, &c.

Pby of Philadelphia 2d—Second ch, Phila, from a member

50 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

James F Gayley, M D, Phila

5 00

\$55 00

Total amount acknowledged, \$2,740 01

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Recent Intelligence.

THE DEATH OF THE REV. A. G. SIMONTON has been made known to the churches through the newspapers. He died at the house of his brother-in-law, the Rev. A. L. Blackford, in Sao Paulo, Brazil, where he was making a visit, on the 9th of December. His illness was a fever. His removal in the prime of his days—his age being about 35—is a heavy loss to the mission and to the church. He was one of the foremost men in our ministry for his years, in talents, scholarship, most useful labours, and earnest piety.

THE REV. WILLIAM T. MORRISON, his wife, and their two children, embarked for China *via* San Francisco, on the 11th of January, with health greatly benefitted by their visit to this country. Mr. Morrison will not return to Ningpo, but will be associated with Dr. Martin in the duties of the mission at Peking, hoping to enjoy health in the colder climate of that part of China. Our readers will remember this missionary family in their prayers.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED into the church are reported in several letters, which have reached us to February 14th, viz., in October four persons were received at Sao Paulo, and six at Brotas; about thirty more at the latter place desired admission to the church, but it was considered best to keep them longer on trial. Five adults were admitted to the church at Sing-s, Ningpo Mission, by the Rev. Mr. Tsiang, on the 10th of November. The Rev. J. M. W. Farnham, of Shanghai, was on a visit in that neighbourhood at the time, and speaks of the communion services as very interesting. The Rev. C. F. Preston, under date of November 20th, mentions his having baptized an aged man at Canton on the preceding Sabbath. The annual report of the Canton Mission speaks of the admission of ten members to the communion of the church during the year ending October 1st—seven on examination, and three on letters of admission from our Chinese church in California.

THE OMAHA MISSION, under the superintendence of the Rev. William Hamilton, under date of February 1st, reports continued interest in religion in one of the villages; some of the Indians offer apparently sincere and humble prayers, at their religious meetings. In the boarding school twenty-nine boys and nineteen girls are under instruction.

A GREAT CHANGE.—The Rev. J. R. Ramsay, writing from the Seminole Agency, January 9th, says, "On last Sabbath I ordained one of our members to the office of Ruling Elder, one of our old and tried Christian brothers. He hesitated a long time about assuming the responsible office, but finally yielded to our entreaties. While setting him apart to this office in the church, my mind was forcibly impressed with the wondrous change which the Holy Spirit had wrought in the soul of this man. Once, he was a dark heathen savage; now, a meek and lowly follower of Jesus. Long ago, when he proposed to marry one of our Christian sisters, I felt afraid to grant my consent lest he should cause her to apostatize; now, he stands as a pillar in the church, and all have confidence in his zeal, prudence, and piety."

LETTERS, in addition to those above cited, have been received from the Creek Mission, January 28th; from San Francisco, January 9th; Yokohama, December 4th; Shanghai, November 26th, mentioning the return of the Rev. J. Wherry and his family from their visit to Chefoo for health; Ningpo, November 20th; Calcutta,

November 19th, mentioning the arrival there of the Rev. J. F. Ullmann, on his return to India, after leaving his family in England—Mrs. Ullmann's health not permitting her to go back at present; Allahabad, December 9th, mentioning the Rev. J. J. Walsh's return to that station from a visit up the country, with health much improved; Dehra, November 29th; Sabathu, December 9th; Lahor, December 17th.

Report of the Indian Peace Commission.

We wish to commend this report to the attention of our readers, especially to those amongst them who take any interest in the administration of our public affairs. It is published in some of the newspapers, and we wish it could be published, in a satisfactory abridgment if not in full, in all of them. The names of the gentlemen who form the Commission ought to secure for it every attention; amongst them are those of some of our highest military generals, as well as of civilians of the foremost station. But it is mainly the report itself which deserves consideration. We do not concur with all its views, but it is full of useful information concerning matters of recent occurrence, and it contains many things worthy of the attention of our countrymen. It shows who is usually to be blamed in the commencement of our Indian wars; seldom is it the Indians, but commonly it is the unprincipled white men, who in various ways come into intercourse with them, who are the aggressors. Nothing more disgraceful to Christian civilization can well be conceived of than some of the proceedings of white men towards the Indians; the report gives an account of "the Chivington massacre," which is almost incredible, but which is only too true. This Col. Chivington, and a battalion of Colorado troops, surrounded a body of peaceful Indians who had placed themselves under the protection of our flag, fired upon them at daybreak, even upon fleeing woman and children, scalping many of them, and committing other atrocious acts. Outrages committed against the Indians naturally rouse their ignorant and savage nature to deeds of violence. And then follows a fierce war with them. The expense of military expeditions to put down these warring tribes has often been counted by millions of dollars. This expenditure while burdensome to all good citizens has enured to the benefit of army contractors and others, always ready to urge the country into these Indian wars. The Commission estimates the cost of the war which resulted from the Chivington massacre at thirty millions of dollars.

But the time has come, we hope, when all this will be changed. We regard this report as likely to do much good in turning the attention of the country to the best way of dealing with the Indians. Several things are recommended, amongst these the forming of a new Indian Territory north of Nebraska, extending from the Missouri River westward to the 104th degree of longitude: but our limits do not permit further reference to these subjects.

It is with pleasure that we notice a cordial recognition of the usefulness of missionary labours for the Indians. The remark, however, about so much money being sent to Asia and Africa might have been well omitted. Before the Rebellion our church expended considerable sums of money on its Indian missions; relatively to the number of the Indians a very much larger amount than was spent in both Asia and Africa; and missions were then established in a number of tribes, and were doing a good work. We hope soon to see this part of the benevolent work of the Board greatly increased. Measures are in progress which will result before long, as we hope, in the enlargement of two of the existing missions and the forming of one or two new missions.

The Mission Press at Shanghai.

This establishment has always been regarded with deep interest. Its origin is to be largely ascribed to the forecast and influence of the Senior Corresponding Secretary of the Board. It enjoyed the efficient labours of Walter M. Lowrie, M. Simpson Culbertson, and others among the departed brethren of the mission; and it has been an object of much interest to all of the missionaries. It is now under the charge of Mr. William Gamble, a practical printer of superior skill and energy, and it is probably one of the best establishments of the kind to be found in connection with any missionary institution. Let its works speak for it, as they are partly shown by the following extracts from Mr. Gamble's report of the year ending October 1st, 1867:

An unusually large amount of work has been done in the establishment during the year, and the acknowledged influence and utility of the Press increases year by year. The demand for books is now so great that after the addition of three new presses received during the year, we are still unable to print enough to supply the urgent demand, and to all appearance had we three or four presses more than we now have they could be kept all busily employed. . . .

The religious job printing, which we do at cost, or nearly cost price, might be largely increased were we able to undertake it, but which we cannot do without more presses. We do not put the imprint of the press on this kind of work, and we are not responsible for its character, but it should be said, however, it has very seldom any thing of a denominational aspect, and is almost always confined to the great teachings of our common Christianity. The secular job printing is not only a source of income to the press, but most of that which we do tends either directly or indirectly to aid the missionary cause.

Works Printed.

Several very valuable works have issued from the press during the past year; the first and principal of these is "*A Japanese and English Dictionary, with an English and Japanese Index, by J. C. Hepburn, A. M., M. D.*," this great work, the fruit of many years of unremitting toil on the part of the author, will be of inestimable value to all students of the Japanese language. Another work which will prove of great service to sinologues has also, in part, been printed at the press, "*Notes on Chinese Literature, with Introductory Remarks on the Progressive Advancement of the Art, &c., by A. Wylie.*" Another work from the well-known pen of the same author called "*Memorials of Protestant Missionaries to the Chinese, giving a list of their Publications,*" &c., is intended to exhibit the bibliography of Protestant missionaries in China, and which will, it is believed, prove very useful. . . .

The printing done for the Tract Society is much more this year than usual; this was rendered necessary from there being so many of the publications of the Society out of print. The number reprinted is sixteen; one of these is a translation into Japanese by Dr. Hepburn of the tract *Easy Introduction to Christian Doctrine*, and another is a translation into mandarin colloquial by the Rev. H. Corbett of *The Two Friends*. There are two new tracts, viz: a translation of *Henry and his Bearer*, by the Rev. H. Blodget, and a sheet tract *Who is Jesus?* by the Rev. C. W. Mateer, both mandarin colloquial. The demand by our missions for Tract Society publications is much greater than we can supply with the funds at our disposal. . . .

While by far the largest portion of our printing should be Bible Society work, this year it is to be regretted so little has been done: [10,600,000 pages.] The Scriptures in the mandarin colloquial are greatly in demand, and we are now employed printing an edition of 30,000 copies of the Gospels and Acts, of which 10,000 copies are an order of the Rev. A. Williamson, agent of the Scotch National Bible Society. The material for making stereotype plates arrived some time ago; a stereotype room and furnace is built, and every thing in readiness for the casting of the plates, which we hope to commence immediately.

The total number of pages printed at the press during the year is 21,074,350.

Considerable difficulty is experienced in getting the binding done rapidly enough, and a number of binders were lately engaged to come from Ningpo. The bindery is too small, nor have we any sheet room. It will be necessary, therefore, to erect

a bindery and sheet-room, which being built to the end of the press building can be put up at a cost of about \$400. Foreign tools and material were received from America, and a man has been trained to execute foreign binding with considerable neatness.

Type-founding Department.

Our method of printing by movable-metallic type being new to the Chinese, and the formation of their written character so peculiar, the type-founding department is a most important part of the establishment, and one to which the superintendent has always given great attention, and on which there has been a large expenditure of money. It is now, however, satisfactory to be able to report, the receipts from the sale of Chinese type are large, and that there is the prospect this department will soon repay all that has hitherto been expended on it. There was sold during the year 1307 pounds Chinese type, and we are now executing an order received from Paris for a complete set of the Small Pica Chinese matrices, which we are making at the rate of one thousand a month. There were 2227 pounds of type cast during the year. The number of matrices which were made is 4800, these are for Berlin and Small Pica Chinese, five fonts of Japanese, one font Manchu, one small font Ruby Chinese, and Long Primer and Small Pica English. We have received from the United States the matrices for fonts of Long Primer and Brevier, together with hand-moulds, which will be useful for casting sorts, but machine-moulds will be necessary to cast fonts. A small font of music type was also received, which will be very useful in printing sacred music for the use of the native Christians.

Number of Workmen—Religious Services.

There are fifty persons employed in the establishment. The workmen are a very intelligent and industrious class of men; none of them, however, profess Christianity, except Mr. Tsiang, the foreman, a very worthy man who has been over twenty years in the press. He conducts prayers every evening with the men. There is also a service conducted by the native catechist each Sabbath morning. None of the members of the mission have been able to conduct any religious services with the workmen for some years past, but it is believed that something will be done during the coming year for the spiritual good of those whose daily employment brings them into such close contact with the Word of God, but whose hearts it is feared are but little influenced by its Divine teaching.

Notes of a Trip into the Country.

The Rev. J. M. W. Farnham, of Shanghai, writes from that city, November 26th, 1867, giving some notices of a recent visit to Hangchow and vicinity. These notices will be read with interest.

I spent two nights at *Ka Shen*, where we are making an effort to start an outstation, visited Sing-s, a day's journey beyond where our brethren at Hangchow have an outstation, and spent about a week at Hangchow.

At *Ka Shen* we have a bookstore and chapel combined, and the plan which was tried only as an experiment seems working well. There are six enquirers who meet every night to study the word of God, or other religious books, and have prayer together before they separate. Five of them are so far convinced that they are observing the Sabbath and asking to be baptized. They all appeared candid and in earnest. I spent each evening with them, asking each

separately questions, and afterwards exhorting and instructing them we closed with prayer and separated. I can but hope the Lord has begun a good work in that city. The people all seem kind and friendly, and we are anxious to rent a few rooms for Bao, the Evangelist, to occupy until he can settle among them with his family. Four of our scholars have come from this city. I visited their families and was kindly received. I passed the Sabbath at Sing-s an outstation of the Hangchow Mission, and one day's journey this side of that city. This is a large and flourishing town of some twenty thousand inhabitants. The church has increased since I was there last spring, from eight members to seventeen. It was communion-Sabbath; five adults and three children were baptized. The Rev. Mr. Tsiang preached, and Mr. Green administered the sacrament. Twenty-four of us sat down to celebrate our Lord's death and remember his dying love. I had a walk in the morning of nine or ten miles to reach the place, but felt amply repaid.

The chapel is a small room in the house occupied by the native assistant. The house is but a poor one, and the room used for the chapel is small and has no floor. But in that humble place the Lord has been pleased to manifest his presence; and if in all the lands where our church has planted the standard of the cross, there were no other fruits, there is here enough to more than reward for all the labour and money that has been expended.

I was much pleased with the prospects of the Hangchow Mission. The brethren are looking about for a site for the Mission. There are vacant lots in abundance in desirable locations both in the city proper and upon the hill which is within the walls. The property they have secured is a very valuable one, and has been bought at a moderate price, not more than a third or fifth of its original cost, and it is now rapidly coming to be as valuable as ever, now that the city is being reoccupied. The cause owes Mr. Green a large debt of gratitude for his foresight and discretion in securing for the mission this place at considerable risk, which he nobly took upon his own shoulders.

Encouraging Incidents at Canton.

The Rev. H. V. Noyes writes as follows, under date at Canton, China, of November 22d, 1867.

At our last communion, which took place on the 17th of this month, there were two applicants for baptism. One, an old man of sixty-seven, was received. He had formerly been a fortune-teller, and also sold medicine on the street. He stated to us that he had some time ago given up fortune-telling from a conviction that it was wrong. Brother Preston has known him for a considerable time. He has frequently heard the gospel preached, and has read with much care Mrs. French's translation of the little work, "Come to Jesus." On the whole we felt pleased with his appearance, and he was baptized in the presence of quite a numerous congregation, just before the communion services. We hope the old man's last days will be his best days, and sincerely pray that the desire he expressed to us, "to enter heaven when he died," will in due time be granted. Mr. Preston's youngest child was also baptized, and named from one who seems to have been very much loved, "Laura Condit."

The other application for baptism was

from a young man who has long attended upon Mr. Preston's preaching at the Treasury Street chapel. He seemed like an earnest and energetic man, but we did not yet see the way clear to receive him, although in many respects pleased with him. This man's mother is also an inquirer. They have both given up ancestral worship, and we hope that the way may ere long be made clear to welcome them both to the fellowship of the church.

Quite recently we have had the addition of one pupil to the Training School. He has just come from Borneo. He does not speak the Canton dialect, but Hakka,—also speaks English to some extent. Mr. G——, a gentleman connected with the Custom House, and who has occupied Dr. Kerr's rooms in his absence, very kindly offers to meet the expense of this man's education.

One word of explanation in reference to the Bible women. Mr. Preston has employed one, as I doubt not, you know, for some time in this work. The second is the nurse who went to the United States with Mrs. Happer, and was baptized, I think, by Dr. Paxton, in the First church, Pittsburgh. She waited upon my own dear wife for a long time with great kindness, and I trust will do good. Her support is also provided for without drawing upon the funds of the Board. She commenced her work as Bible woman on the 1st of October.

Notices of Missionary Work in Japan.

The Rev. D. Thompson, under date at Yokohama, of December 4th, 1867, sends us the following notices of the missionary work at that place.

We have continued our work of translating the Scriptures, teaching, and preaching without interruption since I last wrote. The fore part of each day of the week is spent in united labour in translating, and the afternoon in teaching and other labours. On the Sabbath we hold our Japanese service, which continues to be well attended, and has not been opposed by the authorities thus far. Mr. Ballagh [of the Reformed Dutch Mission] has also a class in the Scriptures, every other night in the week. I cannot take part in this, as I have a Bible class every night in the week. I am greatly encouraged to go on with this work, and thank God for this field in which to labour.

Japanese Inquirers.

Since I commenced to teach the Bible

class a good many interesting young men have been members of it. Some of them have returned to their homes with the Bible in their possession, and apparently attached to it. Some few are with me still. Some read the Bible as a common book, and with no apparent love for it. In others I think I can see a manifest love for the Scriptures, and I have my eye on two or three who to my mind are *inquirers*, *seekers* after the truth. At home with you a man is called an *inquirer* if he calls upon his minister for advice, or asks for the prayers of God's people. You call such a one an *inquirer*. Here when I see a man give up his salary and rank, and become a "ronin" or outlaw, and in addition to this, toil to master a strange language, and all that he might read the Bible through, and persistently refuse to read any other book, I call that man an *inquirer* after truth. Such inquirers there are here, whom God's

preventing grace appears to be leading in a way they know not, and will doubtless at last lead them out of darkness into light. Such a one I am now privileged to teach. He is "like the merchantman seeking goodly pearls." He is an inquirer yet. He has not yet found the pearl of great price, and what if with all his earnestness he should yet not find it? There are other men in this land with spirits equally earnest, and equally intent on finding God in his word. We catch glimpses of one here and there in most unlooked-for positions, searching for the truth in Chinese Bibles, like the Eunuch reading the prophets, with no one to guide them—that is no man to guide them.

In view of these facts I was glad when I heard that you had resolved to send some more labourers to this field. I trust that they will come soon, and set about preparing themselves to preach to a people prepared for the Lord.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN JANUARY, 1868.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pky of Albany*—Second ch, Albany 102 11; Central ch Mayfield 5; Johnstown ch 102 06, Sab-sch 16 56; Galway ch 7; 3d ch, Albany 131, Sab-sch for debt 10; Princetown ch 20 60; 1st ch Little Falls 99 52; West Milton ch 8 08, mo con 7; State St ch Albany 224 45, in *memoir* 1 05; Carlisle ch 10, Sab-sch for debt 2; Mariaville ch 14, Sab-sch 6; West Galway Sab sch for debt 8. *Pky of Londonderry*—Londonderry ch 73 50. *Pky of Mohawk*—Oneida ch 100; Park Central ch, Syracuse 150 73. *Pky of Troy*—South ch Troy 16 1,114 06

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pky of Allegheny*—Mount Nebo Sab-sch for debt 11; Butler ch 106 81, Sab-sch 82 25; Scrubgrass ch 36; Leesburgh ch 14; Slate Lick ch 33, Sab-sch for debt 8 30; Clinton ch 8; Sunbury Sab-sch 4 63; Ebenezer ch 5 20; Pleasant Valley ch 17 40; Freeport ch 14 47; Middlesex ch 17; Tarentum ch 20. *Pky of Allegheny City*—Concord ch 5; Leetsdale ch 62 04. *Pky of Beaver*—Little Beaver Sab-sch 25. *Pky of Erie*—Greenville ch 31 25; Neshanic Union Sab-sch 5; Park ch Sab-sch Erie, for Tunghow sch 75; for debt 25; 2d ch Mercer 25; Meadville ch 60; Concord ch 21 76; Sturgeonville ch 8; Sab-sch for debt 2 723 16

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pky of Baltimore*—Bellair ch 12; Westminster ch Baltimore, Henry D Hervey, to con self *Life member*, 30; Grace Lee 62 cts; Broadway ch, Baltimore 30; Harmony ch 26; Annapolis ch Youth's Missy's Socy 36 82; Aisquith St ch Baltimore, for China mission 32 70. *Pky of Carlisle*—Waynesboro Sab-sch 9 60; Emmetsburgh ch 39 24, Sab-sch 36 57; Havre de Grace ch 10; Piney Creek ch 16 30; Seventh St ch Harrisburg 24 75; Miss Duncle's Sab-sch class 5 25; Barton and Louanconing ch 16; Paxton ch 52; Mechanicsburg Sab-sch for Tunghow 40 72; Shippensburg ch 107 35; Dickinson ch 23 16; Buffalo ch 33; Gettysburg ch mo con 12 91; Rev S B Smith 10; Great Conewago ch 19; Frostburg Sab-sch 20; Goheenville Sab-sch 8, for mission sch, *Chefoo*. *Pky of Lewis*—Dover ch 80, Sab-sch 20. *Pky of Potomac*—Seventh St ch Washington Sab-sch for debt 30; N Y Ave ch, Youth's Missy's Socy, for two native missionaries in Pekin 200; 1st ch Alexandria 11, Sab-sch for debt 11 60; Capitol Hill Sab-sch Washington for debt 42 75; Darnestown ch 8 64; Youth's Missy's Socy 8 40 1,063 38

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pky of Buffalo City*—Calvary ch Buffalo 142 78; 1st ch Alden 20. *Pky of Genesee River*—Oakland Sab-sch for debt 8; 1st ch Bath 12 62; Moscow ch 7 50; Warsaw ch 44; Wyoming ch 42 20, Sab-sch for Scripture reader Canton 19 03; Sparta ch 15. *Pky of Ogdensburg*—Hammond ch 47 38; Mrs W M Wilson 10. *Pky of Rochester City*—First ch Rochester 209, to con James M Alling *Life member* 30; 3d ch Rochester 145 78 753 29

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pky of Bureau*—Millersburg ch 10 50; Lower Rock Island ch 15 75; 1st ch Aledo 18; Geneseo ch 13; Camden Mills Sab-sch for debt 50; Andover ch 3 50. *Pky of Chicago*—First ch Rockford 129 56; Manteno ch 18 74; Marengo ch 15; 1st ch Morris 42 25; Mendota ch 16; 2d ch St Anne 3 35; Willow Creek ch 44 35; Bequest of a child for debt 12; Twenty-eighth St ch Chicago 27; Earlville ch 4; 1st ch Kankakee 14 50. *Pky of Rock River*—Middle Creek ch 30; Morrison ch for Bonita 30 72. *Pky of Schuyler*—Macomb ch 45; Ebenezer, ch 20; Carthage ch 30 35, Sab-sch for debt 3 65; Camp Creek ch 16; Pittsfield Sab-sch for debt 2 50; Vermont ch 9 10; Ipava ch 25. *Pky of Warren*—Knoxville Sab-sch 20; North Henderson ch 30; Prairie City ch 5; Lenox ch 5 50; John Knox ch 11 50; Moonmouth ch 67 15; Popes River ch 7; Shiloh ch 17 28 825 25

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pky of Chillicothe*—Eckmansville ch 8 48; Red Oak ch 13 68; Marshall Sab-sch for debt 4; Rocky Spring ch 5 50; Bloomington ch 60 51; Greenfield ch 32. *Pky of Cincinnati*—Lebanon ch 42 60; Reading ch 10; 1st ch Glendale 60 32; Springdale ch 52 60; Bethel ch 13 15; Cumminsville ch 18 65; Central ch Cincinnati 112 54; Seventh ch Cincinnati, Ladies' Missy's Socy 200; 1st ch Walnut Hills Sab-sch for debt 25 32. *Pky of Miami*—Monroe ch 16; New Jersey ch 38 70; Carrollton ch 6 40; Franklin ch 26 43; Middletown ch 31 60; South Charleston ch 7. *Pky of Oxford*—Camden ch 10 13. *Pky of Sidney*—First ch Bellefontaine 40 50; Union City ch 20 60; 1st ch West Liberty 5 50; 1st ch Piqua 175; Turtle Creek ch 2 75; 1st ch Sidney 48 40, Sab-sch for debt 34 30; De Graff ch 6 30, Sab-sch 1; 1st ch Urbana 27; Buck Creek ch 43 1,189 06

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pky of Bloomington*—Towanda ch 46; Heyworth ch 6, Sab-sch for debt 26; Chatsworth ch 11; Deer Creek ch 12; Crow

Meadow ch 4; Waynesville ch 7 28; Clinton ch 44 20, Sab-seh 10 40; Low Point Sab-seh for debt 7; Fairburn ch 6 26; Onarga ch 10; Galloway ch 10; Gilman ch 4. *Pby of Kaskaakia*—Cariyle Sab-seh 5; 1st ch Chester 13; Elm Point ch 8; Trenton ch 16; Litchfield ch 15. *Pby of Pulcatine*—Grandview Sab-seh for debt 10; Darwin ch 4; Pleasant Prairie ch 6. *Pby of Peoria*—Second ch Peoria 201 30; Yates City ch 5 50; Farmington ch Mrs Margaret Simpson 5; Lewistown Sab-seh for debt 24 34; Canton ch 30; French Grove ch 28; Mansfield ch 21 65, Sab-seh 3 06; 1st ch Peora 81; Brunswick ch 4 25. *Pby of Saline*—Carmi ch 5 50; Golconda ch 14; Elizabethtown ch 6; Wabash ch 2 50; Oney ch 10 77. *Pby of Sangamon*—Third ch Springfield 60 82; Farmington ch 35; 1st ch Decatur Sab-seh for debt 14 54, to ed child at Corisco 27; Virginia ch 10; Irish Grove ch 12; West Okaw ch 10; North Sangamon ch 20 75; Providence ch 82 50, Rev. J Platt 50 1,067 91

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Indianapolis*—Boylestown ch 4; Shioch ch 4 25; Hopewell ch 7 20; 4th ch Indianapolis 6. *Pby of Madison*—Hancock ch 23 10; Pleasant ch 7 60. *Pby of Vincennes*—Princeton ch 20; 1st ch Evansville 55 80, Sab-seh for debt 119 75; 2d ch Vincennes 30 60; Petersburg ch 10 50 363 90

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—Cedar Rapids ch 21; Marion ch 9 80; 1st ch Iowa City 72, Sab-seh 10; Fairview ch 6 56; Muscatine ch 37 50; Blue Grass ch 7 10; Herman ch 4 40. *Pby of Dubuque*—Frankville ch 31 21, Sab-seh 4 25; Wayne ch 2 50; 1st ch Dubuque 34 70; 1st ch Bellevue 8 60; Hopkinton ch 6; Peosta ch 2 50; 1st German ch Dubuque Sab-seh for debt 8 25; 1st German Sab-seh M'Gregor 8 60; 1st ch Waverly 10. *Pby of Fort Dodge*—Clarkeville ch add'l 1. *Pby of Vinton*—Vinton ch 9 05; Big Grove ch 6 75; Salem ch, a lady member 20. 312 77

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Highland*—Salem ch 2 50; Atchison ch 14 25, to con Edward F Lewis L M, 30. *Pby of Topeka*—Geneva ch 3 49 78

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Ebenezer*—Maysville ch 45 15; Washington ch 64; Flemingsburg ch for Labor sch-house 11; 1st ch Covington Sab-seh for debt 235. *Pby of Transylvania*—Harrodsburg ch 36 60, Sab-seh 5; Bethel Union ch 10. 406 76

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Lafayette*—Independence ch 63 30. Warrensburg Sab-seh 5; Sugar Creek ch 6 25. *Pby of Palmyra*—Brookfield ch 9 11, Sab-seh for debt 8 80, Rev. J P Finley and wife 2. *Pby of St Louis*—Salem ch 8; 2d ch and Sab-seh St Louis for Ningpo mission 300 402 56

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Burlington*—Bordentown ch 6 60; Columbus ch 9 50, Sab-seh 10; Providence ch 3 50; Mt Holly ch 40 10, Sab-seh 30. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—Liberty Corner ch 36; Elizabethtown Point ch 7; 1st ch Elizabeth 300 43; New Providence ch 50; Siloam ch Elizabeth 3 75; Lamington ch 86. *Pby of Luzerne*—Mahanoy City ch 70 75, Sab-seh 5 33; German ch Scranton 2; Pittston ch 56, Sab-seh 74, for debt 70; 1st ch Troy 15 41; 1st ch Mauch Chunk 141 83; Summit Hill ch 18 67, Sab-seh 2 13; Jamestown Sab-seh 3 45, P 6 75; Tunkhannock ch 11 25, Sab-seh 4 50. *Pby of Monmouth*—Shrewsbury ch 25; Manalapan Sab-seh for debt 30; Red Bank ch 19; Manchester ch 6. *Pby of Newton*—Stroudsburg Sab-seh for debt 25; 1st ch Greenwich 85 53; 2d ch Oxford 75; 2d ch Mansfield 10 51, C D 1. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Lawrence ch annual col 209 35, mo con 25 57. Sab-seh for Corisco 45 60; Bound Brook ch widow's mite 5; Pennington ch 66; 2d ch New Brunswick Union col'n 22; 2d ch Princeton 210; Dutch Neck ch 49, Sab-seh 10 00; Cranberry Neck Sab-seh 13 30; South Amboy ch 23 53; 1st ch New Brunswick 191 86. *Pby of Passaic*—Third ch Newark 175 57, mo con 30 52, mission Sab-seh add'l for debt 3 44; Central ch Orange 100, a member 5; 1st ch Morristown 107 18; Wickliffe ch 240 75; Mt Olivet ch 10, Sab-seh for debt 4;

Connecticut Farms Sab-seh for debt 75; 2d ch Elizabeth 300; Chatham Village ch to con Stephen B Wilkinson L M, 135; Westminster ch Elizabeth 343 67. *Pby of Raritan*—Clinton ch 30 54; Ladies Sewing Circle to con Miss Jane Foster L M 30, Sab-seh 28 38; Flemington ch 150; Amwell 2d ch 13, Sab-seh 12 80; Berrie's Missy's Box 50; German Valley ch 28 20; Lambertville ch 214 57, Sab-seh for debt 15 65; Pleasant Valley Sab-seh 5 50; Bloomsburg ch 15 07. *Pby of Susquehanna*—First ch Towanda 52; Barclay Sab-seh for debt 7 29; Wyalusing ch for Rio chapel 10. *Pby of West Jersey*—Hickwoodtown ch 55 70; Greenwich ch 66; Mays Landing ch 3 45; little John Herbert for debt 50; Tuckahoe ch 1 28, Sab-seh 3; Cedarvale ch 141 85; Pittsgrove Sab-seh for debt 30 5,161 55

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—Bridgeport ch 60; Rye ch mo con Jan 16 20, Feb 19 20; Yorktown ch 32; White Plains Sab-seh 10 88; Croton Falls ch 7 75. *Pby of Hudson*—Cochecton ch 6; Hamptonburgh ch 56 05; Florida ch 8; Goshen ch 124 28; Hemstead ch for Corisco 3 50. *Pby of Long Island*—Bridgehampton ch 42 67; 1st ch Huntington 100, Sab-seh Mary and Isabel, silver dollar 1 30; Westhampton ch 12; Speonck ch 3; Middletown ch 24 22; Raigs Sab-seh 4 45; Huntington South ch 27 58, Robert O. Colt, Esq. 100; Southampton ch 80 71; Moriches ch 13 25. *Pby of Nassau*—Astoria ch mo con 30, Sab-seh 35; South Third at ch Williamsburg mo 33 74, Sab-seh for debt 125; 1st church Brooklyn mo con 60 69; Wallabout ch 10 38; Ross at Sab-seh Williamsburg for debt 364 38; Scholarships for Menrovia, Bangkok, Pekin 180, Seminole 50. *Pby of New York*—First ch New York mo con 320 05, H King 250; Sab-seh 24 79, Earnest Workers for Shanghai school 1,000, Mission sch 40 39; Forty-second at ch annual col'n 232 48; Fifth ave and Nineteenth at ch 13, 041 45, for Bogota 2000; Brick ch mo con 116 65; Alexander ch 14 38; Westminster ch 25; 4th ch New York Sab-seh 22 50; Yorkville ch 4; University Place ch 2,270 85, mo con 38 50; Twenty-third at ch mo con 25, Sab-seh for debt 40, mission sch for debt 12; Chelsea ch mo con 20; Palisades ch Dr C R Agnew 20; Potts Memorial Morisania ch 27; German ch New York 12. *Pby of New York 2d*—Canal at ch 11 65; Washington Heights ch 20; Scotch ch New York mo con Oct, Nov, Dec, 358, Sab-seh 109 53; Peekskill ch mo con 56 63; Tenafly ch 90 60. *Pby of North River*—Calvary ch Newburg 36; Bethlehem ch 43; Hughsonville ch 10; New Hamburg ch 35 29; Roudout ch 249, Sab-seh 41; 1st ch Kingston 40 22,222 46

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Crawfordsville*—Bethany ch 35 50; New Hope Sab-seh for debt 4; Eugene ch 5; Lebanon ch 7 35. *Pby of Fort Wayne*—First ch Fort Wayne 71 84; 3d ch Fort Wayne 2 50, Sab-seh 18 33, for debt 18 41; Bluffton ch 2 35; New Lancaster ch 4 75; 2d ch Wabash 34; La Grange ch 17; Warsaw ch 9; Pierceton ch 15, Sab-seh 4. *Pby of Lake*—Valparaiso ch 40, Sab-seh 48 75. *Pby of Logansport*—Rossville ch 6, Sab-seh for debt 7 10; West Union ch 3; Bethlehem ch 5; Monticello ch 17; Indian Creek ch, John Callahan 5; Remington ch 7; Rock Creek ch 5. *Pby of Muncie*—Union ch 5; Hartford ch 3; Brownsburg ch 2 40; Clermont ch 2 10. 412 38

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Columbus*—Blendon Sab-seh 10; Tiroo ch 12; Westminster ch Columbus 164 35, mo con 9; Miffin ch 4 40, Sab-seh 5; Lithopolis ch 14; Mount Pleasant ch 35 75. Sab-seh 8; 1st ch Columbus annual col'n 183 44, mo con 126 03, Sab-seh for debt 150, col'd mission sch 20; Worthington ch 10. *Pby of Hicking*—Barlow ch 7 03; Decatur ch 4. *Pby of Marion*—Mt Glenn ch 8 81. Mrs Mary Blaney 6, Master G R Jordan for debt 52c, Sab-seh for debt 4 67; Wyandot ch mo con 6; Liberty Sab-seh for Tunghow sch 3; York ch 8 50. *Pby of Richland*—Ashland ch 69 87; Chesterville Sab-seh 2; Utica ch 20; Martinsburg ch 12; Fredericktown ch 38 50, Sab-seh 16; Waterford ch 10 28. *Pby of Wooster*—Millersburg ch 22 30; Berlin Sab-seh for debt 12; Chippewa ch 15 54, Sab-seh 2 63; Silver Creek mission Sab-

sch 2 81. *Pby of Zanesville*—Madison ch Mrs Ellen Adams 60; Bristol ch 7 15; Beulah ch 8 10; Brownsville ch 42 1,130 72

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of Benicia*—First ch Headsburg 12; Two Rock ch 25. *Pby of California*—First ch San Francisco mo con 52 90. *Pby of Oregon*—Corvallis ch 11 25, Sab-sch 11 25. *Pby of Stockton*—Ladies in Sacramento 24 35 136 75

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Columbia ch 194 53, Sab-sch for debt 28; Strasburg ch for Rio chapel 30 50, Sab-sch 7 50. *Pby of Huntingdon*—Little Valley Sab-sch 11 50, for debt 11; Shade Gap ch 10 84; Hollidaysburg ch 150, Sab-sch 20 50; Spruce Creek ch 443 14; Birmingham ch 338 11; Morris ch 2 75; Phillipsburg ch 10; Sinking Valley ch 62 57; Bellefonte Sab-sch 75; Bald Eagle ch 3 80; Tyrone ch 44, Sab-sch 6; Upper Tuscarora ch 25; Altoona ch 64. *Pby of New Castle*—Faggs Manor Sab-sch for debt 2 70; Little Carl's missionary box 1; Port Deposit ch 25 59. Sab-sch to sup boy at Allahabad 53, Willie and Maggie S. for debt 3; New Castle ch mo coll'n 77 20. Mrs A C Kerr 50; Mrs Dr Couper 25, Mrs Taggart 2, Mrs Cannon 2, Mrs Danforth 1, Mrs Black, Mrs Kennedy 10, Master P Spruance 85c, Miss Booth 5, Cash 2, Miss E Niven 5, Sab-sch 29 32; Sab-sch in the country 6 52. *Pby of Northumberland*—Buffalo Sab-sch 35; Great Island Sab-sch 5 20, infant sch 10; Grove ch Danville 75 50, Sab-sch missionary soc'y for debt 20; M'Evensville ch 7; Lyeoning Sab-sch Williamsport to sup boy in India 71 68; Ashland and Gordon chs 12; Lyeoming centre ch 11; Millinburg ch 9; Renovo Sab-sch 21 50, for debt 10; Sunbury ch 26 50, Sab-sch 35; Lewisburg ch 122; Washington ch 17; 1st ch New Berlin 18 70; Bald Eagle and Nittany chs 43 75. *Pby of Philadelphia*—Arch st ch 530; 6th ch 120 12; West Spruce st ch 450, Miss Sarah Field for Corisco 5; 10th ch in part 745 72, a friend through the pastor 400. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Central ch Sab-sch Philadelphia add'l 33 50; Kensington ch 200 50, Sab-sch for debt 70; 2d ch, a member 150; North Tenth st ch 23 92. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Holmesburg ch 31 47; First ch Norristown 115 07; Slattington ch 25, Sab-sch 10 5,312 05

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH—*Pby of Blairsville*—Centreville ch 5 20; Armagh ch 10 20; Ebensburg Sab-sch 9; Greenburg Sab-sch 29 63; Congruity ch 25 80; Cross Roads ch 23 13; Unity ch 144; Blairsville ch 87 65. *Pby of Clarion*—Greenville Sab-sch add'l 1 75; Licking ch 12. *Pby of Ohio*—Shady Lick ch 116 35, for debt 100; Monongahela Sab-sch 50; Central ch Pittsburg 361 42; Cannonsburg ch 47 50; Centre ch 56; Lebanon ch 55 50; East Liberty Sab-sch 138 24; 4th ch Pittsburg 58. *Pby of Redstone*—New Providence ch Greensboro Sab-sch 20; Tent ch 15 66, Sab-sch 10; Long Run ch 18 50. *Pby of Saltsburg*—E W 590; 1st ch Kittanning Sab-sch for debt 58 80; Gilgal ch 8 59; Clarksburg ch 20 1,992 29

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—Chippewa Falls ch 4. *Pby of St Paul*—Central ch St Paul 72 21, sab sch Mrs Elizabeth P Lewis to con Miss Charlotte M Lewis L M 30; Andrew ch St Anthony 33, sab sch for debt 5. 146 21

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Findlay*—Blanchard ch 5 60; Ottawa ch 5. *Pby of Maumee*—West Bethesda ch 15; Gilead ch 6 08; 2d ch Toledo 2 70; Delta ch 5; 1st ch Toledo 15. *Pby of Western Reserve*—Westminster ch Cleveland 33, 88 38

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Des Moines*—Des Moines sab sch for debt 15; Albia sab sch 4; Indianola ch 11 43. *Pby of Fairfield*—Washington ch 28 45; Bethel ch 6 75; Crawfordville ch 12 90; Wm Brown 10; Fairfield ch 12; Shiloh ch Wm Hopkirk 4; Sigourney ch 5; Drakesville ch 70c; *Pby of Iowa*—West Point ch 6; Pilot Grove ch 4; Unity ch 17 70; Evangelical St Peter's ch 18. *Pby of Missouri River*—Blackbird Hills ch 25; Plattsmouth ch 43 35 224 33

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of Steubenville*—Island Creek ch for debt 13, com sch 6; East springfield ch 20; Urickville ch 10; 2d ch Steubenville C G B 100, N E B 50; 1st ch Steubenville to con Rev

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Total received from churches \$45,310 23

LEGACIES.—Legacy of James N Will, deceased, Wayne County, O \$01 70; Bequest of E C Wilson, Morgantown, W Va 25 228 70

MISCELLANEOUS.—S C, Pa 10; Mrs Luther Halsey, Washingtonville 5; Rev Jos H Jones, DD-c, A B K 30; Geo G Loomis 5; James Lenox for Rio chapel 1000; Miss Sarah Simpson, Amity, Pa for debt 1; Rev W T Wylie and friends, Newastle, Pa, 44 and J H Patton 5, for Dehra sch b'g; family thank-offering Rev H R Wilson 25; Rev H R Wilson Jr 5; WS Ward 5; Jas L, Bessie L and Mary J Wilson, five dollars each, 15; Rev T C Perry 10; Edward T C Perry L M 75; Mrs T C Perry 20; a Friend 25; Lizzie for debt 1; Chas M Hamilton, Auburn, Mo 10; Mrs Maria Memford, Oxford, Iowa 1; J C M 10; M H D 10; Mrs N A Lacy 50c; U P ch Rock Prairie, Wis Sab-sch 5; a Friend for Bogota chapel 3; Cash 5; Mrs John Morrison, gold 5; Reformed ch Hackensack, N J Sab-sch for India 20; A Chapman, M D 5; Cash 50; B K 50; Chapin Missionary Association, New York for boy in Shanghai 15; Mrs Elizabeth Howell 4; Mack 10; Rev John C King, Vinton, Iowa 5; R A and E Maxwell for debt 3; Mrs E C Wilson 5; J R H thank offering 5; little Fanny's Legacy 4; Hans Jacob Murbach, Vacuri, Brazil, 10; F D Long, Jersey Shore, Pa 10; A Friend of Missions, Virginia, 10 900; Mrs Austin Rogers, Cape Vincent, N Y 3; a Friend 50; Miss M J Stewart for Chefoo 5; Mrs M L'Lean for Chefoo 3; [Pisgah ch Ky 42 75; Nicholasville ch Ky 32; Richmond ch Ky 14 35; Midway ch Ky 13 90] Winchester ch Ky 42 75; Versailles ch Ky 42, for Labor sch building; Mr and Mrs C S Martindale for China 10; Charles B and Harriet D Chapin, New York, for debt 1; Rev. Robert M'Charchan, Newville, Pa 15; Grand Traverse ch Michigan 27 50, mo con 25 50; Mr and Mrs E to con Geo T Edelman L M 25; Friends in Illinois 100; E S V and F B Eddington, Pa, for debt 5; A B 20; Rev W J M'CORD, Wassaic, N Y 2 50; Miss Jane R Wilson, Shippensburg, Pa 16; Lewis Shoup, Middle Creek, Pa 10; J H Cunningham, Shippy Rock, Pa 5; Miss M B Patterson, Punxutawney, Pa 5; A T Williams, Diamond City, Montana 1 50; Rev William Annan, Allegheny City, Pa 5; Miss E Templin, Marshall, O, for debt 12; Mrs L B Williams, Rocky Springs, O 7; M Campbell, Lyon co. O 5; S W McConnell, Dicks Creek, O 5; J L Clark, Belle Centre, O 8; a Friend 5 3,026 25

Total Receipts in January, 1868 \$49,562 18
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"*The [German] Reformed Church Monthly*," of which the Rev. Dr. Bomberger is editor, in a notice of Professor Hodge's work on the Atonement, speaks of the Board and its issues in the following terms: "To those who know the facts in the case, it will not seem at all extravagant praise to say, that the Board, from whose fertile press the above valuable work (*Hodge on the Atonement*) has just issued, has done more for the circulation of sound Reformed Church literature, than any other in existence. Familiar as we supposed ourselves to be with the operations of so near a neighbour, and so close a relative, a glance only at the new '*Descriptive Catalogue*,' soon convinced us that we knew but in part. Theologies, Histories, Commentaries, Theological and Practical Essays, extended to thorough disquisitions, sermons, in all numbering more than a hundred separate volumes, and including some of the most highly-prized standard works of the Reformed branch of the Christian Church, are comprised in thirteen hundred separate publications which it has already sent forth to instruct and strengthen, to admonish and to cheer the people of God. What an agency for good, if conducted with strict fidelity to the trust committed to it, must such an institution be! If its hundreds of issues are all pervaded by one spirit, teach one blessed doctrine of grace, the old and heavenly theme of inspired apostles, testify to the thousands among whom they circulate, to the same plan of salvation by repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ,—who will estimate the value of the work? its value to individual Christians? its value to the Church at large? What a fortress of defence against the open attacks or insidious machinations of the foes of Apostolic Christianity! What a flying battery for assault upon the strongholds of error in faith and practice!"

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sound doctrinal and practical instruction. Pernicious issues from irreligious publishing houses, not only go like the frogs of Egypt, up into the houses, and into the bed-chambers of the ungodly, but it is to be feared too often find their way into Christian families. We should labour hard to cast out the plague. God's servants should be as zealous in administering the antidote as the men of the world are in insinuating poison. The Board is endeavouring to maintain the ancient honour of our Church, by the issue of such a literature as the country and the times need. All ages, all tastes, all degrees of culture, all conditions in life, will find on our catalogue something to meet their wants.

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In a letter recently received at the Mission Rooms, a Domestic Missionary in a frontier State writes:—

“I wish you, or some one eloquent enough to do it, would write an appeal that would lead some of our rich brethren to send a copy of ‘Hodge on the Atonement’ to each one of the missionaries of the Board. Judging others by myself, I am sure they are all greatly tantalized with a desire to get hold of it.”

Will not some brother or brethren respond to this appeal? Seldom does a new work, on a great doctrine of the Bible, receive such high commendations as have been bestowed upon Hodge on the Atonement; not only by our denominational papers, but by journals of sister Calvinistic branches of the Church. The *Evangelical Repository* says, “No more timely or valuable contribution has been made to our theological literature for many years past.” The *Reformed Church Monthly* declares, that a thoughtful perusal of it cannot fail to confirm its readers “in the old Reformed doctrine concerning the nature of our Lord's passion and death, as well as edify and comfort their hearts.” The *New York Observer* asserts that, “It gives an

exhaustive view of the argument from scripture, and a complete history of opinion among Calvinists upon the question." No wonder, then, that our missionaries are "greatly tantalized" to see it. It is just the work which they need to clarify their views on the great central doctrine of the gospel, to edify and comfort their hearts, to enable them to build up their people in the faith once delivered to the saints, and to give them the ability to detect, and cope with, the insidious errors which are prevalent. But they cannot get it! It is not a high-priced volume, (\$1.50). Their small salaries, however, which scarcely secure the necessaries for bodily support, will not permit them to purchase this precious food for the mind and the heart. We would gladly send a copy of the work to each of these brethren; and we earnestly appeal to those whom the Lord has blessed to give us the means to do it. If some one wealthy Christian will not make a large donation which will supply copies to all the needy, let others send, as the Lord has prospered them, to a portion of the number. Thus they will preach a sermon on the great doctrine of the Atonement, to some of Christ's ambassadors who shall afterwards, with the living voice, utter the same truths to perishing souls in many of the waste places of the land.

A Suggestion to the Ladies.

In our churches, Ladies' Societies, from year to year, make up boxes of clothing for missionaries of the Domestic Board. A few of our solid theological volumes in each box would be a great addition to the value of their gifts. Many of the missionaries are so situated that it is exceedingly difficult for them to make additions to their libraries. The ladies would confer an incalculable benefit, if, without sending any the less clothing, they would appropriate a few dollars to the purchase of some of the Board's books for the minister's personal use. We feel assured that the noble-hearted "women which labour with us in the gospel" will eagerly adopt this suggestion, and we hope that every box which they send forth will contain, as a part of its precious freight, a few valuable publications.

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We may be allowed here to append a few sentences from a letter received since this book was issued, from the parents of Little Mary, both of whom are yet living. "The book gives us full and perfect satisfaction. It has one point of excellence that we can see better than most others, *its strict accordance with truth*. I cannot tell you how glad we are that she has been so successful in arranging and recording the facts.

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<i>Pby of Necton</i> —Belvidere ch	30 00	Rev W J McCord of Wassaic, N Y	2 00
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Chatham ch, add'l 10; Elizabeth ch 72	82 00	Rev A B Gilliland	5 00
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Office, No. 390 Walnut Street.
Philadelphia, February 5th, 1867.

In remitting money to this Fund, the name of the Church and Presbytery to which it belongs should be distinctly stated, that it may be correctly acknowledged. And where checks or drafts are sent they should be drawn to the order of "GEO. H. VAN GELDER, Treasurer."

The rule of the Assembly which requires that Presbyteries needing relief for any of their members should renew their applications every year, is important. It preserves the Committee from vexatious mistakes which would inevitably happen without it. Changes in the condition of many of the recipients are occurring from year to year, which call for corresponding changes in the action of the Committee. In some cases, a larger sum is needed than was asked the prior year, in others less, or perhaps nothing at all. Within the last year, two on our list have had such assistance from other sources, that they require no appropriation from the fund. Four have been removed by death. Changes of this sort are taking place every year, and yet no instance is recollected in which the Committee have received official notice of them; and the usual remittance would have been sent, but for the omission of the Presbytery to ask it.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

REV. S. C. LOGAN, *Corresponding Secretary*, DAVID ROBINSON, Esq., *Treasurer*, Box 224, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Wm. MAIN, Esq., *Receiving Agent*, 907 Arch street, Philadelphia.

Alexander Cameron, Treasurer.

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of this beloved and efficient co-labourer in the gospel. For a number of years he had been suffering the steady approaches of the disease of which he died. Four months ago he was confined to his house by a cough attended by prostration of his strength, which soon gave unmistakable evidence that his lungs were diseased. With the meekness of a true Christian, and the gentleness of a child, he submitted without a murmur to the ordering of God. As the end of life approached he "set his house in order," with the calmness of method which had distinguished him all his life, and on Tuesday, February 4th, in the early morning, he gently fell "asleep in Jesus."

Mr. Cameron was born near to Inverness, Scotland, on the 12th of November, 1814. At the age of sixteen he emigrated with his parents to the United States, and settled in Allegheny, Pa., and four years afterwards made a profession of religion and united with the First Church of Allegheny City. His membership in this church continued through life. For thirty-four years his home was in this house of God. For seven years of this time he served the church as Deacon, and during twenty years he served it as an acceptable Ruling Elder. A thorough Presbyterian, of catholic spirit, his life was devoted to the interests of the cause of Christ in the church of his fathers. He was an intelligent and active member of all the different church courts, and through life interested himself in all the benevolent schemes of the church. He was a member of the last General Assembly, and gave his most earnest and prayerful efforts to the work of arousing his brethren in the eldership to a greater devotion to the Master's work. And upon his return from that assembly, he accompanied his pastor in the visitation of every family of the church.

In May of 1866, he bore the Christian salutations of our General Assembly to the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland. He was identified most heartily with the Assembly's Committee on Freedmen from its organization, and gave much of his time to the details of its work. The following record was made by the Executive Committee at the regular meeting February 10th, viz., "Mr. Cameron at the time of the organization of the Committee on Freedmen was elected Treasurer, and with great zeal and fidelity he discharged the duties of his office so long as his health and strength permitted. For his services during the first year he declined any compensation. At all times his interest in the work among the Freedmen was deep and earnest, and his faith in the success of that work unflinching. He was a wise counsellor, comprehensive in his views, and remarkably clear in his judgment as to details. But three days before his departure he manifested his usual interest in the work of the Committee. By his death, the Committee has lost a most valuable co-labourer, but has a rich legacy in the record of his beautifully consistent life and in the precious example he has left us, 'Help, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth.'"

DAVID ROBINSON, Esq., a ruling elder of the first church Pittsburg, has been elected Treasurer of the Committee on Freedmen, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Alexander Cameron. Will churches note this fact, and send contributions to D. ROBINSON, Esq., Box 224, Pittsburg, Pa.

Facts for Doubters.

Rev. S. S. Markland sends to the Committee a statistical report of his labours and success for the year ending January 31st, which gives us grounds for thanksgiving to God, and which ought to encourage the church to renewed exertion for the evangelization of the Freedmen. Father M. was for ten years a missionary

among the Freedmen of Demarara, and since his residence in this country, has laboured almost entirely in the southern field. If any peculiar qualifications are required to fit a minister to preach the gospel to the Freedmen, and these qualifications are only to be acquired by a southern residence, charity warrants us in the conclusion that this missionary is in his place. Although bearing the burden of more than threescore years, he has during the year included in his pastorate eight churches. Some of these churches twenty-five miles from his residence, and with the assistance of one catechist and the elders of his churches, he has not only sustained public services in all, but Sabbath-schools and prayer meetings in most of them. He has received one hundred and twenty-one members, twenty-five by baptism, eighty by examination, and now has a membership of three hundred and fifty-one. He reports but two cases of discipline, thirty-six infant baptisms, and has four hundred and eighty children in Sabbath-schools.

All of his churches have secured lots for houses of worship with room for a parsonage. Four of them have already either bought or built churches in which they are now worshipping. The remaining four are engaged in building with the hope that they will be able to occupy by the first of April. He hopes within the next year to have a day-school in each of these congregations sustained by the people and taught by the students from Biddle Institute.

DONATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN IN JANUARY, 1868.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Saratoga ch Infant Sab-sch	\$4 00
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —First ch Allegheny	123 28;
Ferrysville ch 7 50	130 78
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Westfield ch	45 00
<i>Pby of Benicia</i> —Vallejo ch,	10 00
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Congruity ch 17; Blairsville	
ch 38 15	53 15
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Lexington ch 5; Mackinaw	
ch 3 75	8 75
<i>Pby of Columbus</i> —London ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —First Pres ch Sab-sch, (special	
20) 45; 5th Pres ch, R Brown, special 50	95 00
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Harrisburg ch	96 00
<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Caledonia ch 6; Sheldon ch 5	
	11 00
<i>Pby of Dane</i> —Richland Centre ch 2; Fancy Creek	
ch 2; Richland City ch 2	6 00
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Meadville ch 30; Mill Creek ch 5	
	35 00
<i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —First ch Fort Wayne	7 50
<i>Pby of Kaskaskia</i> —Hillsboro ch	5 75
<i>Pby of Logansport</i> —Lexington ch	18 00
<i>Pby of Michigan</i> —Plymouth 1st ch	6 00
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Clifton ch	32 65
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Second ch, Brooklyn	35 20
<i>Pby of New York 2d</i> —Westminster ch	17 25
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Venice ch	12 70
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Second ch, Pittsburgh	127 31
<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Rehoboth ch 27 25, Sab-sch 6 81	
	34 06
<i>Pby of Saltzburg</i> —Bethel ch 20; Jackson ch 10;	
Gilgal ch 6 50; Harmony ch 8 50	45 00
<i>Pby of San Francisco</i> —Calvary ch 100, gold, net	
	139 00
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —New Hagerstown ch 10; Co-	
rinth ch 10; New Philadelphia ch 9	29 00
<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Mt Pleasant ch 10; Mar-	
tinville ch, special 10	20 00
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Wellsburg ch	6 29
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Mt Eaton ch 7; Berlin ch 6	
	13 00
<i>Pby of Winnebago</i> —Beaver Dam ch	5 00
<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Greenwich ch	15 60
<i>Pby of Western Reserve</i> —Northfield ch	7 00
<i>Pby of White Water</i> —Mt Carmel ch	6 50
<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —McConnellsville ch Sab-sch,	
special	25 00
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Mechanicsville ch, J A McKee	
	17 50

MISCELLANEOUS.

Office Rent 29 22; Miss McMullen, special 3; Friends in Ill 100; Rev J Dale, Fairburg 2; W Pa 5; Anonymous, Indianapolis 2; Mrs J Frank, Chippewa 10; Robert Beer, Pittsburgh 10; Mrs J Ewing, Pittsburgh 5; Special for Quindaro, from col'd citizens of Quindaro 687; Citizens of Warren 167; Citizens of Hubbard 84 25; Cit-

zens of New Castle 68; Moundsville, WV 19 50; Citizens of Wheeling 23; Niles, Mich 91; Citizens of Cincinnati, Ohio 35; Wisconsin 2; J M, of Carlisle, Pa 1; Wm Proctor, special 100; Samuel Leeson, Allegheny 5; R G Scott, East Springfield 5; G W Gohin, Gohinsville 20; J S Cratty, Belair, Ohio 3; H H Houston, Circleville 2 50; J S Clark, Belle Centre 6 50; E W, Saltzburg, Pa 300

1,735 97

Received at Philadelphia.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Carlisle ch 4; Esperance ch 6 07	
	10 07
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Galloway ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Big Spring ch	19 97
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Pittston ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —First ch, Huntington	19 15
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Manchester ch	5 00
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —First ch, Newark 5 50; Octo-	
rara ch 28	33 50
<i>Pby of North River</i> —Kingston ch	9 43
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Central ch	30 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Newtown ch, add'l	1 30
<i>Pby of Saline</i> —Pisgah ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Winnebago</i> —Kilburn City ch	7 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

A B 5; Jas F Gayley, M D 5; Family of Rev D M, Kilburn City, 3; F D Long, A M, Jersey Shore 3

16 00

Total receipts in January, \$3,036 47
D. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

The Committee gratefully acknowledge the following donations:—

- 1 box clothing from the Old and New School chs of Wabash, Indiana. Not valued.
- 1 box clothing from Iberia, Ohio. Not valued.
- 1 box clothing from Mrs. G. S. Bates, Arsenal, Pittsburgh, \$53 00.
- 1 barrel with freight from J. P. Reed, Mercer, Pa. Not valued.
- 2 barrels clothing from Park ch, Erie, Pa., \$128 76.
- 1 box clothing from Lutheran ch in Philadelphia, and 1 package from a friend in New York, \$150 00.
- From Miss M. Le Moine for Sumter school \$14 00.
- 100 copies of "Worship in the School Room," from Newshannock Old School Pres Sabbath-sch near Wilmington, Pa., for Ebenezer chapel.
- 1 box clothing from Ladies Aid, New Castle Pa. Not valued.
- 1 box clothing from Burlington, N. J. Not valued.

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Working under Difficulties.

Indiana.

My quarterly report is due in four days, and I can make it better now than then, perhaps—and shall have as much to report now as then. I am thankful that I can say that I have been able to be in my pulpit and preach for the last six Sabbaths, three of them twice a day. But I have to husband my strength to do it. My people appeared truly joyful and grateful to see me in the pulpit. God has given me a loving people, and united, and at peace. There is not a case of dissension in the church. May we not hope for them the blessing in the cxxxiii. Psalm?

There is a very serious attention to the word preached. I have urged a concert of prayer on Saturday evening from nine to ten o'clock, each by himself, or herself, praying for the Spirit upon the church and people, *especially on the morrow*. I find some minds impressed with the importance of eternal realities.

I rejoice to see the improvement in all the churches of our order and branch in this country. They were much cast down when I first came into the county. I laboured and preached with Rolling Prairie church several times. The elder had faith. It is now prospering in a good measure. Also the church at Union Mills, ten miles south of this city, is prospering. These two churches have the means under their control or influence to do well for themselves and the Boards. I did what I could to encourage the Union Mills church, but could not get down to preach to them, as my family was sick, until the good brother came to them, who is now supplying them. My church is making some headway in a very hard city, religiously. The members who can, are working our promising Sabbath-school. Prayer-meetings well attended, and very solemn. I do hope for a blessing upon us soon, in reviving us, and building us up in numbers. Death and removals for years past have drawn heavily from our roll. But it is pleasant to know that some who have gone from us are effective labourers in the fields where they have gone to reside. And others, temporarily absent, send us letters of Christian affection and cheer; others, I trust, are in the mansions above.

We have but little wealth in this church—less than in either of the other two churches mentioned above—though we are in a city. I try to impress my people with the value of those thousands of souls that are indifferent, or following the destructive paths of religious error. I hope God will give me a great increase of physical strength, and grace for this great work. Nearly six months I have been able to do but little. Have tried to be resigned, and learn the lesson God would teach me.

Quick Returns.

Wisconsin.

Our gracious God permits me to report another full quarter of services for him, and a faithful and *beloved* Master enables me to make the report with a *full* heart. I am afraid of vanity, which the secret heart nurses upon a view of prosperity, though no outward mien betrays it. I have seen time mellowing excited impressions often enough, to guard against hasty record of them. But I am pressed at times with a fear of delinquency in failing to publish things which God may have wrought, not for the people who witnessed them solely, but for other fearful and desponding ones. "Publish ye salvation!" The changes he has wrought for us seem wonderful. Indeed, I do hope, that he spares us in a measure, by the plain signals of his own doing, from the arrogance to which we would be more exposed, with greater resources, or less prosperity—the stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, as camps on the beach of the sea they had passed, or Israel after the victory of Gideon's followers, without a heart daring enough to claim any part as their own. Only one year ago we were longing, praying, hoping only for a sanctuary whose foundations had been laid in faith. As I write now, I see its tower rising, the beauty and the wonder of all our people. Its simple beauty is a surprise, as well as a charm, even in our own eyes, so far outvieing everything in our city. Sir, I believe God the maker of our contracts, as well as the inspirer of our purposes. I believe he wrought for us, who wrought of old through Bezaleel and his associates. Twenty months ago we had no one here for ruling elder, and opposers derided our attempts on 'this account, now our bench of four elders is unrivalled through our entire Synod. Eighteen months ago we had no organization, now we have all the full machinery of our system working delightfully. Two months ago, we had only a hurried after noon hour on Sabbath, for our public services on that day. Now, we have two beautiful little houses—one holding two hundred and forty persons, the other just half of this number—open every Lord's day with three sermons and three prayer-meetings in the week. Yesterday, we raised one of Meneely's bells, weighing five hundred and eleven pounds, to the belfry here, and have taken away the reproach that La Crosse had not a single church-bell among Protestants, except a little one, inaudible three squares. And we have hope for the future, warranted by the fact that all this has been done by the people here, almost wholly. More than once have I been constrained to draw our subscription book from my pocket, and show it, to solve the mystery of our success, and vindicate myself from the allegation of having obtained our funds mainly from abroad. Thanks from a heart glowing with tender fervor to all who have aided us—nearly all—unsolicited. But the amount of all gathered outside our field, is not four hundred dollars. The Lord has provided what is far more precious to us—shall I not say to him?—hearts to work, and temper to work unitedly?

Yet neither yourself, nor any missionary, will suspect the Lord has wrought thus for us, without trying us. This year has been the most straitened I have known in a missionary experience of fifteen years, not for lack of comforts, but of means to keep my name from being a reproach with creditors. In our work, too, we knew we had a good captain on board; we heard his voice and could not doubt he was with us; so we put on the heaviest head of sail our craft would carry. All along through the year I have felt the strain of pressure so strong, it seemed the work would bear no more without peril of a crash. In the burden of my own cares—I do not speak of their critical solvency; I long ago learned to repose all

that on God—but in their multiplicity I have been ready to exclaim, “who is sufficient for these things?”

I enclose to you one or two little things which our Session have prepared, that you may see such agencies as they deem wise to employ. The “Welcome” is prepared for the class whose feeling might be, if they felt at all, “No man careth for my soul.”

And finally, I write a sentence I have written before, and hope to write often again. The Lord had a work to be done in this place; and he is graciously pleased to accept us as workers, and encourages us to do it. To him alone be the glory.

WELCOME.

Respected Friends:—We have now a convenient and pleasant house of worship, and our desire is to welcome you to share it with us. We wish to assure you that it has not been built as a Presbyterian Church, only for Presbyterians to worship in. It has been built with the intention that all may enjoy in it the privileges of God's house. True, as you know, its doctrines and its order are after our form, but its attendance is equally meant for all. Many of you have given your funds for its erection, and, while we express our obligations for this on our own part, we wish to assure you that we have not sought your help, so much to furnish a place for ourselves, as to provide a house designed for every one who had none. Are you unaccustomed to enter a place for worship? This is provided as yours. Are you strangers? This is the stranger's church. Do you sometimes feel delicacy, regretting that your apparel is not as you wish? Our's is the church of such, and we would desire this praise, that in it “The poor have the gospel preached unto them.” Do you feel obscure and unnoticed? Here you need only feel that you are the children of our Father which is in heaven, to have a home in His house. All our seats are free, and the choice of sittings waits for all alike, at every service. Within, you will meet a courteous welcome, and be shown at once to seats, so long as you are unfamiliar.

But we would have it understood, that among the things we do not wish, is to unsettle any who have already fixed habits of church attendance; or disturb the religious preferences of those whom we seek only to profit and assist. And if this invitation shall serve as a pleasant reminder, that you will be equally welcome in the sanctuaries of any of our other brethren, and leads you thither, we shall be gratified, as this is the attainment of our end.

Our services are at half-past ten A. M., and half-past seven P. M., on Sabbath; and at half-past seven on Wednesday evenings.

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN FEBRUARY, 1868.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Gloversville ch from Mr W J Heacock 50. *Pby of Troy*—3d ch, Troy, 10 60 00

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Concord ch 11. *Pby of Beaver*—New Castle ch 65; Rev D L Dickey 5; North Sewickley ch 3 75; Clarksburg ch add'l 5 50; Slippery Rock ch 15. *Pby of Erie*—Park ch Erie from “Constantia,” 5; Warren ch 17 34; Sugar Creek ch 10 137 59

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Baltimore 1st church 1250; Frederick ch 39; Westminster ch Baltimore 573. of wh Sab ch 315. *Pby of Carlisle*—Millerstown ch 34 25. *Pby of Potomac*—Bridge St ch Georgetown 40 82; N Y Av ch Washington D C 57 67 1985 74

SYNOD OF BUFFALO *Pby of Genesee River*—Warren ch add'l 28. *Pby of Rochester City*—Wheatland 1st ch 20; Phelps ch 46 43 94 43

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Bureau*—Woodhull ch 10. *Pby of Chicago*—Rockford ch 60 87. *Pby of Rock River*—Scales Mound ch 6 50. *Pby of Schuyler*—Vermont ch 355; Macomb ch 37 50. *Pby of Warren*—Prairie City ch 5 123 42

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Marshall ch 8; *Pby of Cincinnati*—Bethel ch 12. *Pby of Miami*—Clifton ch 88 40, of which Ladies' Benev-Soc'y 10. Franklin ch balance 3. *Pby of Oxford*—Eaton ch 10. *Pby of Sidney*—Buck Creek ch 47 168 40

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Bloomington*—Lexington ch 10; Mackinaw ch 4 50; Salem ch 75. *Pby of Kaskaskia*—Georgetown ch 4; Dry Point ch 10. *Pby of Peoria*—Salem ch 2 50; Toulon ch 3; Farmington ch 8; *Pby of Saline*—Odin ch 3; Sharon ch 6; Carmi ch 18 75; Salem ch 10; Timberville ch 3; Wabash ch 7. *Pby of Sangamon*—Farmington ch add'l 5; Taucusa ch 7; Providence ch 10; Petersburg ch 70 256 75

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Indianapolis*—Bethany ch 11. *Pby of Madison*—Sullivan ch 3 50. *Pby of New Albany*—Jeffersonville ch 31 55; New Washington ch 7. *Pby of White Water*—Union ch 5; Greensburg ch 239 26; Cambridge City ch 5; Centreville ch 5 30 307 61

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—Mt Vernon ch 10. *Pby of Vinton*—Toledo ch 10; Tama City ch 2 50; Salem ch from a lady 20 42 50

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Highland*—Field of Rev. Gary Hickman 15; *Pby of Leavenworth*—Stranger ch 39 45 00

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Ebenezer*—Burlington ch from Hon J. M. Preston 20; *Pby of Louisville*—Chestnut St ch Louisville 140 23 160 23

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Lafayette*—Pleasant Hill ch 20. *Pby of Palmyra*—Athens ch 2 65. *Pby of St Louis*—Carondelet ch 19 15; Kirkwood ch 36 50; Nazareth Ger ch from a member 10. *Pby of Southwest Missouri*—Ebenezer and Mt Vernon chs 15; Deep Water ch 7. *Pby of Upper Missouri*—Savannah ch 14 20 124 50

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Burlington*—Cruden 2d ch 26; Allentown ch 24 40. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—1st ch Plainfield 25. *Pby of Luzerne*—Kingston ch add'l 16; Shenandoah City ch from Mahanoy Plains Sab sch 20; Tamaqua 1st ch 20; Weatherly ch 20. *Pby of Monmouth*—Squan Village ch 7; Tennent ch 164; Freehold Village ch 55; Holmanville ch 7. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Princeton 1st ch 100; Pennington ch add'l 2; Cranberry 1st ch 127 42; Trenton 3d ch 89 11; Dutch Neck ch 8. *Pby of Newton*—Mansfield 1st ch 100; Swannee ch 2. *Pby of Passaic*—Boiling Spring ch 21 40; 3d ch Newark 55 44. *Pby of Raritan*—Milford ch 12; Frechtown ch 40; Lambertville ch 100. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Elkland ch 2; Canton ch 11; Rome ch 3; Fall Brook ch 5. *Pby of West Jersey*—Pittsgrove ch 61 70; Williamstown ch 60 1173 47

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—Rev. E. F. Mundy \$7 50; South Salem ch Ladies' Benev. Soc'y add'l 68, Sab sch 15, Thos Mead 5—88; Bedford ch Ladies Mis'y Soc'y 37. *Pby of Long Island*—Fresh Pond ch 11; Amagansett ch 5 50. *Pby of Nassau*—2d ch Brooklyn 114 25; E Williamsburg Ger ch 5. *Pby of New York*—ch of the Sea and Land 36; Potts Memorial ch 43 31; Weehawken ch 16. *Pby of North River*—Calvary ch Newburg 33 426 78

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Crawfordville*—Bethany ch add'l 3; Waveland ch 34; New Hope ch 16. *Pby of Fort Wayne*—Decatur ch 9; Flat Rock ch 3. *Pby of Lake*—Laporte 1st ch 10; Bethel ch 11 25; Millersburg ch 4 75. *Pby of Muncie*—Muncie ch 32 123 00

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Columbus*—Columbus 1st ch 153 93. *Pby of Richland*—Jefferson and Valley chs 6. *Pby of Zanesville*—Salem Ger ch 8 95 168 88

SYNOD OF PACIFIC—Free ch of Jackson Co Oregon 40. *Pby of Benicia*—Napa ch add'l 15. *Pby of California*—Contra Costa ch 7. *Pby of Oregon*—Clatsop ch 16 25; Brownsville ch 16 84 25

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Hopewell ch 10; Centre ch 13. *Pby of Huntingdon*—Lick Run ch 17; Williamsburg ch 31. *Pby of New Castle*—Kennet Square ch 15. *Pby of Northumberland*—Renovo ch 17. *Pby of Philadelphia*—West Spruce St ch from a widow 3; Chester ch 20. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Second ch from E C B 5; North ch 883 02; of wh Sab sch 50, Inf Sab sch 10; half mon coll's 95 00; Ochocksink ch Inf Sab sch 25. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Providence ch from a lady 2 50; Pottstown ch 30; Holmesburg ch 27 50; Frankford ch 150 1240 02

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Clarion*—Callensburg ch 16; Concord ch 15. *Pby of Ohio*—Pittsburgh 1st ch from E W G 1,000; Monongahela City ch 50 75; Lawrenceville ch Sab sch 10 43. *Pby of Raritan*—Connellsville ch 70 93; Round Hill ch 59. *Pby of Saltburg*—Plum Creek ch 33 42; Clarksburg ch 16; Smicksburg and Plumville chs 9 1299 53

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of St Paul*—Vermillion ch 11; Farmington ch 5; South Bend ch 40; 1st ch Hudson 10. *Pby of Minnesota*—Ashland ch, from R B Newhall 5; Austin ch 6; Clermont ch 15; Kasson ch 2 93 00

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Findlay*—Riley Creek ch 2; Ada ch 4. *Pby of Maumee*—Mount Salem ch 11. *Pby of Michigan*—Bennington ch 10 15. *Pby of Western Reserve*—Tiffin ch 15 42 15

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Des Moines*—

Knoxville ch 11 70; Indianola ch 7 20; Hartford ch 5 03. *Pby of Fairfield*—Martinsburg ch 7. *Pby of Iowa*—Evangelical St Peters ch 15; Round Grove ch 11 25; Trenton ch 5 65. *Pby of Missouri River*—Brownsville ch 45 107 85

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of St Clairsville*—Cadis ch 43. *Pby of Steubenville*—New Hagerstown ch 36; Centre Unity ch Hanna Fund 91 33. *Pby of Washington*—Wheeling 3d ch 20; Three Springs ch 5; Holliday's Cove ch 25. *Pby of West Virginia*—Clarksburg ch 6 25, of which Sab sch 80c; French Creek ch 20 05; Bethel ch 6 05; Fairmont ch 11; Grafton ch 4; Newburg ch 6 273 68

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Prairie du Sac ch 40. *Pby of Milwaukee*—North ch Milwaukee 100; Janesville ch 64 65. *Pby of Winnebago*—Fond du Lac ch Sab sch 14; Robinsonville French ch 12; Horicon ch 13 303 66

Pby of Ottawa—James Island ch 3 50

Total receipts from churches, \$8,863 91

MISCELLANEOUS.—Mrs A S Guy, Oxford, Ohio 10; "A friend of missions," Hamilton, Ohio 510; W S S 25; Mrs Jane Mulholland Philad'a, 5; Matilda Douglas, Rockford, Ill's 1; Mrs L R, Lewistown, Pa 5; Rent of Mission House, 453 98; Mrs Mary E Mitchell, Philad'a, 5; Miss Mary Vance, Washington Penna, 7; Miss Mary E Grier, Danville, Penna 50; Mrs Eliza R King, 20; North Congregational ch Enfield, Conn 43 70; Mrs J E Deklynn, Irvington, N Y 8 33; "Granite State," 3; "F B," Cincinnati, 5; "a friend," Cincinnati, 7; Rev L D Potter and family, Glendale, Ohio 5 70, Mrs M. Firman 1 1160 71

LEGACIES.—Legacy of Mrs Sally Leggett, dec'd late of Louisville, Ky 500, less tax & 34 79—465 21; Legacy of S H Mitchell, dec'd 256; Bequest of Miss Sarah Moody, dec'd 50; Bequest of Miss Elizabeth S Field, late of Philad'a, 50; Estate of James McFarren, dec'd late of Florence, Washington Co., Pa 200, less taxes \$1 40—178 60; Estate of Polly K Boughdon, dec'd, late of Lysander, N Y, less tax 470 1469 81

Total Receipts in February, \$11,484 43
S. D. POWEL, Treasurer.
No. 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

CLOTHING.

1 box from ladies of Columbia ch, Pa, valued at 350 00
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1 box from ladies of Warsaw ch, N Y, valued at 100 00
1 box from ladies of Downingtown ch, Pa, valued at 300 00
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RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN THE SYNOD OF KENTUCKY AS REPORTED BY L. L. WARREN, ESQ., TREASURER, TO MARCH 1st, 1868.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTHOUS, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the HOLY SPIRIT to them that ask him?—Luke xi. 11-13.

Contributions to the School Fund.

As many of the churches may have been prevented, by different reasons, from taking up their collections on the Day of Prayer for Schools in behalf of this fund, it is urgently requested that the wants of this department be presented by pastors at an evening prayer-meeting, or to such persons as will feel an interest in it, and contributions obtained for it. The applications made to the Board in behalf of Parochial Schools, Mission Schools among foreign populations, and schools in destitute regions demand of us twice the amount of appropriations made by this department last year. We solicit special contributions from persons of means in various parts of the country, who are interested in these objects.

Contributions to the Ministerial Department.

Brethren in the ministry are reminded that the General Assembly enjoins in cases where contributions have not been taken up for the Ministerial Department on the first Sabbath of March, that they should be taken up as *soon thereafter as possible*.

The Lord of the harvest is blessing this department of the Board. Increased contributions are necessary to sustain its operations. The increased claims of the last and preceding year have left us in debt. We trust, therefore, that the brethren who have not already done so, will at an early day effectively present before their people the wants of this department.

Carl Ritter, the Father of Modern Geography.

The good Herr Hollweg, a merchant of the city of Frankfort, once met with a bright boy, the son of a poor widow, to whom, it seemed to his mind, aid could worthily be extended in the way of helping him to obtain an education. The boy had known little of a father's care, since that parent had been taken from him when he was but five years of age. And yet his young heart was set upon learning, and becoming a useful man. He had enjoyed the instructions of the philanthropic minister, Christian Saltzmann, for several years; and now was anxious to study at Halle. Hollweg acted the part of a true friend, and in time the boy was enabled by his liberal assistance to go to the university.

God blessed the hand of that benefactor, and blessed the mind of that youth. Carl studied many sciences, but none in which he took such delight as in geography. He mastered its details. He pondered with intense delight upon the evidences of great principles in it, which seemed to have almost escaped the eyes of men previously. He became assured that if the anatomist can prove the wisdom

and goodness of God in the construction and movements of the parts and organs of the frame of man, no less can the geographer discern those same attributes in the structure of the globe, which is to mankind a material tenement, a great body, as it were, of which the human race is in some sense the soul. In this vast body he saw as it were the breath in its winds, pulses in its tides, a principle of life given from God every where, like that which in the body makes it fit for the residence of the spirit. He found the birth of humanity in Paradise, its death in the dissolution of all earthly things in the last Great Day. And so the history of the world was linked in his mind with geography, just as the fate of one man's body and soul must go together. In this grand light he studied the history of separate nations. It is said of him, that he held that "their characters were influenced greatly by, and should be studied in connection with, their physical surroundings, all of which have been arranged by an all-wise God, the more perfectly to accomplish the great end of creation. He carried his religion into his scientific studies. This earth was to him not a mere dwelling-place for nations; it was the material out of which life is woven; it was the garment in which the soul encloses itself; the body wherein the spirit formed by God must move. This was Ritter's central thought; all his ideas illustrated, all his researches confirmed it; through the earth as his way he reached God as his goal. The globe was to him but the place where God's kingdom should be founded; and in all his study of man CHRIST became the middle point. In his most valuable scientific writings, the thought that underlies them all, whether his subject be mountain heights or dark valleys, heaths or cities, is that *everything in the world comes from the counsels of God, and bears relation to the KINGDOM OF CHRIST!*"

That glorious and majestic idea became the central one of Carl's intellectual life. He taught it. He wrote many volumes to display its relationship to the various portions of the globe. After teaching in private and in public for many years at Frankfort, in 1820 he was made professor extraordinary in the University of Berlin. Often he was invited to lecture before the Prussian court. There he died, in the possession of the noblest honours, nine years ago. It is delightful to observe that his simplicity and piety were maintained to the last. He is described as a prince in his tall and fine physical proportions, and massive head. Yet his spirit and raiment were very remarkably humble and simple. "He was such a one that when you had looked upon his face, you had read the whole man; and therefore he belonged to that class of minds which infallibly make the same impression upon men of all conditions and mental varieties. The cause of this uniform impression is found in his humility, and in the quiet peacefulness of his inner life, which was more than mere tranquillity; it was the serenity of a *Christian.*"

Such is the picture of the man whom men of science agree to honour as "the father of modern geography." This is the man to whom Germany looks up with deep gratitude as one of those whose influence God has mightily blessed to the revival of spiritual and true faith in her universities, and among her thinking people.

And now we ask the reader of this number of the RECORD, who is possessed of means, to consider, was there any money, of all the unnumbered millions in the possession of the merchant princes of Frankfort, better spent than that which the good Hollweg gave to educate the poor widow's son? How important it is to take up those who have been tried and chastened and ennobled by poverty and trial, and qualify them to go forth and to zealously spread abroad the gifts and blessings which they thoroughly appreciate!

It is finding God in all nature, God in all science, God in all that pertains to

or affects man, which makes our teaching and our life powerful and exalted. Christian teacher, let all your instructions to the young, your prayers, your counsels, your aims, revolve around that central idea, the *advancement of the all-glorious KINGDOM OF JESUS CHRIST!*

The Right Spirit in a Candidate for the Ministry.

The following brief extract is a sample of many letters which reach the office of the Board of Education in our correspondence with candidates for the ministry. These young brethren should be remembered with tender affection in the prayers of all that love the Saviour and His kingdom.

"These gifts are only loaned. If God blesses me with grace and continued health, your favours will be as bread cast on the waters, to return after many days. Each day my soul cries for more thorough consecration.

"May God hear our prayers, and grant me a healthy ambition to spend life in Christ-like labours and zeal."

Severe Trials of a Pastor and Father.

Many of the most promising young men under the care of the Board of Education are the sons of pastors of humble and poor congregations, labouring and suffering "unto blood" for the church they love as their own life. Shall we withhold from those sons the means to fit themselves bravely to take up the weapons which their fathers must in the course of nature lay down? It will be hard to read without moistened eyes, the following appeal in behalf of a dear "first-born, dedicated in prayer to the gospel of Christ," by a father who was willing his son should bear for Jesus' sake, "that which was behind" of Christ's sufferings, and of his own, for His body's sake, which is the church. This devoted man says: "I am obliged to leave here, though in spite of the remonstrances of my brethren, because with the utmost possible retrenchment, I cannot support my family on what I receive, in comfort and decency, and I cannot ask more of the Board of Domestic Missions. I have tried it for three years in vain. I can stand starving. I and my family have more than once been on the verge of it; but I cannot see my children go, —although, I myself have long been threadbare—I almost naked and uneducated. Had not Providence opened for

me a door elsewhere, where I think I can get plain food enough, and decent clothing for my family, and some little culture to my children to fit them for life, I should be compelled, after eighteen years of service in the ministry, with a degree of success that has more than doubled the number of members here in three years, and in every place else I have laboured, to resort to some worldly employment for my daily bread, rendering to the gospel what time I could spare from my avocation. For preach the gospel I will, while I live, come what may. So I leave this field of labour—a field which needs my labours more than ever—but my son will remain behind for the present. I leave him, therefore, to your care and that of the Presbytery. I would rather he would go with us, or that he were at some Presbyterian College; but as he feels he ought for the present to stay and push on his studies, in the hope that ere long there will be a Presbyterian professor at least, at that institution, I feel I ought not to interfere. I trust, however, that I will find a good institution of learning near where I am going, so that I can induce him to come after us and live near us. I want to have my son, my first-born, (dedicated in prayer to the Gospel of Christ) within my reach, and under my influence. The best thing next to that, I can do, is to commit him, under God, to your care, and that of the brethren of the Presbytery."

Coloured Students, their Eagerness for Knowledge.

The Rev. W. L. Miller, in making a report as to coloured students of theology, at Biddle Memorial Institute, in North Carolina, relates the following illustrations of the intense eagerness of these long-oppressed people to acquire knowledge. We ask our Christian friends, Can you withhold from these men the privilege of preaching the everlasting gospel, by not contributing the means which the Board must have in order to aid them?

"We have thirty-four students in attendance, some twenty of whom wish to study for the ministry. The government has given us additional help in

the way of clothing, and we have applied for \$4000, but I fear we will not get it. It would touch your heart to see some of these poor fellows when they first present themselves. One came in to-day. He had walked thirty miles, through the mud and rain. His earthly all consisted of two suits of clothing and a note for \$26. He could read very well, seemed to be an intelligent and earnest Christian, and had come up to get more education, that he might preach. He was raised a Presbyterian, but had joined the Baptists. Another walked eighty miles through the snow, and when he arrived was completely broken down. He spent his last cent on the road. One got out of money, and went two days without anything, except a little broken bread. We

have one here living on bread and water, and he says he wont leave while he can manage to get that. Christians must awake to the importance of this Institution. Let me relate an incident. A wealthy minister of Connecticut, pastor of a large church, was in the South a year ago. He gave us a donation of \$150 or \$200. Last December he was here again, spent two weeks with us, preached in a revival, heard the young men recite, became so much interested that he resigned his charge, accepted an appointment in the Institution as instructor, to labour gratuitously, and his wife will do the same in the parochial school. If the church could see what we see, there would be no lack of funds. Help now is most needed for those poor candidates for the ministry."

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN FEBRUARY, 1868.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Ply of Albany</i> —Gloversville ch	\$4 00
<i>Ply of Allegheny</i> —Slate Lick ch 1; Pleasant Valley ch 7 50	8 50
<i>Ply of Allegheny City</i> —Highland ch	14 00
<i>Ply of Baltimore</i> —Mt Parau ch 3; 1st ch, Baltimore 800	893 00
<i>Ply of Blairsville</i> —Fairfield ch 8; Johnstown ch 36 25	44 25
<i>Ply of Bureau</i> —Woodhull ch	5 00
<i>Ply of Beaver</i> —Slippery Rock ch	10 00
<i>Ply of Carlisle</i> —Chambersburg ch 98 05; Green Castle ch 34	132 05
<i>Ply of Cincinnati</i> —Somerset ch	4 26
<i>Ply of Cedar</i> —Mt Vernon ch 4; Sugar Creek ch 9 20	13 20
<i>Ply of Connecticut</i> —South Salem ch	10 00
<i>Ply of Chippewa</i> —Galesville ch	3 00
<i>Ply of Duquesne</i> —Little Britain ch	13 25
<i>Ply of Duquesne</i> —German ch, Sherrills Mt	9 50
<i>Ply of Elizabethtown</i> —Perth Amboy ch	4 00
<i>Ply of Fairfield</i> —Libertyville ch	2 40
<i>Ply of Fort Wayne</i> —Roanoke ch	3 00
<i>Ply of Dodge</i> —East Friesland Ger ch	2 00
<i>Ply of Huntingdon</i> —Sinking Creek ch 39 75; Sinking Spring ch 57 75; Clearfield ch 12 38	109 88
<i>Ply of Iowa</i> —Evangelical St Peters ch 6; Round Prairie ch 10	16 00
<i>Ply of Luzerne</i> —Tamaqua ch 5; Weatherly ch 3	8 00
<i>Ply of Long Island</i> —Southampton ch 32; Easthampton ch 43 55	75 55
<i>Ply of Madison</i> —Sullivan ch	3 25
<i>Ply of Monmouth</i> —Shrewsbury ch 14; Tennent ch 100; Squan Village ch 3 75; Holmansville ch 4	121 75
<i>Ply of Miami</i> —New Jersey ch	22 25
<i>Ply of New Albany</i> —Charlestown ch	6 45
<i>Ply of New Castle</i> —Kennet Square ch 5; Doe Run ch 6 60	11 60
<i>Ply of New Brunswick</i> —Cranberry ch, special, 14 50; 3d ch Trenton 31 77	54 27
<i>Ply of North River</i> —Calvary ch	15 00
<i>Ply of Nassau</i> —Astoria ch 50; Gorman ch, Williamsburgh 5	55 00
<i>Ply of New York</i> —Fifth Ave and Nineteenth St ch	4,150 50
<i>Ply of New Orleans</i> —First German ch	25 00
<i>Ply of Oregon</i> —Clatsop ch	2 00
<i>Ply of Oxford</i> —Somerville ch	4 00
<i>Ply of Philadelphia</i> —Chester ch Sab-sch 20; Fifteenth ch 19	30 00
<i>Ply of Philadelphia</i> 2d—Providence ch, from a lady	2 50
<i>Ply of Peria</i> —Toulon ch	3 00
<i>Ply of Potomac</i> —Bridge St ch, Georgetown	44 41

<i>Ply of Passaic</i> —German ch, Passaic	2 00
<i>Ply of Philadelphia Central</i> —Concord ch 34; Kensington ch 50	84 00
<i>Ply of Roctone</i> —Georges Creek ch	8 00
<i>Ply of Rochester City</i> —Phelps ch 11 28; Port Byron ch 30 51	41 79
<i>Ply of St Louis</i> —Zoar ch 6 30; Emanuel ch 10; "Little Lotue" 3	19 30
<i>Ply of Saltburg</i> —Concord ch 10 25; Washington ch 5 30; Leechburg ch 18 66	34 41
<i>Ply of Sangamon</i> —First ch Springfield, special, 26; Decatur ch 15 35	41 35
<i>Ply of St Clairsville</i> —Concord ch	7 75
<i>Ply of St Minnesota</i> —Ashland ch 2; Clermont ch 2; Kasson ch 1	5 00
<i>Ply of Steubenville</i> —Centre Unity ch, from Hanna Fund	91 33
<i>Ply of Susquehanna</i> —Elkland ch 2; Fall Brook ch 4	6 00
<i>Ply of U Missouri</i> —Albany ch	1 00
<i>Ply of Winnetago</i> —Fond du Lac ch	10 00
<i>Ply of Washington</i> —New Cumberland ch	30 00
<i>Ply of Wooster</i> —Jackson ch	9 20
<i>Ply of Zanesville</i> —McConnellsville ch	9 20

\$6,336 13

LEGACIES.

Carlisle, estate of Matthew Parton	\$5 00
Mrs Elizabeth S Field, Philadelphia	25 00
	\$30 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

East Aurora ch 7 50; Mrs J C DeKlyn, Ironton, N Y 5; "T B," Cincinnati 5	17 50
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II. FUND FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, &c.

<i>Ply of Baltimore</i> —Westminster ch	\$14 25
<i>Ply of Nassau</i> —East Williamsburgh ch	15 00
<i>Ply of New York</i> —Union Meeting 1st ch N Y 1,875 95; Fourth ch 22 56	1898 51
<i>Ply of Philadelphia Central</i> —Seventh ch 9 50; West Arch St ch 65 00; Second and Tenth ch Union Meeting 45; Kensington ch 6	125 50
	\$2,053 35

Total amount acknowledged, \$8,436 98

WILLIAM MAIN, Treasurer.

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Recent Intelligence.

A CHURCH HIGHLY FAVOURED.—The Rev. J. R. Ramsay, writing from the Seminole country under the dates of February 12th and 20th, gives some interesting information concerning the progress of the mission; for details at some length, see the *Foreign Missionary* of this month. The church was organized, as our readers may remember, in February of last year, with sixty-six members, of whom twenty-three were received on examination. The Ruling Elders were then ordained. Since that time the Holy Spirit has been manifestly present with power in the religious meetings; thirty-six persons have been added to the church on examination, one by letter, and two who had fallen away were restored to church privileges on giving suitable evidence of repentance. The whole number of church members reorganized and received is one hundred and five, besides eight infant children baptized. The actual number of communicants is not quite so large, a few having been removed by death. Among the members are some who should probably be encouraged to prepare for usefulness as catechists, teachers, or perhaps eventually as ministers of the gospel. The members of this church are liberal, in proportion to their small means, in supporting the gospel among themselves, and in their gifts at Monthly Concert meetings to send the gospel to those who are still heathen.

To the church at Tallahassee, Creek Nation, three members were added on examination during the year to the fourteen who were reorganized as a church. And to the church at Grand Traverse Bay, among the Chippewas, three new members were added during the year.

GOOD NEWS FROM CHINA.—The Rev. Samuel Dodd writes, on the 8th of January:—"On last Sabbath was communion here at Hangchow, and four adults were admitted to the church out of ten who applied for admission. Of the ten, one was an old man who was employed by Dr. Culbertson as a teacher in translating the Bible; another was a man who has been connected as a servant with some of the mission families for a number of years. I had almost ceased to hope for him, though not to pray for him; four were from the boys' school. Of course, we regard conversions in the school with special interest. Five out of seven applicants were baptized at Bing-yiao yesterday."

Writing at Shanghai, January 16th, the Rev. J. M. W. Farnham says:—"I think four boys and four girls of the boarding school united with the church during the year covered by this report. A week ago, last Sabbath, [subsequent to the report,] twelve more were received." Nearly all the scholars, who are not communicants, express a strong desire publicly to profess Christ; more than thirty applicants for admission were examined by the Church Session. Besides the twelve scholars, two other persons were admitted to the communion, and three children were baptized. Dr. Farnham could well say, "It was a glorious day for our little church when the Lord added a number equal to one half of the membership."

At Tungchow also the brethren are meeting with much to encourage them in their work. The chapel was crowded, and a number of persons were regarded as inquirers. One of the boys from the boarding school was received into the

church, and another it was expected soon would be. Fifteen new members had been received during the year.

CHURCH DEDICATED.—INSTALLATION SERVICE.—MEMBERS ADDED TO THE CHURCH, YU-YIAO, IN CHINA.—In a letter dated November 27th, the Rev. S. Dodd writes of having returned from a pleasant meeting of Presbytery at Yu-yiao, Ningpo Mission, and a happy communion service there, where five adults and six children were baptized. The dedication of the new church at that place, the gift of Mr. William Rankin, of Newark, N. J., was an event of great interest; the house was crowded with hearers from morning to night, and each member of Presbytery took a part of the services. Affecting recollections were revived of the lamented young pastor, Mr. Ling-yin, whose labours were commenced in 1863 at this place, with but five church members on the list; now there are eighty-nine, most of them admitted to the church under his ministry. Mr. Dodd speaks of his having often united in prayer with this native pastor that a church building might be given, and a self-supporting church established at Yu-yiao. These prayers have been answered as to the former, and they will be as to the latter. The Rev. Mr. Bao Kwong-hyi was installed by Presbytery as the pastor of this church, after having been the stated supply for a year. "The same spirit," Mr. Dodd says, "seems to rest upon him," as on his predecessor, Mr. Ling-yin. . . . "There has been no communion season since he went there, at which some have not been baptized from among the heathen."

BIBLE TRANSLATION IN JAPAN.—Dr. Hepburn writes, Yokohama, January 24th, that the Gospel of Matthew was finished to the end of the twenty-sixth chapter. After completing the translation of this Gospel, it would be revised and sent to the missionaries and other parties in Japan for their examination. "The country is in a very disordered state," Dr. Hepburn says. "Civil war can hardly be averted. Our missionary friends, in that event, would not likely be exposed to danger, nor other foreigners at Yokohama."

ARRIVAL OUT OF MISSIONARIES.—Dr. and Mrs. Kerr, and Miss Noyes arrived at Canton, January 14th; Rev. J. Butler at Shanghai, January 14th; Rev. R. Lennington, Mrs. Lennington, and Mrs. Schneider, at Rio de Janeiro, January 24th—all well. [The Rev. W. T. Morrison and family sailed on the 11th of February, not January, as printed in our last issue.]

LETTERS RECEIVED TO MARCH 14th, besides those referred to above, are from Monrovia, January 10th; Sindu, January 15th; Rawal Pindi, January 2d; Lahor, January 3d; Dehra, January 3d, in which the Rev. J. S. Woodside mentions the baptism of a converted Rajpoot on the second Sabbath of January; Allahabad, January 24th; Bangkok, December 2d, speaking of liberal gifts, including a lithographic press, stone and rollers for the Mission to the Laos, by friends in Bangkok; and a note from the Rev. J. Wilson, of December 20th, written after being thirteen days on his journey to Chieng-Mai, himself and family all well; Canton, January 15th; Ningpo, January 11th; Peking, December 23d; San Francisco, February —; Rio de Janeiro, January 28th; Sao Paulo, January 17th; Bogota, January 17th.

Girls' Boarding School at Ningpo.

Its Superintendence.

Soon after the charge of the female school devolved upon the present superintendants, it seemed advisable, for reasons principally connected with the ill health of Mr. and Mrs. Lu, that they should be released from all responsibility connected with it, and that the

foreign superintendants should assume the whole oversight, [which is still continued, September 30, 1867].

Its Scholars.

The number of pupils in the school in October, 1866, was sixteen. Of these four have left to be married, two have been dismissed as unpromising; one who has been blind for sixteen years,

and whose relatives are either dead or have forsaken her, has been provided with a home in the family of one of the native Christians at Bao-ko-tah, the mission paying her expenses. There she seems happy and useful, and from her ability to repeat hymns and chapters from the Bible, makes herself a welcome inmate, and we trust may prove a blessing to those around her by imparting to them some of the instruction which she has received in our school. The present number of pupils is fifteen (one of them at present temporarily absent). Of these five are communicant members of the Ningpo and Yu-yiao churches, nine are the children or grandchildren of our church members, and one is the sister of a church member.

From what families received.

In receiving new pupils, our aim has been to select them from the children of church members; having a better hope of a blessing upon our instructions in their cases, than where the pupils are the children of heathen parents, whose sole object in putting their children into the school is to be relieved of the expense of supporting them. Another consideration leading us to make this selection is, that many of our fellow Christians are very poor, and they have sometimes caused the pastors and elders of the native churches no little grief and anxiety, by betrothing their daughters when very young to heathen husbands, because they themselves felt really unable to support them. The general health of the pupils has been good, two slight cases of remitting fever, and a few cases of mild ophthalmia, having been the only maladies.

Their Studies.

The studies pursued have been as follows:

1st Class. In the Chinese character they have memorized the Gospel according to Mark with the Commentary, and "The Guide to Heaven," and have practised writing the Chinese character. In the Romanized Colloquial, they have been exercised in arithmetic, and in writing and reading aloud the Romanized Colloquial.

2d Class. The same, omitting "The Guide to Heaven," and substituting geography for arithmetic.

3d Class. Mark (without the Commentary) in the Chinese character, and "Line upon Line," in the Romanized Colloquial, have been committed to memory by them, and they have been ex-

ercised in writing the Chinese character and the Romanized Colloquial.

4th Class. The same studies, except "Line upon Line," instead of which they have committed to memory "The Peep of Day," in the Romanized Colloquial.

5th Class. They have committed to memory the "Three Character Classic," in the Chinese Character, and have learned to read the Romanized Colloquial.

The studies in the Chinese Character have been pursued under a Chinese teacher, the superintendent has examined them on these studies three times a week. The instruction in the Romanized Colloquial dialect has been entirely given by Mrs. McCartee, who has during five days of each week spent from two and a half to three hours a day in so doing.

Their Religious Privileges.

The superintendent has conducted family worship every day with exposition of the Scripture read, and occasional questions to the pupils on the portions read, and a kind of lecture has been given every Sabbath evening. Mrs. McCartee has also had Bible classes with the girls every Sabbath, at which times such of the girls as were professors of religion have been called upon to lead in prayer. All the pupils have been talked with, many of them repeatedly, upon the subject of their souls' salvation, and at times several of them have shown an encouraging amount of interest in the subject. They have repeatedly held prayer meetings among themselves, and four of them applied to the session of the Ningpo church to be admitted to the communion of the church. One of these has been received, and of the others we have no doubts as to their sincerity, although we did not feel quite prepared to urge upon the Session their baptism at this time. In submitting this report, the Superintendent appointed by the Mission feels that it would have come with much more justice from Mrs. McCartee, upon whom the greater part of the labour and care has devolved.

D. B. McCARTEE.

Report of California Mission for 1867.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal. February 1st, A. D. 1868, being the ninth day of the first month of the seventh year of the Emperor Tung Chi, and the year Mau

Shin, which is the fifth of the eightieth cycle of sixty years—the same being the tenth year of the Mission to the Chinese in California, and eight years and a half since the missionary now in the field first entered this work.

One year ago to-day he returned to his former labours, after an absence of ten months; the missionary work, however, had not been suspended, but had been well cared for by other labourers.

The work during the year from Feb. 1st, 1867, to Feb. 1st, 1868, has been prosecuted much as in former years.

Notices of Members of the Church.

The members of the church have become scattered about somewhat.

Kum Lum, who from the time of his uniting with the church has ever manifested a lively interest in its welfare, left for Idaho, May 7th. He corresponds with us, inquires concerning the church, prays for us, and desires our prayers for himself.

Leang San Chuen embarked for China, July 3d. Whether he will return to this country we do not know.

So To Ming left for China in company with Dr. Kerr and party, December 4th.

The plan respecting him is, that he join the theological class conducted by the Canton Mission, and that he give such attention to the study of medicine as may be practicable, under the direction of Dr. Kerr.

His knowledge of the Chinese, his taste for the study of English, in which he has advanced very well, considering his opportunities, and his knowledge of the Scriptures and the Christian doctrines, and his naturally bright mind give us reason to hope much concerning him if grace is given unto him abundantly.

Tam Ching, who left for China, January 1st, 1867, and joined the theological class in Canton, continues to please and encourage his instructors.

May these young men be the special objects of the Saviour's care; may they grow in knowledge, in wisdom, in self-consecration, that in due time they may become workmen that need not be ashamed.

Leang Teh Foo returned from China May 27th, and located in San Francisco.

Immediately after his baptism in May, 1862, he went to Sacramento, thence to Virginia City, Nevada Territory, thence to Austin, and afterwards a hundred miles farther into the desert. Great were our fears concerning him

In the summer of 1866, he came back to this city, reported himself at the Mission, and returned to China in a ship in which Dr. MacGowan and wife were passengers, who speak well of his department. But so much wandering and exposure to had influences is unfavourable to rapid growth in grace.

"Not far from the Kingdom of God."

Two individuals, from their steady attendance upon the means of grace, from their eagerness to learn, their observance of our forms of worship, their boldness to declare their belief in the doctrines of the Cross, and other favourable indications have given us reason to hope that the Spirit might be working in their hearts.

One of these, Kai Wo, left for China, September 18th. He is now beyond the reach of our care, and were he still here, we possess no means by which to change his heart. However far off he goes that Spirit may also go, whose office is to take of the things of Christ and show them unto men.

Chen Chung, who, two and a half years ago, wrote from North San Wan, representing himself as a disciple, and asking for Bibles and religious books, came down to San Francisco, in November, en route for his home on the southern sea-board of the Canton Province. His appearance was that of a devout Christian, and, although for a long time dwelling amongst those who care for none of these things, he has evidently been growing in knowledge and holding fast his profession.

During that month of his stay in this city, we kept him almost constantly at work, the assistant taking him frequently with him in his visits for reading and conversation; care being taken, on such occasions, to find those people who use the dialect spoken by Chen Chung.

Another man came down from Idaho to embark for his native land. Since his sojourn with us a few years since, he has appeared friendly to the religion of Jesus. While in business at Folsom in this State, he was accustomed to send for books for his own reading, and for distribution, and to furnish him with arguments with which to oppose the advocates of idolatry and superstition. Through all the weeks of this, his recent visit to the city, he was absent from none of our meetings, and sometimes came to be present at family worship; and ever seemed glad of an opportunity to express his belief in and regard for the religion of the Bible.

May He, who hath begun this good work in him, perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

There are others whose steady attendance at the chapel, and whose good attention while present, is cause of gratification and hope.

Native Missionary Labourers.

A member of the church, Mung Man, was employed as a colporteur amongst his countrymen for a period of six months, from July 1st to the close of December.

He was sometimes employed in San Francisco and its immediate neighbourhood, but most of the time was spent in the interior; first at Sacramento and towns easy of access by roads leading from the capital; afterwards at Stockton and the towns lying back of it.

The assistant has enjoyed good health throughout the year and has well improved his time; serving when required as our teacher in the Chinese, also, as assistant in the chapel services, and as what might be termed a colporteur or Bible reader.

For the Chinese in San Francisco.

Much time and labour has been expended upon the Chinese living in this city, as well as upon the many strangers, of whom there are at all times many, tarrying here for a longer or shorter period.

Great numbers of workshops, boarding and lodging houses, and other places of concourse have been visited, and most of them repeatedly, where portions of Scripture, tracts, and discourses have been read, with much time occupied in conversation.

In no previous year has the Sabbath-school been so well attended as this.

A few persons have aided as teachers, and the school affords more encouragement as a means of usefulness. A great hindrance to usefulness, however, still exists, owing to the want of regularity both in the scholars and the teachers.

The scholars are by no means all young children; most of them are lads and young men, with a few middle-aged men.

During several months of the year an evening school was taught in the basement of the house by a person who was hoping that the Board of Public School Instruction would accept him as one of their teachers, and allow him a salary; this object has at last been accomplished, and the school is now under the care of the Board of Education, the teacher's salary being paid by them, we furnishing the room gratuitously.

The average attendance in the Sunday-school has been	45
Sabbath, 2 o'clock, P. M.,	52
" evening,	29
Thursday " "	32

For the Chinese in the Interior of the State.

Visits have been made by the missionary to the Chinese in Oakland and its neighbourhood, San Jose, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Stockton, Petaluma, and amongst the thousands of Chinese labourers engaged on the Union Pacific Railroad over the Sierras.

Besides the tracts and portions of Scripture distributed by the colporteur and ourselves, many parcels have been sent to brethren in distant towns, to be distributed amongst those who otherwise could not have been reached.

In all these labours there has been working and exhortation, with long-suffering and doctrine.

Seed has been cast upon the waters; the promise encourages us to hope that after many days some persons may reap the harvest.

The Discouragement and the Hopes of Success.

The discouragements peculiar to this field have been no greater this year than ever before, but never before have they lain so heavily upon our shoulders, or sunk with such a weight upon our heart. The lamentation, "Who hath believed our report?" has been often on our lips, but the Comforter, who is never far off, has often come to lift up our head, and to say, "Be not weary in well doing."

A correspondence has been opened by this church with the native churches at the different missions in China; we hope the effect may be to provoke one another to love and good works.

The year has passed without any additions to the church. We must add (with great grief we do it) that the love of some of our members has grown very cold. Nothing in our experience is so hard to bear as this.

Public exhortation or private entreaty does not kindle the flame. The prayers of God's people might direct hitherward some of the fannings of that wind which once shook the plate where the Apostles were assembled, and which is yet to stir the whole valley of dry bones. Will the church withhold those prayers?

General Views of the Work.

The number of Chinese in California has not increased during the year, but

more have returned to China than have arrived.

Mining has become less remunerative, but other branches of industry are steadily opening to them.

The Chinese go and come like the tides of the ocean, and by this coming and going many old beliefs are unsettled, prejudices are shaken, if not uprooted, and knowledge is carried to places, to hamlets, to families in the interior of China, which, but for this coming and returning might not for many years be received.

Often are we surprised at the amount of knowledge respecting Christ and his doctrines which we find people in possession of; and go where we will, we find many people who knew enough to tell their neighbours how they may find the way to heaven.

China's hundreds of millions are to have the Gospel given them, and we are their debtors till this work shall be accomplished.

There are obstacles, barriers, heavy bulwarks in our way, but nothing too strong for the Almighty, nothing strong enough to withstand the weapons of our warfare; indeed, the gates of hell itself might be demolished by them, nor need we hesitate to go on that expedition should our commander give the word, and himself lead us on.

REV. A. W. LOOMIS.

Many gods worshipped in China.

The Chinese think there are a great many gods, some male and others female. It is hard to say which they regard as their supreme god, or whether they have any such. They commonly worship *Tien*, which seems to mean the same with them that heaven does to us. They also worship the sun and the earth. They also worship *Tien-how*, the queen of heaven. She is also called *Kwan Zin*, and is the patron goddess of sailors. *Loong Wang*, or the *Dragon King*, is the god of rivers. Then they have also the god of learning, the god of riches, and a very great many others. Then, besides these gods, there are the spirits of their ancestors, and a great many other spirits that they worship. There are, for instance, the spirits of the mountains, and the spirits of the hills, and the spirits of the valleys, and the spirits of rivers and brooks, and the

spirits of trees, and the spirits of rocks, and the spirits of roads and bridges, and nobody knows how many others. I will tell you some of the ways in which they worship them, and these are things that I have seen myself, and know to be true.

The principal way in which they worship these gods and spirits, is by burning incense before them, offering them pieces of gilt or silvered paper, and making sacrifices, either of animals, or of some other kind of food and drink. The incense that they burn, is commonly either sandal wood, which gives a very pleasant odor when burnt, or else a kind of composition made of the dust of sandal wood and other substances, which is formed into little sticks, about as large as a common goose quill. These sticks are called *Joss-sticks*. They are sold in almost every shop by the hundred, and there is hardly a person in China who does not use a great many of them every year.

I have often seen these joss-sticks burning at the foot of a large tree by the roadside. They were lighted and placed there by travellers, in order that the spirit of the wood might not injure them as they went on their journey. This is a very common thing. So it is when they are going anywhere in a boat. They light a parcel of these joss-sticks, and set some of them around the mast of the boat, and place some others before the idol in the cabin, for almost every boat has its idol. I once offered a boatman a dollar for an old dirty ugly idol in one corner of his boat, but he told me no—he would not take three hundred dollars for it, because it brought him all his good luck; and when the boat starts, they commonly light some bits of silvered paper, and waving them up and down, throw them into the water. This I have often seen done, and commonly I have observed that it was done by a boy, or by the youngest person in the boat. I once asked a man why he did so, and what answer do you think he gave? He said it was an *offering to the devil and to evil spirits*, that they might be propitious to them, and not hinder or injure them on their voyage! O how sad it made me to see them so given up to believe a lie!—*Rev. Walter M. Lowrie*. 1842.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN FEBRUARY, 1863.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—First ch Amsterdam Village 26 86, mo con 18 42; First ch Amsterdam 18 65; Tribes Hill ch 14 45; Balston

Centre ch 36 15; Gloversville ch 26, W J Heacock 100, Rebecca Brown 30, for *Life member*; Charleston ch 22 25; Bull Creek ch 16; Kingsborough ch

280. *Pby of Londonderry*—Second ch Newburyport 100, Sab sch 60 10. *Pby of Troy*—Park ch Troy 67; First ch Stillwater 67 824 85

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY. *Pby of Allegheny*—Westminster ch 5; Buffalo ch 5; New Salem ch 10; Portersville ch 7 05; Central ch 60, Mission Sab sch for sch at Tungechow 48 75; North Butler ch 5 50; Concord ch 18 50; Glade Run ch 10 50; Worthington ch 19 50; Freeport ch 108 77. *Pby of Allegheny City*—Sewickly ch 200, Sab sch for debt 50; Sharpsburg ch 50 10; Emsworth ch 6 60; First ch Allegheny 181 25. *Pby of Beaver*—New Castle ch 60, Sab sch for debt 210 18, dying bequest of little boy 1; Mahoning ch 22 26; Neshannock ch 142 24; New Salem ch 14 53; Clarksville ch 35; Slippery Rock ch 10; West Middlesex ch 37; Unity ch 39 32; Westfield ch 120. *Pby of Erie*—Georgetown ch 22 75 1,486 80

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE. *Pby of Baltimore*—Tarrytown ch 130; Thordale Seminary Missionary Society 25, mo con 5, Sab sch 2; Patapsco Sab sch for Corisco 30; First ch Baltimore 2,108 11, Mrs Brown 1,000; Frederick ch 37; Second ch Baltimore 200; Westminster ch Baltimore 343, Mission Sab sch 32. *Pby of Carlsale*—Silver Spring ch 34 60, Estate of Matthew Patton deceased 5; Hartsburg Sab sch for Rio chapel 1,000; Middle Spring ch 6 50; Wells Valley ch 16 25. *Pby of Lees*—Pitts Creek ch Newtown Sab sch 29. *Pby of Potomac*—Bridge st ch Georgetown 97 23; Seventh st ch Washington 8 70; New York Avenue ch Washington 57 67 5,167 11

SYNOD OF BUFFALO. *Pby of Genesee River*—Portageville ch 8 40, Sab sch 5; Tuscarora ch 4. *Pby of Ogdensburg*—Morristown ch 8; Second ch Oswego 30. *Pby of Rochester City*—First ch Wheatland 25 80 40

SYNOD OF CHICAGO. *Pby of Bureau*—Arlington ch 5; Calvary ch 10 50; Woodhull ch 10; Rev D L Dickey 5; Coal Valley ch 2 15. *Pby of Chicago*—Victor ch 5; Fullerton ave ch Chicago 70; North ch Chicago 278 43. *Pby of Rock River*—Rev Edward Wright 2; Sterling ch 47 50; German ch Galena 7 09; German ch Forrester Grove 11. *Pby of Warren*—Monmouth ch Mission Infant Sab sch 2 56; Oneida ch 10 25 466 99

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI. *Pby of Chillicothe*—Washington ch 18; Union ch 15; North Fork ch 43 75; Pisgah ch 100; Lyndon Sab sch for Bogota chapel 10; Salem ch 138. *Pby of Cincinnati*—Lebanon ch 6; First ch Cincinnati 127; Pleasant Ridge ch 30 15; Fifth ch Cincinnati 36 62; Seventh ch Cincinnati mo con 12 52. *Pby of Miami*—Second ch Springfield 100; Xenia ch 89 81, Sab sch 54 19; Brick ch South Charleston Sab sch 2; Gettysburg ch 17 90; First ch Dayton Sab sch 59 04; First ch Springfield 78 75; Dicks Creek ch 25. *Pby of Oxford*—Hamilton ch 64. *Pby of Sidney*—Buck Creek ch 5 1,110 78

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS. *Pby of Bloomington*—Union Grove ch 15; Waynesville Sab sch Ebenezer Davenport 10; Farm Ridge ch 17 36; Towanda Sab sch for debt 6. *Pby of Kaskaskia*—Galum ch 5; Greenville ch 26 80; Zion German ch 5 75; St John's German ch 8 75; Hillsboro ch 20 60; Pleasant Ridge ch 7 55; Moro ch 5; Rockwood ch 12, Sab sch 3. *Pby of Peoria*—Prospect ch to con David Henry and W Jones *Life members* 65 70; Salem ch 7 40; Toulon ch 3; Farmington ch 10; First ch Peoria Sab sch 50; Elmwood ch 17 45. *Pby of Saline*—Salem ch 6 50; Odin ch 11 40. *Pby of Sangamon*—Third ch Springfield 12 70; First ch Decatur 40 25 362 21

SYNOD OF INDIANA. *Pby of Indianapolis*—Bloomington ch 20; Franklin ch 39, Sab sch 11. *Pby of Madison*—Lexington ch 19; Donaldson ch 10; Seipio ch 5 30. *Pby of New Albany*—Livonia ch 6; Orleans ch 4; Sharon ch 3; Jeffersonville ch 37 05. *Pby of Vincennes*—Upper Indiana ch 9; Carlisle ch 10; Sullivan ch 2 25. *Pby of White Water*—Ebenezer ch 7 50; Brookville ch 12 07, Sab sch for debt 4 33; Cambridge ch 4; Metamora ch 3 75; Centreville ch 6 304 65

SYNOD OF IOWA. *Pby of Cedar*—Summit ch 18^s Sab sch class No 1 for debt 2; Long Grove ch 6; Springfield ch 8; Tipton ch 33 91, Sab sch 18 97; New York ch 4; Mt Vernon ch 10, Sab sch 2. *Pby of Dubuque*—Franklin Sab sch 168; Independence

ch 14 89; Milo ch 4 25; Scotch Grove ch 13. *Pby of Fort Dodge*—Ostfriesland ch 2. *Pby of Vin-ton*—Salem ch 14 150 50

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY. *Pby of Ebenezer*—J M Preston Burlington 80. *Pby of Louisville*—Fourth ch Louisville 24 80; Walnut st ch Louisville 40 60. *Pby of West Lexington*—First ch Lexington 35; Second ch Lexington 325 40 455 80

SYNOD OF MISSOURI. *Pby of Palmyra*—Athens ch 4 30. *Pby of Potosi*—Ironton ch 26 75; Irondale ch 13. *Pby of St Louis*—Zoar ch 16; First ch St Charles 13; Emanuel ch 10; Kirkwood ch 35, Sab sch 5 55; Washington ch 35 70. *Pby of Southwest Missouri*—Deepwater ch 5. *Pby of Upper Missouri*—Albany ch 1; Parkville ch 10; Mirabeau ch 10; Dawn ch 7 191 30

SYNOD OF NASHVILLE. *Pby of Holston*—Salem ch 10; Mt Bethel ch 10 20 00

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—Metuchen ch 95 16; Baskingridge ch 60. *Pby of Luzerne*—Kingston ch 35 82; Eckley ch 15 75; White Haven ch 4 50; Weatherly ch 14 50; Charlie Penrose three years old 1 50; First ch Scranton 228; Mauch Chunk Sab sch for debt 237, infant sch for debt 14 50; Tamaqua ch 20. *Pby of Monmouth*—Squam Village ch 6 30; Tennent ch 200. *Pby of Neaton*—Lower Mt Bethel ch 27 45; Harmony ch 52 35; Newton ch 250; Fredonia Sab sch add'l 1 70; Philipsburg ch 23 75, Sab sch for debt 9 50, and Union Sab sch for debt 1 50. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Second ch Trenton 11 40; Kingston ch 32 10; Ewing ch 25; First ch Trenton 3 30; Third ch Trenton 83 33. *Pby of Passaic*—First ch Morristown mo con 22; Springfield ch 74 11; Wickliffe ch mo con 9 25; Boiling Spring ch mo con 13 24; Third ch Newark for Rio chapel 79 78; Young People's Missionary Society 168 98; Mt Freedom ch 62 05. *Pby of Baritan*—Musconnetcong Valley ch 20, Sab sch 6 50; New Hampton Sab sch 21 50; Milford ch 12. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Orwell ch 8 80, Sab sch 1 20; Elkland ch 10; Canton ch 15; Fall Brook ch 6; Rome ch 3; Stevensville ch 4; Rushville ch 2; Barclay ch 14 02. *Pby of West Jersey*—Williamstown ch 50; First ch Bridgeton 425; Second ch Bridgeton Mission Sab sch 5; Fislerville ch 26 25; Pittsgrove ch 51 55; Salem ch 80 2,991 44

SYNOD OF NEW YORK. *Pby of Connecticut*—South-east Centre ch 10 45; Rye ch 11 50; South Salem ch 12; Miss Lucy J Wooda; Sab sch 15; Bedford ch 76 50; Thompsonville ch 40. *Pby of Hudson*—Washingtonville ch 12; Florida ch 5; Mt Hope ch 44 25. *Pby of Long Island*—Fresh Ponds ch 18; Sab sch 11; Second ch Huntington 52; Amagansett ch 6 50. *Pby of Nassau*—First ch Brooklyn mo con 35 63; Astoria ch mo con 23 91, Mission sch 25; Hempstead ch 16 91; Woodhaven ch 15 60, Sab sch for debt 3 62; Geneva ch 10, bal of *Life member's* 69 85; South Third st ch Williamsburg mo con 40 18; Ainslie st ch Williamsburg 109 50. *Pby of New York*—First ch New York mo con 189 55; Brick ch mo con 112 40; Mission ch mo con 14 60; Chelsea ch mo con 26; First ch Jersey City 436 35; mo con 68 50, Sab sch 50; University Place ch mo con 25; Fifth ave and 19th st Sab sch for debt 46 85. *Pby of New York 2d*—Mt Washington ch 100. *Pby of North River*—Cold Spring Sab sch 6; Marlboro ch annual con 24 45, mo con 15 95, Sab sch 24 00; Middle Hope ch 16, Sab sch 4 1,928 32

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA. *Pby of Crawfordville*—First ch Terre Haute 24 20; Waveland ch 21; New Hope ch 5. *Pby of Fort Wayne*—Liberty ch 10; Roanoke ch 5. *Pby of Lake*—First ch Goshen 25 56, Sab sch 50; Mullensburg ch 8 25; First ch La Porte Sab sch for debt 14. *Pby of Logansport*—First ch Lafayette 33 37; Perrysburg ch 6 50; Indian Creek ch 5. *Pby of Muncie*—New Castle ch 7 25 210 13

SYNOD OF OHIO. *Pby of Columbus*—Blendon Sab sch for Siam 10. *Pby of Marion*—Delaware ch 13. *Pby of Richmond*—Vermillion Institute 20; Chesterville ch 10 60; Perrysville ch 32 10; Clear Fork ch 4 75; Mt Vernon ch 45 10; Hayesville ch 40 30; Millwood ch 5; Mt Pleasant ch 10 25, Sab sch 14. *Pby of Wooster*—Wooster ch 37 94, Sab sch for debt 44 06; Congress Sab sch for debt 3; Wayne Sab sch for debt 4; East Canaan Sab sch for debt

238; Jackson ch 19 20, Sab sch for debt 16 06; Apple Creek ch 19, Sab sch 26; Holmesville ch 11; Orrville ch 5. *Pky of Zanewille*—McConnellsville ch 28 15; Buffalo ch 27; Second ch Zanewille 35; Salem German ch 12 495 91

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pky of Benicia*—Napa City ch 25; Westminster ch 13 25. *Pky of California*—Watsonville ch Mrs Silliman for India 14; First ch San Francisco mo con 43 90, Rev Charles Russell 5. *Pky of Oregon*—Brownsville ch 6; Presbyterian ch Jackson County 20 127 15

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pky of Donegal*—Hopewell ch 13; Centre ch 17. *Pky of Huntingdon*—Bellefonte ch 177 01; Spruce Creek ch 4 25; Pine Grove ch 7 25, Sab sch for debt 19 60, for Siam 10 50. Sewing Society 40; Waynesburg Sab sch for debt 30; Lick Run ch 12; Alexander ch 120; First ch Hollidaysburg Female Foreign Missionary Society for Girls Orphan School, Allahabad 80 10; Sinking Valley ch 7; West Kishacoquillas 95; Milroy ch 120; Williamsburg ch 60. *Pky of New Castle*—White Clay Creek and Head of Christians ch 25; Oxford ch 228; Doe Run ch 10 65. *Pky of Northumberland*—Lycoming ch 23, Sab sch for debt 15; Mahoning ch 143 77. *Pky of Philadelphia*—First ch Chester 55, Sab sch 25, for debt 120; Tenth ch Philadelphia add'l 408; Woodland ch 92 90; West Spruce ch a widow 3. *Pky of Philadelphia Central*—Central ch Philadelphia Wm Thomson 5; Second ch Philadelphia E C B 5; Chockosink ch Infant Sab sch 7 75; Spring Garden ch Miss Smith 100, Miss Greenleaf 100, J Coombs 50, H D Gregory 50, Rev James Clark 20, W D Duff 10, E Hocker 10, R L Herkness 5, H H Shillingford 5, E C Granger 5, W R Granger 5, J P Hall 5, H C Cochran 10, other collections 149 54; North ch Philadelphia half mo con 95 06; Kensington Sab sch for debt 120. *Pky of Philadelphia 2d*—First ch Germantown 593 30; Bensalem ch 16, Sab sch 12 15; Providence ch a lady 2 50; Pottsdam ch 19; Newtown ch 43 52; Conashocken ch 10; Spring Hill Sab sch 4; Abington ch mo con 82 07 3,443 97

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pky of Blairsville*—Wilkinsburg ch 33 20; New Alexandria Sab sch for debt 13 85; Beulah ch 29 92; Congruity ch 34 20; Black Lick ch 16; Fairfield ch 15. *Pky of Clarion*—Callensburg ch 9, Sab sch for debt 5; Concord ch 5, Sab sch for debt 2; Licking ch 23 50; Leatherwood ch 15 50; Emlement ch 8; Middle Creek ch 17; Oak Grove ch 3; Bethesda ch 30. *Pky of Ohio*—Monongahela City ch 52 35; West Elizabeth Sab sch 2 50; Forrest Grove ch 11; Millers Run ch 22; Chartiers ch 116 65, Sab sch for debt 17 26; Bellefield ch 41 58, Miss C Foster proceeds of fair 25 25; Lawrenceville ch Ladies Mite Society 90; First ch Pittsburg 742 60. *Pky of Redstone*—Uniontown Sab sch for debt 7 87; New Providence ch 5; Little Redstone Sab sch to con Stephen R Nutt *Life member*, 30; First ch M'Keesport 42 20; Rehoboth ch 45 55; Spring Hill Furnace ch 3, Sab sch 10; Brownsville ch 20; Georges Creek ch 12; Sewickley ch 32 85. *Pky of Saltsburg*—Appley Manor ch 8 05; Crooked Creek ch 5 50; Cherry Run ch 888² Cherry Tree ch 30, Sab sch for debt 4; Bethesda ch 6 20; Parnassus ch 15 22; Elderton ch 9 36; Rural Valley ch James M'Cash 4 40, Sab sch for debt 23 36; Ebenezer ch 32 90; Boiling Spring ch 38 66; Elders Ridge ch 25 19; West Lebanon ch 19 25; Smixburg and Plumville chs 15 1,385 80

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pky of Chippewa*—Galesville ch 3; Sab sch 2. Lansing Sab sch for debt 7; Calcedonia ch 9, Sab sch 8; Sheldon ch 6; Yucatan Station 3. *Pky of St Paul*—First ch Rockford 6; Medina ch 3 68. *Pky of Minnesota*—First ch Lake City 13 25, Sab sch for debt 6 75; Owatona ch for Brasil Mission 15; Austin ch 2; Claremont ch 3; Kasson ch 1 88 68

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pky of Findlay*—Truro Sab sch for debt 5. *Pky of Maumee*—Bryan ch 16; Hicksville ch 9 85; Union ch 8 70, Lawrence M Junkin's missionary box 1 45; Unity ch 6; Mt Salem ch 8; Eagle Creek ch 3 70. *Pky of Michigan*—Concord ch Carpe Lake 20 72 70

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pky of Des Moines*—Albia ch 4; Des Moines ch 42 60; Chariton ch 8. *Pky of Fairfield*—Liberty ch 4; Lafayette ch 4;

Birmingham ch 12 95 William Elliott 14 85. *Pky of Iowa*—Union ch Fort Madison 12 65, Sab sch 6 85. *Pky of Missouri River*—First ch Nebraska 23 65; Brownsville ch 21 153 45

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pky of New Lisbon*—Liberty ch 5 10. *Pky of Steubenville*—Beech Spring ch 35, for debt 15; Oak Ridge ch 8 50, Sab sch for debt 5; Big Spring ch 11; Bloomfield ch 21 16, Sab sch 18 53, and Willie M Hervey's missionary box 1 31 for debt; Centre Unity ch Hanna Fund 91 35; Wellsville ch 53, Sab sch 18; Bethlehem ch 15; Waynesburg ch, add'l 18. *Pky of St Clairsville*—Rook Hill ch 30 30; Mt Pleasant ch 53 93. *Pky of Washington*—Fairview ch 20, for debt 10; Forks of Wheeling ch 170; Upper Buffalo ch 54; Three Springs ch 7; Hollidays Cove ch 15; First ch Wheeling 130; Frankfort ch 60; Cross Creek ch 69 63; Unity ch 6; Mt Prospect ch 24 80; Cross Roads ch 33 36, Sab sch for debt 30 34; Mill Creek ch 13 85; Pigeon Creek ch 72 26. *Pky of West Virginia*—Grafton ch 8; Fairmont ch 6; French Creek ch 29 15 1,106 14

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pky of Dane*—Richland Centre ch 4; Richland City ch 3; Fancy Creek ch 3; Verona Sab sch 10 75. *Pky of Milwaukee*—North ch, Milwaukee 160 50; Waukesha ch 24. *Pky of Winnebago*—First ch Winneconne 5; Depere ch 11 25; First ch, Neenah 19 83 243 33

SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI.—*Pky of New Orleans*—First German ch New Orleans 50 00

Total received from churches \$23,268 62

LEGACIES.—Estate of Charles O Nell, deceased, Westchester Co, N Y 2,000; Legacy of Ann Allen, deceased, Shelbyville, Ky 100; Legacy of S H Mitchell, deceased, Westmoreland Co, Pa 256; Bequest of Miss Elizabeth S Field, deceased, Philadelphia, 60; Bequest of James M'Farren, New Florence, less tax, etc 178 60 2,584 60

MISCELLANEOUS.—William Rankin for Rio chapel 25; Rev William Scribner 10; Rev J D Paxton, D.D., 10; W Bogert, Metuchen, N J 10; Rev H A Barclay, Kosciusko, Iowa, to con self *Life member* 10; General Loomis 5; a Friend 1; left at Mission House 75; J Kirk Pierce, a thank-offering 5; Mrs Elizabeth King to con Miss Ellen Stocum *Life member* 30; Paul Du Chailly for Corisco 50; Bellevue ch, Nebraska 16; Lowell Mason, Howard Bailey, and Lapsley Armstrong M'Alfee, Louisiana, Mo 3; a Friend, Albany 1 50; Congregational ch, North Enfield, Conn 48 69; B B C 1; Rev S H M'Donald for Bogota chapel 5; Rev Thomas S Childs, D.D., 25; T R 100; Mrs J E De Klyn, Irvington, N Y 5; Rev T K Davis, Haysville, Ohio for Rio chapel 1; Rev W A P Martin, D.D., Peking, China 100; Mary Vance 7; Mrs N M Geary, Albany, Oregon, 10; Mrs C Couse 10; Ada, Willie, and Laura Couse 10; Pilgrim Baptist ch Sab sch, West Farms, N Y 10; Rev E Kudobe 1; "Granite State" 3; Somerset Home and Foreign Missionary Socy's, Henry Co, Ills 10; two Friends, Bloomsburg, Pa 10; S M H 100; Savings of Mrs Ashmun 1; A M Morrison 1 50; Four Year Old Charlie 50 cts; Willie for the beathan 1; Lucie 1; Davie 1; Hasey 1; Miss Jane Mulholland, Philadelphia 5; Mrs J D Wilkinsburg, Pa, for Bogota mission 1; Rev S M Henderson, Wilkinsburg, Pa, for Bogota chapel 5; Mrs J M Henderson, Wilkinsburg, Pa, for Tangechow sch 5; First Ward Mission Sab sch Allegheny City, Pa 12 50; F B, Cincinnati 5; a Friend 5; Rev L D Potter and family, Glendale, Ohio 7 70; Mrs M Furman 1; S F Furman 1; H—a dying gift 1 25 751 64

Total Receipts in February, 1868, \$26,604 86

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By direction of the General Assembly, the Annual Collection for the Colportage and Distribution Funds of the Board of Publication is appointed, in all the churches which have not a special arrangement for it on some other day, on the *First Sabbath of May*. We ask all pastors and other readers of the *Record* carefully to read the appeal made below.

The Departments of our Work.

It is scarcely necessary to remind our readers that there are two distinct departments in our Board. First, there is the Department of Production, under which we include the preparation, the publication, and the sale of books, tracts, and papers. We do not call on the churches for contributions to sustain this branch of our operations. It is carried forward, on business principles, and upon a capital contributed several years ago for that purpose. It is designed to support itself, and the prices of our various publications are always put at the lowest practicable figure. As a consequence, nothing can be drawn from that source for the prosecution of the second, or missionary, branch of our work.

Secondly, there is the Department of Distribution, through which we aim to scatter broadcast our issues, by grants to the needy, "without money and without price." For the successful prosecution of this work, we are dependent altogether upon individual and congregational contributions. According to their liberality will be the magnitude of our missionary operations. If contributions of money are *withheld*, we can do nothing to circulate our sound literature in the waste places of the land, and among those who hunger for the bread of life, but cannot of themselves procure it. If contributions are *liberally* bestowed we can largely send leaves of truth to places which the pulpit scarcely reaches, or we can, in a happy manner, supplement its efforts.

COLPORTAGE.

This missionary department of our work again has two sub-divisions. First, we employ colporteurs whom we send all over our country, and

into the British Provinces, to sell and gratuitously distribute our issues. The greatness of the work which they do will be indicated by simply mentioning the statements made to the last General Assembly, of the results of the preceding year. We had in commission one hundred and forty-five colporteurs, who performed nine thousand one hundred and twenty-two days of labour, sold seventy thousand nine hundred and five volumes; distributed gratuitously forty-five thousand nine hundred and ninety-five volumes, and one million forty-three thousand one hundred and eighty pages of tracts, and visited three hundred and twenty-two thousand eight hundred and seventy persons, with many of whom they had religious conversation and prayer. Many of these brethren, who are recommended for employment by Presbyteries, are literally walking preachers of the gospel in sparsely settled regions of the country, where the means of grace do not regularly and fully operate with their blessed and saving influence. Who can estimate the results for time and eternity of their year's labours? Their books, and tracts, and words of love are left behind nevermore to be seen by them in this life; but we cannot doubt that they will meet many souls at the last day, on the right hand of the great Judge, who will trace the beginning of the saving work in them to the word kindly spoken, and the tract freely given. The General Assembly recommends that a collection for this Fund be taken up in all our churches on the **FIRST SABBATH IN MAY**. One of its resolutions is "That the right arm of the Board, its system of colportage, *ought to be more directly presented to their churches by pastors and ruling elders, as the chief claim of this department of church enterprise, for their liberal help.*" We make an earnest appeal for a liberal response to this recommendation, and we enforce it by simply reminding our brethren, in the various congregations, that every contribution which is given helps to send a living voice, accompanied by a well tried tract or book, to perishing souls who either live under the droppings of the sanctuary, but enter them not, or are in the regions beyond, and seldom or never hear the ordained minister of Jesus. *Help, brethren, help to preach the gospel to them.*

THE DISTRIBUTION FUND.

The second sub-division of our missionary work, is carried on through the Distribution Fund, which is designed to meet applications, made directly to the Executive Committee, for grants of publications to those who cannot buy and are not reached by the Colporteurs. We are constrained to make an urgent appeal for *immediate contributions* to this Fund.

Many mission Sabbath-schools apply to us to help them in their operations. The children can be brought together; but the necessary apparatus for the successful prosecution of the Sabbath-school work—library books, question books, papers, &c.,—must be procured elsewhere, and we are often entreated to furnish them. Teachers in Sabbath, and other schools among the Freedmen, send forward a cry to us for aid in their

efforts to instruct the suffering race. They cannot buy. They scarcely have the means wherewith life may be supported; but they are intensely eager to learn. Ministers of the gospel, struggling along through these hard times, on meagre salaries that scarcely procure them the necessaries of life, write to us for a few books on which their minds may feed, and which they may use in their pulpit preparation, and for tracts which they may place in the hands of the people whom they visit. Yes! ministers, men of education and of refinement of heart and mind, who have given themselves to Christ in the most self-denying of all life-works, ask for donations of books, through us, from their more favoured brethren.

Letter after letter comes to us from these various quarters, appealing for grants. We would gladly respond to them all, and thus send joy to many a heart. But our ability to do so depends on the contributions to the Distribution Fund. And that is now about exhausted. A short time ago we addressed, to the members of our churches, a special appeal for contributions for it, which met with many kindly responses, which have enabled us to send donations in answer to many of these applications. The answers to them, however, have again emptied the Fund. Unless it is replenished, we shall be sorrowfully compelled to turn a deaf ear to letters that we are now receiving. Must we do this? Will not Pastors, Elders, private Christians, and Sabbath-schools in highly favoured regions, save us from this sad necessity? Let Superintendents bring the matter before their schools, and Pastors before the members of their churches. And wherever a brother or a sister can give something for the work, be it the mite of the poor widow, or the dollars of the wealthy, let it be forwarded *at once* to "The Distribution Fund."

HOW GRANTS ARE RECEIVED.

As instances of the way in which grants, for the means to make which we thus appeal, are received, we quote from two letters recently sent to the office by missionaries among the Freedmen. One writes from North Carolina in the beginning of January: "You will receive my most unfeigned and hearty thanks for your package of books. Such a treat was never before enjoyed by the coloured race in this country. It is a gift indeed to the poor and needy, and many of them highly appreciate it. I will use it to the best advantage, and donate it where I think it will accomplish the most good. I am now teaching a Freedman's school. All who are in it were beginners, but, with a few exceptions, they are learning rapidly. I have had much to contend with in this work. Still I am not without tokens of usefulness, and hope in due time to have an ingathering, if I faint not." Another writes from Georgia: "I must acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter and most liberal donation, which latter came safely to hand to day, containing a library of choice books, Catechisms, Hymn books, S. S. music, tracts, papers &c., in abundance, and most happily selected. You seem to know what suits the negroes. I know they will be delighted with them, and I most sincerely pray that God's

blessing may rest upon both givers and receivers." We might quote similar expressions from scores of letters.

Brethren! Remember that the Annual Collection to help forward this work comes on the *First Sabbath in May*. Do what you can, to aid us.

Send the Old Hymn Books.

We are in receipt of applications from struggling churches for donations of hymn books. Many of the stronger congregations have introduced, or are about introducing, the Hymnal into their devotional services. The old books will now be of no use to them; but they will greatly help our missionary enterprises. We therefore earnestly request the pastors of churches in which the change has been made, from their pulpits, to invite the people to bring together the discarded books, put them up in a package, and send them to the Board, so that we may give a favorable response to some of the applications we are receiving.

We have now on hand several applications from the pastors and stated supplies of missionary churches, and from labourers among the freedmen, earnestly soliciting grants of these second-hand hymn books.

DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE COLPORTAGE AND DISTRIBUTION FUNDS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION, SINCE LAST ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Charlton ch	\$7 00	<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Fourth ch 20; Tenth ch	Mrs Mary R Mitchell 5; Tenth ch 217 89	242 89
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Baltimore 1st ch 200; Westminster ch 69; Mt Paran ch 3	272 00	<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Philadelphia 2d ch		5 00
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Chambersburg ch 56 65; Barton and Lonaconing chs 20 24	76 89	<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Providence ch a lady 2 50; Frankford ch 26; Germantown 1st ch 267 15		295 65
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Mt Vernon ch	2 00	<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —Bridge Street ch Georgetown		28 43
<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Galesville ch	8 00	<i>Pby of Raritan</i> —Fox Hill ch		5 00
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —"FB"	5 00	<i>Pby of Saine</i> —Friendsville ch 5; Wabash ch 3		8 00
<i>Pby of Crawfordville</i> —Waveland ch	12 00	<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —Decatur ch		29 00
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Sherrill's Mt ch	10 00	<i>Pby of Southern Minnesota</i> —Preston ch 2; Ashland ch 2; Kasson ch 1; Claremont ch 1		6 00
<i>Pby of Fairfield</i> —Libertyville ch	2 00	<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Centre Unity ch Hanna Fund		52 20
<i>Pby of Fort Dodge</i> —Ostfriesland ch	2 00	<i>Pby of St Louis</i> —Zoar ch 6; Emanuel ch 8 14 00		
<i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —Wabash ch 7; Roanoke ch 3	10 00	<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Elkland ch		2 00
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Central ch	5 00	<i>Pby of Upper Missouri</i> —Albany ch		1 00
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Tamaqua 1st ch 6; Weatherly ch 3	9 00	<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Claysville ch 5; Three Springs ch 5; Holliday Cove ch 5		15 00
<i>Pby of Madison</i> —Lexington ch 4; Sullivan ch 2	6 00	<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Williamstown ch		10 00
<i>Pby of Missouri River</i> —Brownsville ch	5 00	<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —McConnellsville ch		6 20
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Tennent ch 100; Freehold Village ch 30; Holmanville ch 3	133 00			
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Brooklyn Central ch	56 45			
<i>Pby of New Albany</i> —Charlestown ch	6 10			
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Titusville ch 25; Trenton 3d ch 28 47	53 47			
<i>Pby of Newcastle</i> —Kennett Square ch 5 60; Doe Run ch 5; Oxford ch 33	43 60			
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Poland ch	2 00			
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Shawnee ch	2 00			
<i>Pby of Oregon</i> —Clatsop ch	3 06			
<i>Pby of Putnam</i> —Francisville ch	4 55			
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Morristown 1st ch 320 25; German ch 2	331 25			
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Lewistown ch	50 00			

MISCELLANEOUS.

Chester ch Sab sch per Rev A W Sproull 15; "W R C." Indianapolis from wife to send a copy of Hodge on the Atonement to one of the brethren in the far West 1 50; Sab sch of the South Salem ch per Rev A L Lindsley, 10; S R S 5; Miss Elizabeth S per Bro Samuel Shields 25; Ladies of the Spring Garden ch per Mr Jas Russell 15

\$1,904 24

WINTHROP SARGENT, Treasurer.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Corresponding Secretary, Rev. H. L. Cox.

Treasurer, DAVID KEITH, St. Louis, Mo.

Fiscal year closes April 1, 1868.

What Encouragement shall we give?

The subjoined letter from an esteemed pastor in one of our most rapidly peopling States recites the trials common to church enterprises in new communities. With the large excess of applications over our means, (now about \$60,000), the encouragement we can give to this, and to scores of similar enterprises, must depend upon the liberality of the friends of Christ on this behalf. Our brother says:

"Our church here was organized four years ago with nine members, and one elder. Nearly three years ago, I was invited to visit them with a view to settlement. The invitation stated that they had then seventeen members—had built a parsonage; but had no house of worship. . . . After my coming, we worshipped in the school-house for three months—then in a hall for a year. Since then, in a larger hall, capable of seating from two hundred to two hundred and fifty. But it is used for concerts, festivals, travelling shows, balls, and everything that pays; and has not quite the air of the house of God. Sometimes the light fantastic toe comes close upon the heels of prayer, &c., &c.

"The village and the prairie for miles all around is very new. It is settling rapidly, but the large majority have come hither since I did. It has taken all their means to buy their farms, and put stock and buildings on them. In most cases, the results of farming come short of expectations for the first two or three years, and the expenses far surpass them. I don't see how the people here are to build of their own means such a house as we need even now. We may now call our membership seventy, and when our congregation is all in, the hall which we use is crowded. If we were to build even a third larger, at the rate population is increasing, the house would be too small in a year or two. But I don't see how to expect the means to build even for present wants out of a people so recently arrived here. From what I have detailed of their doings, you may feel assured that they will do to the utmost of their ability. Now what encouragement can you give us from the Board?"

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION IN FEBRUARY, 1868.

<i>Pky of Albany</i> —Gloversville ch	\$11 65	<i>53 60: Lower Ten Mile</i> ch 8 80; <i>Three Springs</i>	
<i>Pky of Long Island</i> —Westhampton ch	6 00	ch 4; <i>Holliday's Cove</i> ch 6	\$72 40
<i>Pky of Topeka</i> —Fort Scott ch	8 85	<i>Pky of Sidney</i> —West Liberty ch	8 17
<i>Pky of Saline</i> —Odin ch	2 61	<i>Pky of Peria</i> —Lewistown ch	50 00
<i>Pky of Kaskaskia</i> —Sugar Creek ch	10 00	<i>Pky of Bureau</i> —Woodhull ch	10 00
<i>Pky of Iowa</i> —Evangelical ch, <i>St Peter's</i>	5 00	<i>Pky of Sangamon</i> —Farmington ch, add'l, 5; <i>North</i>	
<i>Pky of Huntington</i> —Hollidaysburg ch, sp'l, 46 77		<i>Sangamon</i> ch 11; <i>West Okaw</i> ch 10	26 00
<i>Pky of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Providence ch, (from a		<i>Pky of New Lisbon</i> —East Palestine ch 2 75; <i>Colum-</i>	
lady) 2 50; <i>Pottatown</i> ch 11	13 50	<i>umbiana</i> ch 2 25; <i>Leetonia</i> ch 2	7 00
<i>Pky of Cedar</i> —Red Oak ch	11 00	<i>Pky of Zanesville</i> —McConnellsville ch	7 10
<i>Pky of Chippewa</i> —North Bend ch 7; <i>Galesville</i>		<i>Pky of Fairfield</i> —Lafayette ch	2 00
ch 5	12 00	<i>Pky of Saltburg</i> —Concord ch 11 10; <i>Plum Creek</i>	
<i>Pky of Monmouth</i> —Tennent ch 50; <i>Holmanville</i>		ch 24; <i>Smixburg</i> and <i>Plumville</i> chs 6; <i>Leech-</i>	
ch 3	53 00	burg 16	57 10
<i>Pky of New Brunswick</i> —Pennington ch 25; <i>Trenton</i>		<i>Pky of Passaic</i> —Paterson ch, <i>German</i>	5 00
3d ch 20 46; <i>Cranberry 1st</i> ch, special,	125 86	<i>Pky of Missouri River</i> —Brownsville ch	5 00
80 41)		<i>Pky of Erie</i> —Cochranstown ch 10 00; <i>Sugar Creek</i>	
<i>Pky of Beritan</i> —Clinton ch	11 22	ch 7 25	17 25
<i>Pky of Philadelphia</i> —Chestor Sab-ach	9 00	<i>Pky of Allegheny</i> —Plain Grove ch	21 50
<i>Pky of Susquehanna</i> —Elkland ch	2 00	<i>Pky of Steubenville</i> —Centre Unity (Hanna Fund)	52 30
<i>Pky of Pot-mac</i> —Bridge St ch, <i>Georgetown</i> 34 37			
<i>Pky of Luzerne</i> —Tamaqua 1st ch 6; <i>Weatherly</i>			
ch 3	8 00		
<i>Pky of S. Minnesota</i> —Ashland ch 2; <i>Clermont</i> ch			
1; <i>Kasson</i> 1	4 00		
<i>Pky of Baltimore</i> —Mt Paran ch	4 00		
<i>Pky of Carlisle</i> —Big Spring ch 35; <i>Bedford</i> ch 24;			
<i>Chambersburg</i> ch 72 75	131 75		
<i>Pky of Upper Missouri</i> —Albany ch	1 00		
<i>Pky of Lafayette</i> —Kansas City ch	13 00		
<i>Pky of Washington</i> —Wheeling 1st ch, special,			

LEGATES.

Estate of S. W. Mitchell, New Florence, Pa. 276;
Bequest of Miss Elizabeth S. Field, Philadel-
phia, 25

301 00

Total receipts for February, 1867, \$1,166 30

DAVID KEITH, Treasurer,
St. Louis, Mo.

FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS, AND THE NEEDY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

The following amounts have been received since last report, viz.

<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Pleasant Valley ch	\$7 50	<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Doylestown ch 15 70;	
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —New Castle ch 52; Slippery Rock ch 10	62 00	Norristown ch 57 46; a Lady of Providence ch 2 50	75 63
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Frederick ch 20; Baltimore 1st ch 100; Westminster ch 94	214 00	<i>Pby of Blaineville</i> —Fairfield ch 3 80; Centreville ch 4	7 80
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Chambersburg ch	119 80	<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Hopewell ch 9 10; Sab-sch of Lawrenceville ch 3 75	12 85
<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —New York Avenue ch, Washington, 103; Bridge St ch, Georgetown 27 55, 130 55	9 22	<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Round Hill ch 16 12; Harmony ch 2	18 13
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Bethel ch	9 22	<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Smixburg and Plumville chs 6 00; Concord ch 11	16 00
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Lewistown ch	60 00	<i>Pby of St Paul</i> —Rockford 1st ch	1 56
<i>Pby of Salina</i> —Shawneetown ch	9 35	<i>Pby of Findlay</i> —Truro ch	? 0
<i>Pby of New Albany</i> —Charlestown ch	7 00	<i>Pby of S. Minnesota</i> —Austin ch 1 50; Clermont ch 1; Kasson ch 1	3 50
<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —Decatur 1st ch 33 90; Providence ch 12 00	45 90	<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Evangelical St Peter ch	5 00
<i>Pby of White Water</i> —Mt Carmel ch	4 50	<i>Pby of Missouri River</i> —Brownsville ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Mt Vernon ch 4; Red Oak ch 10 50	14 50	<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Yellow Creek ch 10; Deerfield ch 6 25	16 25
<i>Pby of St. Louis</i> —1st Ger ch 5; Emanuel ch 10 00	15 00	<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —New Philadelphia ch	12 00
<i>Pby of Upper Missouri</i> —Albany ch	2 00	<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Concord ch 6 75; Bethel ch 3	9 75
<i>Pby of Burlington</i> —Burlington ch	36 00	<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Lower Ten Mile ch 8 60; Holiday's Cove ch 10; Three Springs ch 5, 23 50	10 00
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Eckley ch 11; White Haven ch 5; Weatherly ch 3; Tamaqua 1st ch 5,	24 00	<i>Pby of Winnebago</i> —Fond du Lac ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Squan Village ch 3 30; Holmansville ch 2; Tennent ch 50	55 30	<i>Pby of Port Dodge</i> —East Friesland ch	2 00
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Cranberry 1st ch 16; Trenton 3d ch 20	36 00		\$1,584 58
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —John Chandler, Esq. of Newark 3d ch	50 00	A Friend in Burlington, N J	5 00
<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Elkland ch 2; Rome ch 2,	4 00	Mrs J E De Klyn of Irvington, N Y	3 33
<i>Pby of New York</i> —Westminster ch 66 09; Chelsea ch 52	118 09	"Granite State"	3 00
<i>Pby of New York 2d</i> —Sing Sing ch	110 00	Bequest of Miss Elizabeth S Field, late of Philadelphia	25 00
<i>Pby of Crawfordsville</i> —Waveland ch	13 00	Interest on Permanent Funds	180 00
<i>Pby of Richland</i> —Clear Fork ch 4; Chesterville ch 6 90	10 90		\$1,800 91
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Dalton ch 32 30; Apple Creek ch 18; Fredericksburg ch 26; East Hopewell ch and Nashville ch 10	86 30		
<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Mc Connellsville ch 7; Washington ch 27; Salem Ger ch 2 05	36 05		
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Centre ch 11; Hopewell ch 13	24 00		
<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Jersey Shore ch	30 00		
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Soots ch 20 10; Chester ch 15	36 10		

GEO. H. VAN GELDER,

Treasurer Trustees of General Assembly,
Office, No. 320 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, March 5th, 1867.

In remitting money to this Fund, the name of the Church and Presbytery to which it belongs should be distinctly stated, that it may be correctly acknowledged. And where checks or drafts are sent they should be drawn to the order of "Geo. H. VAN GELDER, Treasurer."

Some of our aged recipients from the fund are much afflicted. In the following extract from a letter written by one of them, the reader will see a sample both of their sufferings and their consolation. The writer is the surviving wife of a missionary who laboured many years in the West. Since her husband's death, she has been sustained by the fund, for which she is very grateful. It will be inferred, from what she writes of her physical condition, that she will probably be permitted, before long, to follow her ascended husband: "Though dependent on them for my means of living," she says, "I am too feeble to do anything of myself to earn them. My nervous system is shattered—my limbs are almost out of my control, especially those on one side; and at times my whole system is agitated and racked with spasms. But in all this bodily suffering, my faith is unwavering; and my Saviour is near. He will sustain those who put their trust in him; and He is all-sufficient."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

REV. S. C. LOGAN, *Corresponding Secretary*, DAVID ROBINSON, Esq., *Treasurer*, Box 224, Pittsburgh, Pa.
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Ebenezer Coloured Church.

This church is located eight miles from Sumter, S. C. It was organized last July with one hundred and fifty-six members, and up to this date has been worshipping in a house built by Mr. J. J. Knox in his own yard. The church is made up of what were called "field hands," and is now supplied with preaching every Sabbath by either Rev. M. R. Miller, or Rev. J. C. Gibbs. Brother Miller in his last report, says: "The order in our congregations are good. Our influence seems to be reaching to a greater distance, and all things look promising in the schools. We are trying to build up a Christian and intelligent community from the most uncultivated materials. The good will of the people is our chief encouragement."

Mr. Knox, who is an elder in the Southern church, and who is really the founder of this whole mission, has given twenty acres of land to the Committee on Freedmen for the use of this church, and he is now superintending the erection of the church building, and also a house for the teachers or ministers employed in the mission. The Board of Church Extension has, through the Committee, made an appropriation to aid in this building. The following is an extract from a communication from Mr. Knox, which has just come to hand, viz :

"The house is forty by sixty feet, which will serve both for a school and chapel, and it can be ready for use one month from this date. It will require one hundred and fifty dollars more to provide sashes, doors, and pews.

"THE HOUSE FOR TEACHERS.—The heavy materials are out and on the ground. The contractor for the chapel will put it up complete for a *hundred dollars*.

"THE CONDITION OF THE FREEDMEN FORBIDS THEIR DOING ANYTHING MORE.—They have given their labour liberally in getting out the heavy timber for both these houses. On my place, they are erecting new houses upon lands purchased of me. It will require all their means and labour to support their families, and complete their new settlement. The Freedmen on the surrounding plantations are equally poor, ignorant, and depraved. Without the continued aid of Christian friends at the North in founding and sustaining schools and churches among them, the freedmen will sink so low in the scale of being, as to become to society, themselves, and their race, a curse instead of a blessing, and a living reproach to the civilization and Christianity of the age. If the Southern people were willing, they are not *able* to render substantial aid in this, perhaps the greatest missionary work of our times. I trust that God will dispose many of our good people throughout our *common country* to 'consider the poor.'

Truly yours, J. J. KNOX."

We have been enabled by the gift of one of our former missionaries—an estimable lady, who has been compelled by ill-health to leave the field—to send the one hundred dollars needed to complete the teacher's house, and the work goes rapidly on.

A Simple, Cheap, and Powerful Agency.

In this age of intense activity, when so many calls are made on the Church, business men demand that the plan of operation in every missionary field should combine simplicity, economy, and efficiency. We present such a one without one word of comment, satisfied that it will commend itself.

There are more than twenty-five candidates for the ministry pursuing their studies at the Biddle Memorial Institute, Charlotte, N. C. These young men are

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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Work on the Frontier—Encouraging Prospects.

Missouri.

Last Sabbath closed my second quarter on this field, and I hasten to send you a report of my labours. I have preached on every Sabbath and frequently during the week. My field, as you are aware, is extensive, embracing a territory of thirty miles square. My labours have been chiefly confined to Carthage, Neosho, Granby, and Baxter's Springs in Kansas. I have visited other places and preached on week evenings. Indeed, so great has been the demand for labour, that I could have preached somewhere on every evening of the week. I have never lived at any place where I had not all the work I could do—here I have had far more than I could do. I have more than once felt in my heart the force of our Lord's declaration, "The harvest is plenteous and the labourers are few." Not long since I rode out with a friend to the western part of our county. We called at a cabin, and I was introduced as a minister. Very soon, the mother, who was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, began to tell me they had no preaching in their neighbourhood, and how she felt as if they were "sheep without a shepherd." I listened to her story through, and then asked her if she could gather her neighbours at her

house if I would stay and preach to them. She replied that she could. Of course I consented to remain. Her boys were sent off in all directions to give out the word.

Evening came, and with it an audience of our hardy pioneers, to whom it was my high privilege to proclaim the glad tidings of a Saviour come to save guilty men. My message was heard gladly, and I was pressed to return. This I did one week afterwards, on my way home from Baxter's Springs. At this meeting, although the weather was extremely cold, yet the cabin was crowded. Old and young came three and four miles through the cold to hear preaching once more. And while not one of them was ever connected with our church, yet they all insisted that I should keep up a regular appointment in their neighbourhood. They want preaching, but where is the preacher? They are hungering for the bread of life, who will feed them? This community is not an exception. In this great Southwest there are many such communities. The people are poor. They are not able to pay very much salary. But they will receive the minister kindly; they will exert themselves to entertain and make him comfortable in their cabins. But what is even more encouraging, they will hear him gladly when he stands before them

as the messenger of truth. The field is not only wide and needy, but it is *inviting*. Oh that our beloved church might awake to the importance of doing her part in its cultivation!

But you will desire to know something of the work at those places where my labours have been chiefly confined. In general, I am much encouraged. Except at G—, our audiences have been good, and the attention to the preaching of the word serious and respectful.

About the beginning of the new year, our Declaration and Testimony brethren made a raid on G—, and while they failed to establish themselves they succeeded in doing us a harm. Thus far we have failed to get a church organized there, notwithstanding there are Presbyterians in the place, and also one of the best, if not the best, finished church in southwest Missouri.

At Neosho, our meetings are held in the court-house, and not unfrequently we have a crowded house. Our brethren there are earnest workers. They keep up a prayer-meeting on every Friday evening. This is held at their private houses, and is attended by all the members of the church. Our next communion is appointed for the fourth Sabbath of this month, and we are hoping for an ingathering of some who are now seekers after the way of life.

As yet, our brethren have no Sabbath-school of their own, but many of them are active workers in the schools of the town. The probability is they will organize a school of their own in a few weeks.

I have been going to Baxter's Springs once a month. Here is a *city* of twelve hundred souls, and not a single resident minister in the place. But that is not all the destitution. The "Neutral Lands," of which Baxter is the most important town, embrace a territory of over twelve hundred square miles in extent, and contains a population variously estimated from twenty-five to thirty thousand people. Among all

these I know of not one preacher who devotes his whole time to the work! I have found several members of our church in and around Baxter—enough to begin a very respectable church. As yet there has been no attempt to organize. I have thought it wise to delay a little and see if a missionary could be obtained for the field. If none can be had, it is useless to organize. I will soon have to leave the field, as I have all that I can do this side of the State line. Believing, as I do, that the day is not far off when southeastern Kansas will be one of the most thickly settled and influential portions of the State, I am slow to yield the ground without an earnest effort to *hold* it for our church. If the efforts now being made are successful in getting a labourer on this field, I do most earnestly hope the Board will help to sustain him. Here is a rich harvest already white for the gathering, why should not our church lend a helping hand?

Near the close of my first quarter, our people in Carthage succeeded in getting into their new *hall*. This building will seat over two hundred, and is the most comfortable place of meeting in the town. I am glad to report to you that it is well filled at all our meetings, and very often crowded. I have preached here on the first and second Sabbaths of the month; but they are not content with this. They want more. And so they have raised salary enough, with what aid the Board gives, to support me three-fourths of my time. We observed the "Week of Prayer," and had a most delightful season, at the close of which we observed the Lord's Supper. I have rarely enjoyed a richer feast in the Master's house. Our prayer-meetings during the winter have been encouraging. Usually there are present about thirty. Several of these are non-professors, to whom many earnest words are spoken, and for whose salvation many a fervent petition is sent up to a throne of grace. At the close of each meeting I appoint a leader

for the next. By this arrangement I have succeeded in getting nearly all the male members to take part with us, and it helps to keep up the interest by giving variety to the exercises.

Our Sabbath-school is quite promising. The average attendance during the quarter has been one hundred and fifteen. We had *one hundred and seventy-one* present on last Sabbath, so that you will see that our school is increasing. It is our aim to make it a nursery of truth and piety for those who attend on its sessions.

Thus, dear brother, I have tried to give you an account of my work. I can assure you I am much encouraged, and I have no good reason to be otherwise. It is true that my field has had its thorns and its briars. It is true I have my hours of trial and perplexity, but then I have so much that is pleasant and cheering. I cannot be too thankful to the Master whose I am and whom I serve. I am occupying a field in the cultivation of which I have even more than I can do. I have no time to idle. I am among a people who seem to appreciate my labours, and who in turn communicate to me in all good things needful for my temporal support. And what is better still, I am not without evidence of success in building up the Master's kingdom. Why should I not be of good cheer? Wishing you peace, I remain as ever your warm friend and brother in a precious Saviour.

Work in the West—Laying the Foundations.

Missouri.

Dear Sir,—Another, the third quarter of my year is gone, and with pleasure I write to you, for, though I have no stirring news to tell you, I am able to assure you of some progress in matters pertaining to the welfare of true religion in our midst. God has not yet poured out in apparently copious effusion the Holy Spirit, but the fallow ground is being broken up. In many places in the West, (as in other

places), the people must be *taught* first, so that they will not abuse the liberty of the gospel. In some places—in all places more or less—the people must be educated to live above selfishness and prejudice. That loose religion, with its unlimited latitude of creed, must give place to the establishment of well-defined and tangible systems of faith and doctrine. The church must become permanent—not unduly blazing up to-day, and smothered out to-morrow. To give her stability of character, and steadiness of tendency, is no less the work of the Spirit; and God would use his creatures as instruments to carry on this work.

We feel encouraged here, in seeing the day-school becoming, in a measure, subservient to the church, or made the means of preparing the way for truth. So also other institutions, literary in their character. I have been labouring to bring about a better management in these matters.

The Bible Class, Sabbath morning, is still attended to with interest; kept up all through the winter.

So also Wednesday evening Prayer-meeting, though on some nights but a few assembled.

I am now effecting the organization of a Sabbath-school—missionary in character—in Germantown, for Sabbath afternoon, which bids fair to do much good. This work is but commenced.

The contribution of church for Foreign Missions amounted to five dollars; and for Education six dollars.

Pleasant Prospect.

Indiana.

. . . With the present appropriation from the Board we will have wheat flour to eat this summer. I have been living mostly on buckwheat this winter. The most of our people have been doing the same. Wheat has failed in this region for three years—it looks well this spring.

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN MARCH, 1868.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—State st ch. Albany, from Mrs E P Durant \$50; Albany 2d ch 311 28 361 28

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Muddy Creek ch 18 27. *Pby of Allegheny City*—Freedom ch 10 15; Manchester German ch 3 72. *Pby of Erie*—Oil City ch 6 38 14

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Carlisle*—Merkersburg ch 107, (of which Fem Dom Missy Soc'y 20); Emmitsburg ch 27 68; St Thomas ch, adl from Miss S Wilson 10; Rocky Spring ch, adl 6; Fayetteville ch 26 176 68

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Genesee River*—Portageville ch 9 20

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Bureau*—Millersburg ch 10. *Pby of Rock River*—Rev Edward Wright 2. *Pby of Warren*—Altona ch 12; Monmouth ch Sab-sch 19 65 43 65

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Cincinnati*—First ch Glendale Mon Col 45 11; 1st ch Walnut Hills 95 49; Pleasant Run ch 3 50. *Pby of Miami*—First ch Miami City 50. *Pby of Oxford*—Harmon ch 51; Riley ch 9 10. *Pby of Sidney*—Spring Hills ch 12 67 220 87

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Bloomington*—Lincoln ch 6 50; Bloomington 1st ch 5. *Pby of Kaskaskia*—Rockwood ch 6. *Pby of Peoria*—Henry ch 39 56 50

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Vincennes*—Indiana ch 1 50; Union ch 1 25. *Pby of White Water*—First ch Richmond 25 27 75

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Dubuque*—Liberty ch 8; Lime Spring ch 5 20; Scotch Grove ch 15 (of which 7 from Rev J L Wilson). *Pby of Fort Dodge*—Clarksville ch 5. *Pby of Vinton*—Sand Prairie ch 2 50 35 70

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Topeka*—Auburn ch 5 00

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Palmyra*—St Francisville ch 2. *Pby of St Louis*—Bonhomme ch 16. *Pby of South West Missouri*—Calvary ch, Springfield, 60; Rev Jno McFarland 2 80 00

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Burlington*—Camden 1st ch 39 39; Columbus ch Sab-sch 5. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—Elizabethport ch 22. *Pby of Luzerne*—Port Carbon ch 25. *Pby of Monmouth*—Shrewsbury ch 25; Manalapan ch 40. *Pby of New York*—Stillwater ch 25. *Pby of Passaic*—Connecticut Farms ch 60 (of which Sab-sch 30) 241 39

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—Mt Kisco ch 35 08. *Pby of Hudson*—Mount Hope ch 15. *Pby of Nassau*—Sab-sch of 2d ch Brooklyn 50; Central ch Brooklyn 186 26. *Pby of New York*—University Place ch, N Y, 2162 14; Alexander ch 5 59; 4th ch N Y, 105; 42d st ch N Y, 88 61 2647 68

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Orangeville*—First ch Thorntown 23. *Pby of Fort Wayne*—Pleasant Ridge ch 20; Elhannon ch 5; Angola ch 10 58 00

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Columbus*—Truro ch 10. *Pby of Marion*—Liberty ch 10 50; Milford Centre ch 10. *Pby of Richmond*—Bloomfield ch 3 15; Savannah ch 10; Mt Pleasant ch 16; Martinsburg ch 5. *Pby of Wooster*—East Hopewell and Nashville chs 32 50; Jeromeville ch 4 50. *Pby of Zanesville*—Brownsville ch 28; Beulah ch 5 35; Duncan's Falls ch 9 144 00

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Slate Ridge ch 18 43; Lancaster ch 50. *Pby of Huntington*—Moshanon ch 8 50; Hollidaysburg ch 86. *Pby of New Castle*—Penningtonville ch 20 (of which Sab-sch 6). *Pby of Northumberland*—New Columbia ch 5; Light Street ch 2 50. *Pby of Philadelphia*—Gloucester ch 2 (of which from a member 1); 1st African ch 5. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Phoenixville ch 13. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Norristown 1st ch (from an elder) 20 230 43

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairville*—Johns-

town ch 70 81; Ligonier ch 26. *Pby of Ohio*—Temperanceville ch 15; Pittsburgh 2d ch Sab-sch 60; Mingo ch 60 50; Bethel ch (from Thomas Kiddo) 5; North Branch ch 3; Mt Carmel ch 4; East Liberty ch add'l 7; Montours ch 12 68. *Pby of Redstone*—Laurel Hill ch 51 17, (of which Female Missy Soc'y 10); New Providence ch 16; West Newton ch 10 841 16

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of St Paul*—Second ch Stillwater 16 50. *Pby of S Minnesota*—Okaman ch 2; Clermont ch 5; Stewartsville ch 5 28 50

SYNOD OF SANDEWY.—*Pby of Michigan*—Hudson ch 7. *Pby of Western Reserve*—Northfield ch 6 13

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Des Moines*—Agricola ch 2. *Pby of Fairfield*—Bentonsport ch 25. *Pby of Iowa*—Mount Pleasant ch 96 15. *Pby of Missouri River*—Nebraska City ch 48 26 171 40

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Pleasant Valley ch 11 17; Clarkson ch 5; East Liverpool ch 13 50; Bethel ch 21 65. *Pby of St Clairsville*—Nottingham ch 32; Kirkwood 1st ch 20. *Pby of Steubenville*—Two Ridges ch 50; Pleasant Hill ch 8 71; Cross Creek ch 9 35; 2d ch Steubenville 157 62 (of which Sab-sch 15); Ridge ch 20; Steubenville 1st ch 42 76. *Pby of Washington*—Washington 1st ch 22 08; Wheeling 1st ch 47 50. *Pby of West Virginia*—Parkersburg ch 17 478 24

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Hazel Green ch 3 50. *Pby of Winnebago*—Robinsonville ch (St Sanvers, Branch) 3 50 7 00

Total receipts from churches, \$5415 67

MISCELLANEOUS.—“A Friend” 50; “A Friend of Israel” 2; “A Sister in Christ,” Bowling Green, Ky, 1 60; “J R T, M S and C O T” 7 50; Henry Brewster, Esq, Shirleysburg, Pa, 5; J L Glenn, Plainfield, Ohio 5; J E Goddard, N Y 20; Wm Shear, Augusta, Ga, 10; “H” 100; M McL 50; Mrs Dr A O Patterson, Oxford, O, 20; Jno L Van Meter, Yellow Springs, Ohio, a thank offering for temporal prosperity 25; Jas Anderson, Esq, Anderson's Mills, Pa, 5 301 10

LEGACIES.—Patterson Estate, Pittsburg 10 61

Total Receipts in March, \$6727 26
S. D. POWELL, Treasurer,
No. 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

CLOTHING.

1 box from ladies of New York Av ch, Washington, D C, valued at \$139 07

1 box from ladies of McEwensville ch, Pa, value not given.

1 box from ladies of Newton ch, N J, valued at 150 00

1 box from ladies of Spring Garden ch, Philadelphia, valued at 263 00

1 box from ladies of Central ch, Pittsburgh, Pa, valued at 400 00

1 box from ladies of Warrior Run ch, Pa, valued at 52 00

1 box from ladies of First ch Wheeling, West Virginia, valued at 65 00

\$1,069 07

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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTY, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests: but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.

And another also said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go and bid them farewell which are at home at my house. And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God.

And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross and follow me. And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.

He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

Then Peter said, Lo, we have left all, and followed thee. And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.

Luke ix. 57-68: Mark x. 17, 21-2: Matt. x. 37-39; Luke xviii. 28-30.

The Youthful Converts of Late Revivals.

The prayers which have been poured out before God for an extensive revival of religion have been heard. Churches, schools, and colleges have received the heavenly tokens of His grace, in the conversion of great multitudes of all classes of people. In the reports published in the newspapers, and in the conferences of conventions for prayer, two features of the work have become delightfully apparent as having occupied much of the thoughts of Christians.

The first is, that the church is becoming more and more alive to the spirit of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, who came to seek and to save that which was lost. There has been a great deal of loving, earnest, and faithful going forth beyond the walls of old folds, searching among the dens of iniquity, scaling the very precipices overhanging the lake of sorrow, and forcing the dungeons where Satan has held them in captivity, in order to seek and to save the lost ones who have wholly escaped the church's care.

The second feature is, that so much special care and labour has been given to bring the young to Jesus. And many churches and schools have reported that some of their most interesting youth have determined to devote themselves to the ministry of the gospel.

If the Holy Spirit alone brought these to the birth, how much more is that Holy Spirit needed to nourish them up and cause them to grow in a life truly devoted to God; to train them to activity in the various departments of usefulness in the church and society; and to lead them to proper conceptions of, and efforts in regard to, the swift advancement of the kingdom of Christ in the land, and until all men shall become subject to it. And how much, especially, is that Holy Spirit needed to teach them to overcome the love of money, which is the root of all

evil to the soul, and to devote their property to systematic efforts, and in some proportion to the quantity which he He has entrusted to them, to the service of their Lord. A grateful Jacob dedicated a tenth. A converted Zaccheus a half. Thousands of the first Christians triumphing in the joys of a Pentecost gave their all. And the primary necessity of the Christian church is the education of the people by the pastors in the use of money, in such a way as the word of God indicates to be Christian duty; (how long, alas, covered up in a napkin!) in such a way as the wonderful providence of God, in the present age, proclaims in tones of thunder so loud that the whole world is startled.

In such a way as the growth of spiritual power in the church now requires, and, it may be added, its use in such a way as will stand the trial of that Divine Master who uttered the parable of the five talents, the ten talents, and of the unfaithful steward, and who preached the words which close the sermon which we read in the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew. A large number of these converts are young men, many of them have been marked for the priceless honour of heralds of the gospel, by the early consecration of pious parents; many of them belong to families where they have received a fair amount of knowledge as to religious things. Some of even those classes, however, may have been led astray into vicious lives. And, finally, a very considerable share of the whole consists of those who have been brought in, some regenerate, some unregenerate, by the powerful impulses that have moved the awakened and excited masses around them.

No duty of the pastor is more imperative, more critical, none more important, perhaps, to multitudes of souls and to interests which we cannot measure of the kingdom of Christ, than the double one; *first*, of selecting, encouraging, counselling, and directing the way of such young persons as possess the qualifications to make them ministers of his gospel, such as the Lord Jesus will own in blessings to the race of man. *Secondly*, with what paternal solicitude and prayerfulness will he watch and tend as does the gardener the valuable fruit which he has planted, whose slow growth is constantly imperiled by cold and heat, by worms and many other natural enemies. He will labour that they may be fat and flourishing when he is in the dust, and cannot praise God, or preach the wonders of His grace.

Unless the Committee of the Presbytery is sincere and careful at such a period as this, how many a mistaken young man may be launched by them on a career which will be a life-long burden or calamity to himself, or may kindle in coming years into disaster to the church of God and to undying souls.

Report of the Session of the Onarga Presbyterian Church to the Board of Education.

The *Onarga Presbyterian Institute* has recently closed the gladdest term of its existence. It has been so, because many of the youth connected with it have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. God heard the prayers of his people, when they were gathered together with one spirit to observe the "Week of Prayer." Even while they called, He answered. He gave the grace; and among others, seventeen of the precious youth, who are now, or have been connected with the Institute, have already consecrated themselves to the Lord. Some of these young disciples, now filled with holy ardour, we trust the Master will send forth—*hurl out* when fully prepared—as labourers in the field already white to harvest.

The influence of this blessed work permeates the whole school. It extends to all exercises. Said one of the teachers: "It is truly delightful to hear recitations now. There is a spirit of un-

usual earnestness and interest manifested in every lesson."

The students' prayer-meeting now possesses the deepest interest. How much these results are due to the blessing of God upon the faithful religious instruction of devoted Christian teachers both in the Institute and in the Sabbath-school, eternity alone will reveal.

Surely our church can well afford to foster schools, which thus contribute precious material for her up-building. The walls of our beloved Zion will rise grandly and stand securely, while the Master chooses "lively stones" from these earthly quarries. Shall we not open more of them, and endeavour, with the skill and wisdom He may give us, to prepare the material for that great "spiritual house," of which our blessed Master is "the chief corner-stone?"

The number of pupils reached sixty-four, during the session just closed. The average age of those in the academic department is sixteen and one-sixth years. This success has been gained, notwithstanding an endowed Seminary

under the control of another religious denomination exists here, and the local free-school has been transferred to a fine brick school-house, recently finished. Even those who prefer a quiet school, where a decidedly religious influence is exerted, are not always able to indulge their preference.

The organization and management of the school has been the same as heretofore. Two departments, primary and academic, have been successfully conducted. The latter embraces the studies usually taught in the best acad-

mies and seminaries. It has classes from Arithmetic to Trigonometry; from the spelling class, that contains all the students, to Virgil and Greek Reader.

What we most earnestly desire is the continued presence and work of the Holy Spirit, that all the youth taught here may be converted and consecrated to God, for "we have no greater joy than to hear that our children walk in truth."

ALEXANDER G. WILSON,
President of the Board of Directors.

ISAAC AMERMAN,
Clerk of Session.

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN MARCH, 1868.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pty of Albany</i> —Johnstown ch 34 29; Mariaville ch 7; State Street ch 150; Amsterdam ch 13 35; Tribes Hill ch 10 05	\$214 69	ch 2 50; Peoria ch 4 50; Scotch Grove ch 7; Hazel Green ch 3	30 00
<i>Pty of Allegheny City</i> —Freedom ch 10 75; Ger ch Manchester 3 95; Leetsdale ch 25 25; Sewickley ch 110; Emersworth ch 4	153 95	<i>Pty of Donegal</i> —Slate Ridge ch 18 04; Lancaster ch 35 25	53 29
<i>Pty of Allegheny</i> —Centre ch 25 50; Muddy Creek ch 9 72	35 22	<i>Pty of Elizabethtown</i> —Liberty Corners ch 15; Sloam ch 2 10; Westminster ch 9 30; 1st ch Meachen 10 20; 1st ch Plainfield 20	65 60
<i>Pty of Burlington</i> —Tuckerton ch 5 75; Columbus ch 8 70; Providence ch 3 30; Camden ch 60 85; Bordentown ch 8; Cream Ridge ch 6 55; Mt Holly ch 23 54	104 69	<i>Pty of Erie</i> —Harmonsburg ch 4; Conneautville ch 6; Georgetown ch 3	13 00
<i>Pty of Bureau</i> —Arlington ch 3; Edingon ch 15; 1st ch Aledo 8; 1st ch Geneseo 6; Princeton ch 23 15; Millersburg ch 5	60 15	<i>Pty of Ebenezer</i> —Burlington ch, Hon J M Preston	13 00
<i>Pty of Blairsville</i> —Armagh ch 5; Greensburg ch 25 50; Cross Roads ch 16	46 50	<i>Pty of Fort Wayne</i> —Third ch Fort Wayne 7 56; Warsaw ch 15; Bluffton ch 2 60; New Lancaster ch 2	27 15
<i>Pty of Bloomington</i> —Farm Ridge ch 12 75; Chatsworth ch 12 10; Cross Meadow ch 2; Lincoln ch 6 50; Champaign ch 17; Deer Creek ch 7 50; Salem ch 7; Waynesville ch 7 75; Lexington ch 10; Mackinaw ch 5 50; Towanda ch 22 50, of which 2 50 from Sab-sch; Clinton ch 17 08; Union Grove ch 5	132 63	<i>Pty of Fairfield</i> —La Fayette ch 2; Liberty ch 4; Washington ch 5; Bethel ch 2; Salina ch 2	15 30
<i>Pty of Buffalo City</i> —Calvary ch	67 00	<i>Pty of Findlay</i> —Shanesville ch 6; Blanchard ch 5 60; Pleasantville ch 3 25	13 85
<i>Pty of Beaver</i> —First ch Clarksville 19; Mahoney ch 24	43 00	<i>Pty of Genesee River</i> —Warsaw ch	32 00
<i>Pty of Baltimore</i> —Churchville ch 15; Broadway ch 22 37	37 37	<i>Pty of Huntingdon</i> —Bellefonte ch 152 80; Bellefonte Sab-sch 60; Spruce Creek ch 110 25; Birmingham ch 37 48; Williamsburgh ch 27; Sinking Valley ch 29 08; Hollidaysburgh ch 49 05; Tyrone ch 15, of which 1 50 Sab-sch; Bethel ch 10	490 63
<i>Pty of Cedar</i> —Muscatine ch 24; Cedar Rapids ch 16 50; Springville ch 2; Marion ch 19 40; Fairview ch 4; Blue Grass ch 5; Hermon ch 5	75 95	<i>Pty of Highland</i> —Salem ch	3 33
<i>Pty of Chicago</i> —Second ch St Anne 3 60; 1st ch Aurora 8; Willow ch 17 45; Fullerton Av ch 20; Manteno ch 21 95, of which 1 65 from miss box of A S, jr	71 00	<i>Pty of Hudson</i> —Florida ch 12; Cohecton ch 5 50; Hamptonburg ch 19 30	36 80
<i>Pty of Clarion</i> —Licking ch 14; Leatherwood ch 8	22 00	<i>Pty of Huckey</i> —New Plymouth ch	5 40
<i>Pty of Cincinnati</i> —Lebanon ch 26 25; Reading ch 3; 1st ch Cincinnati 45; Central ch 82 73; 1st ch Walnut Hills 36 13; 5th ch Cincinnati 15 16; Cumminsville ch 7 32	215 58	<i>Pty of Iowa</i> —West Point ch 5; Round Grove ch 6; Pilot Grove ch 1 20; Sterling ch 8 60; Ononwa ch 3	23 70
<i>Pty of Crawfordsville</i> —Bethany ch 15; 1st ch Crawfordsville 13 25; Bethel ch 4 16; Union ch 6 15	38 50	<i>Pty of Indianapolis</i> —Shiloh ch 2 50; Hopewell ch 26 15; Knightstown ch 14 75	43 40
<i>Pty of Chillicothe</i> —Bloomington ch 20 17; Greenfield ch 16 25; South Salem ch 14 65	51 07	<i>Pty of Kaskaskia</i> —Pleasant Ridge ch 6 30; Moro ch 4	10 30
<i>Pty of Chippewa</i> —La Crosse ch	9 25	<i>Pty of Luzerne</i> —Kingston ch 29 42; White Haven ch 4; Eckley ch 8	41 42
<i>Pty of Columbus</i> —Worthington ch	8 20	<i>Pty of Long Island</i> —Huntington South ch 21; Sag Harbor Lad. es Ed Soc 70 20; Middletown ch 19 33; 1st ch Huntington 15	126 53
<i>Pty of Carlisle</i> —Paxton ch 46; Harrisburg ch 105 17; Seventh Street ch Harrisburg 18 25; Dickinson ch 16 21; Lower Path Valley ch 20 75; Burnt Cabin ch 10	216 38	<i>Pty of Londonderry</i> —Second ch Newburyport 21; 1st ch Newburyport 43 54	64 54
<i>Pty of Connecticut</i> —Rye ch 44 65; Mt Kisco ch 25 98	70 63	<i>Pty of Logansport</i> —Monticello ch 9; Bethlehem ch 5 50; West Union ch 1 75	16 25
<i>Pty of Dane</i> —Blue Mounds ch 5; Richland City ch 2 50; Richland Centre ch 2 60; Fancy Creek ch 3; 1st ch Madison 15 03	23 03	<i>Pty of Lafayette</i> —Sugar Creek ch, of which 1 from Mrs M J B	10 00
<i>Pty of Des Moines</i> —Chariton ch 9 80; Albia ch 4; Indianola ch 5	18 80	<i>Pty of Louisville</i> —Walnut Street ch 31 20; Shelbyville ch 6	37 20
<i>Pty of Dubuque</i> —First ch Waverly 13; Epworth		<i>Pty of Maumee</i> —Hicksville ch 5 50; Union ch 4 50; Delta ch 4; West Bethesda ch 5; 1st ch Toledo 13 50	32 60
		<i>Pty of Miami</i> —First ch Miami City 12; Carrollton ch 5; South Charleston Sab-sch 1 25; Middleton ch 20 10; 1st ch South Charleston 10; 1st and 3d chs Dayton 44	92 35
		<i>Pty of Marion</i> —Kingston ch 5; Mt Gilead ch 4; Bucyrus ch 10; Brown ch 5	24 00
		<i>Pty of Monmouth</i> —Port Washington ch 4; Tom's River ch 8 60; 1st ch Red Bank 10; Village ch Freehold 40	62 60
		<i>Pty of Mohawk</i> —Oneida ch 45; 1st ch Owego 119 80; Park Central ch Syracuse 52	216 80
		<i>Pty of Michigan</i> —Woodhull ch 3 60; Holland ch 3	6 60

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Alexander ch 7 20; Chelsea ch 64 189 92
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cong Valley ch 12 10; Lambertville ch 32 24
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Pky of Rock River—Ridott ch 10; Middle Creek
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Ebenezer ch 12; Camp Creek ch 9 50 75 50
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Pky of Southwest Missouri—Deep Water ch 6 00
Pky of Tippecanoe—Burlingame ch 5 00
Pky of Troy—South ch Troy 10 00
Pky of Upper Missouri—Parksville ch 6 00
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chs 25 00
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ch 10; 2d ch Washington 40; Forks of Wheeling
ch 79; Upper Buffalo ch 27 26; Mt Prospect ch
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Pky of White Water—First ch Richmond 8 00
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R Mitchell, Philadelphia 6; Rev D M William-
son, Logansport, Ind 5; Robt O Colt, Esq,
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II. FUND FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, &c.

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Pky of Chicago—Marengo ch 7 75
Pky of Dubuque—Scotch Grove ch 6 00
Pky of Hudson—Florida ch 2 00
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Pky of Susquehanna—First ch Towanda 30 00
Pky of West Jersey—Clayton ch 5 22

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Total amount acknowledged, \$8,762 69

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Annual Meeting of the Board.

The Board of Foreign Missions will hold its Annual Meeting at the Mission House, New York, on Monday, May 4th, at two o'clock, P. M.

A sermon for the Board will be preached by the Rev. John Hall, D.D., on the Sabbath evening preceding, in the Fifth Avenue and Nineteenth Street Church, and a brief Abstract of the Annual Report will be presented.

Recent Intelligence.

A NEW STATION IN LIBERIA has been formed among the natives, near Marshall. The Presbytery of West Africa, during their meeting in January at Marshall, paid a visit to the town of a native chief, which was one of much interest. He had built a house for a school and a place of preaching, and was anxious to have a missionary sent to live amongst his people. Rev. John M. Deputie, lately licensed by the Presbytery, has been appointed at their recommendation to occupy this new post. At Marshall, a new brick church was dedicated, and nine persons were admitted to the communion, five on examination, and four on certificate.

FROM THE CORISCO MISSION we learn, under date of January 6th at Benita, and January 16th at Corisco, that the Rev. W. H. Clark and his family were about to return to this country for health. We regret also to learn that the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Nassau had been removed by death. Mr. Nassau writes of his station as follows: "God's Spirit is surely with us in our Benita church. The attendance on all public services, Sabbath and week days, has been regular and large, and the Christians seem to be revived in strength and zeal. The work beginning thus among God's people has extended to others, and eight persons, young men and women, have applied for admission to the catechumen class. The cases are noticeable, because none of them have been in or near mission schools. They received their first instructions from the Scripture readers." An old man was baptized Dec. 29th, and received into the church. Mr. Nassau adds: "Do, do, beg somebody to come to us. I do not faint when I look forward at the work; but when I look back to the churches for support, my heart weeps. Why will they leave the lone pickets to weary and fall?"

BAPTISMS IN INDIA.—The Rev. S. H. Kellogg, writing at Futtehgurh, February 2d, mentions the baptism of a hopeful convert during a missionary journey then recently made; the father and mother of the man baptized professed the same faith, but it was considered best to keep them longer under instruction before baptizing them. At Sabathu, Dr. J. Newton, Jr., reports the baptism of a Hindu leper by the Rev. J. H. Morrison, D.D. Two Mohammedans were applicants for baptism at the same place. All three are inmates of the Poor House, under charge of the Mission.

MISSION TO THE LAOS.—The Rev. D. McGilvary writes under dates to the 27th of November. He was meeting with some vexatious causes of delay in providing houses for the Mission, but hoped these hinderances would soon be removed. On the 15th of January the Rev. J. Wilson and his family were at Rahang, on their way to Chieng-mai.

ADMISSIONS TO THE CHURCHES IN BRAZIL.—The missionaries are still meeting

with encouragement in this country. Letters dated February 25th, speak of three persons admitted to the church in Rio de Janeiro in January, and two in February; six others afterwards applied for admission. At Sao Paulo, three new members were received into the church in February.

ARRIVALS OF MISSIONARIES.—The Rev. T. F. Wallace, of the Mission in the United States of Colombia, arrived at this city on the 10th of April. Mrs. Walsh, wife of the Rev. J. J. Walsh, and Mrs. Brodhead, wife of the Rev. A. Brodhead, both of the Mission in India, arrived on the 9th of April.

LETTERS RECEIVED to April 13th, besides those above cited, are from the Omaha Mission, to April 7th; Creek Mission, to March 22d, mentioning the commencement of the boarding-school with fifteen boys and as many girls as scholars; Seminole Mission, to March 12th; Lahor, February 7th; Allahabad, January 31st; Bangkok, January 17th; Canton, January 31st; San Francisco, February 28th.

Thoughts for this Time.

1. The main source of strength in our missionary work is, as we all believe, in God. On this we offer no remarks here.

2. The main dependence of this work, instrumentally, is on the confidence, sympathy, prayers, gifts, personal consecration at home and abroad, of the people of God. On this also we offer no remarks.

3. The executive agency appointed by the Church for the administration of this work is responsible mainly for the wise and faithful superintendence of its vast interests in the various fields of missions; and these are great enough to fill the hearts and minds of the best committee men, secretaries, and treasurer, whom the Church can find for this service.

4. The sending forward of pecuniary offerings for the support of this work devolves on the office-bearers and the Christian people in all our churches. It is the practical development of their piety—that is of their love to Christ and the souls of men—so far as this cause is concerned. It is a thing requiring faith, self-denial, enlarged views, systematic habits, &c., all of which can best be cultivated by the ministers and other office-bearers of the churches. To roll the responsibility of fostering an interest in this cause on any central executive agency is simply weakness, not strength, and it is sure to be followed by disappointment and disaster. No system of collecting officers employed by a central office can long work well in our church, for many reasons; and the employment of such officers does not well accord with our theory of ministerial responsibility, each pastor having the duty and privilege of promoting the greatest usefulness of his congregation. On the other hand, every thoughtful executive officer must have often felt cheered by the thought, that he is but one of many hundreds of Christian ministers and of many thousands of Christian people, who have a common interest with himself in the welfare of this sacred cause.

So we now feel, as near the end of the mission year—these remarks are written nearly three weeks before the year ends—it seems altogether likely that the treasury of the Board will be again in debt, perhaps heavily in debt. But we forbear to dwell on these thoughts. We hope this reference to them may tend to awaken earnest consideration of the subject, especially on the part of our brethren in the ministry. From very many examples, we feel sure that if they will but warmly press the claims of this cause on the hearts of the people of God, there will be no want of pecuniary means for its support and its great enlargement.

With Agents and Without.

In former years the Boards of our Church, in common with most "voluntary" Benevolent Societies, employed Agents for the collection of funds; in these days such agents would be called district or financial secretaries. In 1854-5, the Foreign Board ceased to employ such agency, relying on the ministers and other office-bearers of the churches to present this cause to their congregations. We do not intend here to enter at all on the theoretic reasons for or against agents or secretaries of this kind; but we wish to present some statistical returns concerning this subject, which we have had recent occasion to collect. They are here arranged, so as to show the advance made by our churches in the support of this cause, in two periods of thirteen years each. The period of thirteen years is taken, because it is that number of years since our Foreign Board employed paid agents or secretaries for the collection of funds. We add a second class of figures, giving the returns in the same periods of time of our Board and another Board, which is deservedly held in very high estimation, and with which our Board is sometimes brought into comparison.

I. Receipts of the Board in two Periods.

With Agents, 1842-54, \$1,067,637. Average \$82,126 each year.

Without Agents, 1855-67, \$1,908,476. Average \$146,806 each year.

Increase \$840,839, or over 78 per cent.

The increase of church members in the first period was 170 per cent.

The increase of church members in the second period was 11 per cent.

In the second period the church members of the Southern churches, and also their gifts were withdrawn.

Expense of Agents in the first period, \$43,626; in the second, \$3,288.

II. Receipts of the Presbyterian Board and of the ——— Board in two Periods.

Presbyterian Board, 1842-54, \$1,067,637.

1855-67, \$1,908,476.

Increase, \$840,839, or over 78 per cent

——— Board, 1842-54, \$3,074,233.

1855-67, \$4,176,319.

Increase, \$1,102,096, or over 33 per cent.

Returns of church members contributing to the ——— Board, not at hand; but the increase could hardly have been in a *less* ratio than the increase of church members in the second period above. The separate action of a part of the supporters of this Board for several years may be considered as an offset to the withdrawal of Southern support from the Presbyterian Board.

Expense of Agents of the ——— Board, from 1855-67, \$158,954.

In all these receipts, legacies, donations of Bible and Tract Societies, and moneys from sales are not included; only the church and Sabbath-school collections and miscellaneous donations from the supporters of missions in this country are included.

Corisco Mission Work.

We insert reports from two of the stations of the Corisco Mission, West Africa. The first is written by the Rev. C. DeHoer, and relates to the work carried on at Alongo, on the island of Corisco. The second is written by the Rev. R. H. Nassau, M.D., concerning his station at Benita, on the coast of the main land, about fifty miles north of Corisco. Besides these stations, the work of this mission occupies another station and an out-station on the island, and several out-stations on the main land. It will be seen that our brethren meet with discouragement no less than with encouragement in their labours, but on the whole good is certainly resulting from their missionary work. They need the support which the prayers and sympathy of the churches may be the means of obtaining for them in their peculiarly dark and trying sphere of service for our Lord. We doubt not his presence is with them. These reports come down to the 1st of last October.

ALONGO STATION.

The order of duties at this station is the same as last year. Public services twice on the Sabbath, and Sabbath-school in the afternoon, also a prayer-meeting conducted by the Christians, which is attended by all the pupils.

The attendance upon the Sabbath services has been comparatively encouraging, and has been marked with regularity and attention.

The weekly prayer-meeting has also been sustained, besides a noontday prayer-meeting, in which the converts usually take an active part.

Boarding School.

The school which contained twenty-nine boys at the beginning of the year, after a few unimportant changes, now numbers thirty-four. Those who were received, belong to four different tribes besides the Benga; of these, two boys, the children of a native fetic doctor, were brought to me by their father and mother for instruction.

The health of all connected with the school has been generally good, their conduct satisfactory; though away from home and friends, a spirit of content-

ment has prevailed. Their progress in knowledge has been gratifying. The art of writing interests them much, and a pleasant rivalry exists. A number of them are accustomed to write out during the Sabbath what they remember of the morning discourse, which is afterwards rehearsed. Great importance is attached to the study of the Scriptures, they forming the opening lesson in the school, both morning and afternoon, each pupil recites a verse after evening worship, which is also required when they gather together for their meals.

Catechumen Class—Manual Labour—Gratitude for the Blessings of the Year.

Four from the Catechumen class have been received into the communion of the church, two of them members of the school, the other two females from an adjoining town. The class now numbers four.

One young man has been sent out as a native assistant, and three others are under instructions for that office.

Out of study hours the boys have been engaged in manual employment, including a sewing class under the superintendence of Mrs. De Heer, from the proceeds of which labour they have been able to contribute their mite at our monthly concert; they have now commenced gardening for the same purpose. I may mention here that their native teacher has set them a worthy example in this respect, having contributed one-fifth of his salary during the year.

I cannot conclude this report without expressing humble gratitude to God, for all his mercies bestowed upon us throughout the year. May he graciously carry on his own purpose concerning this benighted people, remove all obstacles which now hinder the spread of the gospel, and in due time cause this wilderness to blossom as the rose.

BENITA STATION.

I was absent from this station parts of the first two months, October and November, of this mission year, on a visit to Corisco with my family, necessitated by their health and that of the other members of the mission.

Health has been good, considering that I am now commencing the seventh year of uninterrupted residence in Africa. There are often infirmities that prevent journeying or other activity, but do not hinder the performance of regular daily duties at the station.

The completed dwelling-house is very comfortable and commodious. I do not regret the time required to be spent on its erection, for I was thus led into a pleasant manual exercise, that was healthful and better than sedentary work. Additions to the out-houses of the native assistants have also been made, called for by the increasing business connected with the station.

Day and Sabbath-schools.

The day-school, kept by a native teacher in his house, is uninterrupted, though the attendance varies daily. There are no regular classes; and though there are regular hours, the teacher is told to regard all who come, even at other hours, as pupils, and instruct whoever will receive instruction.

The Sabbath-school shows decided progress, not in increase of the number who come, but in the advance of those who had already begun. Out of those who had learned to read Benga, eight of the most fluent were advanced to form an English class.

Church Services—Prayer-Meetings—Catechumen Class.

Sabbath church services continue to be well attended, and the quiet of the holy day is admirably well observed outwardly even by the heathen. Prayer-meetings, both in the mission dwelling and in the native houses have been well sustained. Catechumen class increases, closing the year with thirteen, even while I have drawn with greater strictness the qualifications for admittance and conditions of continuance.

Church Discipline—Encouragement.

In closely watching and disciplining there have been two excommunications and seven suspensions. But the good effect of discipline was admirably displayed in the case of one of the seven who has already been restored; and the faithful seem more firmly hedged in the right path. I observe a growth of zeal,—less fear of opposition,—boldness to proclaim the truth and to stand up for it,—and greater ability to resist sin.

Encouragement is found in the open resistance to long-settled heathen customs,—the voluntary establishment of prayer-meetings,—an increase of total abstinence from intoxicating liquors,—prevalence of kindly feeling,—a desire for and growth in biblical knowledge,—and an increase of inquirers. It has occurred at both of the last communions after the services of the day, that there came, in the one case a man and his

wife, strangers from the other side of the river, and in the other case, one of my own workmen, who I did not suppose was serious, to tell me of their hearts and to ask for admittance to the class.

Mr. Nassau closes his report by saying: "We earnestly supplicate for enlargement on the main land. Give us help to attempt the interior so long sealed to entrance, but now yielding openings." And in a letter of later date, January 5th, he writes: "Do, do beg somebody to come to us. Mr. Clark, [of the station at Evangesimba, Corisco], will be necessitated to return; the Corisco force cannot be reduced; and I beg for some one to share the educational and spiritual work of Benita with me. Secular work I can stop; the others I dare not, and they grow. The paucity of men is not your fault, dear brother; I do not faint when I look forward at the work. But when I look back to the churches for support, my heart weeps. Why will they leave the lone pickets to weary and fall?"

Two Reports of Churches in Liberia.

The Rev. H. W. Erskine, minister of the church at Kentucky, or Clay-Ashland, Liberia, writes as follows under date of February 10th, 1867.

The ordinances of God's house we have been enabled to continue throughout the year with but slight interruption. While I was absent a few months I engaged the services of Mr. John Deputie for every alternate Sabbath; he conducted these services with satisfaction to the congregation. We have now our regular Sabbath services, and a very promising Sunday-school, which promises much good. In the work of teaching on the Sabbath, two of our ruling elders have taken the responsibility of the whole work. The school now has its superintendent, teachers, and other officers, and is in full operation. We are greatly indebted to the Board of Publication for the liberal donation of books which they made us. The Sabbath-school library was the *desideratum*. It timely and seasonably met our pressing needs with catechisms, and other religious reading, so that our congrega-

tion laughed for joy when this good news was first announced. May these books prove a blessing to us and our people!

We have besides two weekly prayer-meetings; one on Friday afternoon is our female prayer-meeting, and I am told that it is growing in interest every week. May He who says, "Without me ye can do nothing," grant to us the fulfilment of his promise, "I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and supplication."

. . . . During the year just passed our little church suffered from the loss of several of its members; some died, others moved to a distance and cannot attend, and in four cases we were obliged to resort to the painful duty of disciplining and excommunicating them from the church. After revising our book, we found our numbers reduced to thirty, enough if we will only live a life of faith, to call down abundant blessings from our Heavenly Father, to build up the church in vital piety, and in numbers, too, if He sees good to do so.

The Rev. Thomas E. Dillon, minister of the church at Marshall, Liberia, writes of the meeting of Presbytery, the plan of forming a missionary station amongst a neighbouring native tribe, [which has been approved by the Erection Committee,] and the encouraging condition of his church, under date of February 8th, 1867.

Our Presbytery has just closed its very important business, having commenced its sessions here on the 9th of January, and adjourned on the 12th. Presbytery was quite a treat to Marshall, being a new thing, and doubtless produced a great and good effect. Unusual harmony and good feeling prevailed, and the communion on the Sabbath during Presbytery, will not, I think, be soon forgotten; it reminded me of the Pentecost—it was a glorious occasion. Our large new brick church was abundantly full. There were present Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Recaptured and Bassas; even King *New Tom* with many of his people were in attendance the whole of the Sabbath.

This chief, who is king of the Junk country, has built a house for a church and school, and prays for a teacher. The Presbytery being much interested in the various reports they had received of this king, went up to his place, and were highly gratified with their visit:

they have recommended the Board to establish a school near his town. It is perhaps three miles from Marshall settlement, and is certainly a hopeful field. I visit him and preach for his people about twice a month, and shall visit oftener now that we have pleasant weather for travelling. The Recaptive town lies between New Tom's and Marshall. Many of these recaptured slaves are members of our Church. We preach for them; they have been much neglected throughout the country, more indeed than the natives themselves; they merit encouragement.

Our new church, though not completed was dedicated on the 29th of December. We succeeded in collecting among ourselves and otherwise the sum of three hundred and fifty-seven dollars. . . . Since my appointment here we have received nine persons into the communion of the church, five on examination, and four on certificate. Our membership is fifty-seven. I have taught a school for the more advanced boys and girls. One of these boys has, by the last Presbytery, been taken under its care, as a student looking forward to the ministry. We have opened a day-school, agreeably to the recommendation of Presbytery, so that all our children can be accommodated.

Light and Darkness.

In the Fiji islands, whose name but a short time since was a synonym for the most heathenish cruelty, the gospel is making wonderful progress. There are now 17,000 church members, 1,000 native catechists, and 38 native missionaries, and 40,000 regular members of the schools. About 100,000 have been supplied with the Scriptures, and are under instruction in the word of God. When the complete translation of the Bible into their language recently arrived at the islands, the native Christians were greatly delighted. One of them, like Simeon of old, exclaimed, "Now let thy servant, O Lord, depart in peace, since his eyes have seen thy words complete in the language of Fiji." All the tribes, however, have not been brought under the peaceful power of the gospel. The dreadful news has recently been received that Rev. Thomas Baker, a Wesleyan missionary, and five native students training for the ministry, were cruelly massacred by a party of natives while they were travelling in the islands, and their bodies offered to the heathen deities and eaten.

The Bulwark against Threatened Destruction.

It has been charged by many enemies of missions, that the introduction of Christianity into the Sandwich Islands has been of no benefit to the Hawaiian nation, being unable to prevent the rapid wasting away of the population, or to restrain its followers from immorality and vice. Dr. Gulick, however, makes this impressive statement: "But for the conserving effects of the gospel during the last half century,

there would have been now scarce an Hawaiian left to tell the story of the extinction of the race through foreign vices grafted upon native depravity. That the race still continues to decrease, is no wonder; but that it is in existence to-day with many manifestations of true Christianity, is one of the modern miracles of grace. That there is so much vice and immorality should astonish no one; but that there is any virtue, any piety, any civilization, should cause us to shout over the triumphs of redeeming mercy."

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN MARCH, 1868.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Johnstown ch 26 75; Saratoga Springs Sab-sch 27 75. *Pby of Troy*—Malta ch 14 83 79 33

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Natrona ch 5. *Pby of Allegheny City*—North ch 182 83; Bridgewater ch 58 10; Freedom Sab-sch 2 11; 1st ch Allegheny City Sab-sch 195 48. *Pby of Beaver*—Sharon ch 22; Little Beaver ch 37 30; Beaver Falls ch 66 46; West Middlesex Sab-sch for debt 14 51 583 29

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Annapolis ch 66; Westminster ch Baltimore, Dr Perkins 5, Mrs J Falconer 5, Grace Lee 1 84; Col'd Sab-sch class 5 05; 12th ch Baltimore Sab-sch 15; 2d ch Baltimore Sab-sch 118. *Pby of Carle*—Mechanicsburg ch 23; Upper Path Valley ch 85; Hagerstown ch 43 50; Green Castle ch 74 75; 2d ch Carlisle 20 24. *Pby of Potomac*—N Y ave ch Youths' Missy's Socy 286 56 930 64

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Genesee River*—First ch Bath 12 75. *Pby of Rochester City*—Port Byron ch 34 46 75

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Rock River*—Dixon ch 23 43; Franklin Grove Sab-sch 1 80. *Pby of Warren*—Monmouth Sab-sch 21 15 51 38

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Salem ch bal 1 50. *Pby of Cincinnati*—First ch Glendale mo con 45 11; 7th ch Cincinnati 167, mo con 17 05; Loveland ch 18; 1st ch Walnut Hills 86, mo con 12 51; Pleasant Run ch 6; Montgomery Sab-sch 25; 5th ch Cincinnati 11 70. *Pby of Miami*—First ch Miami City 50; 1st ch Springfield 68; Clifton ch 63 50, Ladies' Benev Socy 10; 1st and 2d chs Dayton 98 87. *Pby of Oxford*—Reiley ch 10. *Pby of Sidney*—Covington ch 8, Sab-sch 1; Spring Hills ch 18 87 719 21

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Bloomington*—Waynesville ch. Elm Grove Sab-sch 2; 1st ch Champaign 12 44; Lexington ch 20, Sab-sch 10; Lincoln Sab-sch 10; 1st ch Bloomington 5. *Pby of Palestine*—Grandview ch 16; Charleston Sab-sch 15; Paris ch 30; Oakland ch 5. *Pby of Peoria*—Henry ch to con Jacob Guyer *Life member* 160. *Pby of Sars*—Timberville ch 3. *Pby of Sangamon*—First ch Springfield 168 21; 3d ch Springfield Sab-sch 14 21 470 85

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Indianapolis*—Union ch 14; Knightstown ch 12. *Pby of Madison*—Jefferson ch 2 10; Bethel ch 5. *Pby of New Albany*—Ger ch Jackson co 5. *Pby of Vincennes*—Evansville ch 49 70; Indiana ch 5, a little girl's private purse 1. *Pby of White Water*—First ch Richmond 12 106 80

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Dubuque*—Franklin Sab-sch 1 05. *Pby of Vinton*—Sand Prairie ch 2 50 8 55

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Topeka*—Burlingame ch. Elder J M Chambers 10 00

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Ebenezer*—Mayslick ch for Lahore sch 16 20; 2d ch Covington Sab-sch 30. *Pby of Louisville*—College st ch,

Louisville 148 25; Shelbyville ch 50 50. *Pby of Transylvania*—Columbia ch 40 40 286 05

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Palmyra*—Kirkville ch 6, Sab-sch 8. *Pby of St Louis*—Second ch St Louis 300; Union ch St Louis 1 50; Ironton ch 5; Kirkwood ch 1 50; Corondelet ch 10, Sab-sch for debt 13 10; Zoar ch 10; Salem ch 6. *Pby of Southwest Missouri*—Rev J McFarland 2 363 10

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Burlington*—First ch Camden 109 12. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—First ch Plainfield 25; Westfield ch 64 20. Sab-sch 39 20. *Pby of Luzerne*—Mahanoy City Sab-sch, add'l for debt 1; Port Carbon ch 25. *Pby of Monmouth*—Toms River ch 12 41. *Pby of Newton*—Belvidere ch 25; Stewartville ch 55 69; 1st ch Hackensettown 350; Stillwater ch 25. *Pby of New Brunswick*—First ch Trenton mission chapel Sab-sch for China 15; Stoney Brook Sab-sch 7; 4th ch Trenton 76, E B Fuller 124. *Pby of Passaic*—Third ch Newark mo con 28 91, for Rio chapel 10, Sab-sch Truth-Seekers 10; 1st ch Morristown mo con 23 09; Connecticut Farms ch 80; Wickliffe ch mo con 9 25. *Pby of Raritan*—First ch Amwell 23 50. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Monroeton ch 11; Stevensville ch 3; Rushville ch 1. *Pby of West Jersey*—Swedesboro ch 8; Brainard ch 2; Mays Landing ch 2; Blackwoodtown Sab-sch, little Jennie Pierson's savings 70 cts; Cape Island Sab-sch 8 69; Deerfield Sab-sch for debt 20; Pitsgrove ch, add'l 15 30 1,156 05

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—Rye ch mo con 14 85; Mt Kisco ch 22 26. Sab-sch 5; South East ch 8 10. *Pby of Hudson*—Florida ch mo con 5. Sab-sch 6; Scotchtown ch 154 50. *Pby of Long Island*—Mellville Sab-sch 7; 1st ch Huntington Sab-sch 13 23. *Pby of Nassau*—Astoria ch mo con 25 63; 1st ch Brooklyn mo con 60 53; South Third st ch Wmsburg, mo con 45 11, Sab-sch for Ningpo 25, Shanghai 35, Lodianna 50, Futehghurh 25, Corisco 40, Rio chapel 50; Genevan ch to con Geo C Morgan and Richard Brinkerhoff *Life members* 45; East Wmsburg Ger ch 5; 2d ch Brooklyn 98 04, Sab-sch for debt 50; Central ch Brooklyn 186 26. *Pby of New York*—Brick ch 2,741 58, mo con 99 86; 1st ch mo con 227 56; Chelsea ch 20; Fifteenth st ch 134 55; University Place ch mo con 36 51; Alexander ch 5 59; Forty-Second st ch for Japan 100; Palisades ch, Dr C R Agnew 40. *Pby of New York 2d*—Washington Heights ch 25; Tenafly Sab-sch 30; Peekskill ch 123 12; Scotch ch New York, Executor of Estate of Wm Post, dec'd 250. *Pby of North River*—Matteawan ch 107 52; Calvary ch Newburgh 2,942 70

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Crawfordsville*—First ch Thorntown 17; Bethel ch 8; Union ch 9 30. *Pby of Fort Wayne*—Swan ch 2 50; Hopewell ch 3 75; 1st Decatur ch 5 50, Sab-sch for debt 9; Flat Rock ch 5 50; Ligonier ch 6; La Grange Sab-sch 6 10; 1st ch Kendallville 16. *Pby of Muncie*—First ch Indianapolis 204 55. Sab-sch 100, Inf't class 4 396 20

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Columbus*—London ch 6 64; Sab-sch 10 36; Master W E Finley for debt 65c; Blendon ch 20 25. *Pby of Hocking*—Sutton ch 2 50. *Pby of Marion*—Brown ch 5; Cardington ch 3; Wyandott ch mo con 5; Liberty ch 7 75; Bucyrus ch to con John A Gormley, Esq, *Life member*. 54 30. *Pby of Richland*—Savannah ch 38; Sab-sch 3 to con Rev Alex. Scott, *Life member*; Orange ch 10 10; Olivensburg ch 10; Jefferson ch 7; Wakatomika ch 5; Hayesville ch 6 45. *Pby of Zanesville*—Bethel 4; Rush Creek ch 3; Salt Creek ch 57; Mt Zion ch 14 62; Coshocton ch 20 293 62

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SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—Brownsville ch 12; La Crosse ch 6. *Pby of St Paul*—Westminster ch Minneapolis 56 47, mo con 5 10; Sab-sch 12 25; 2d ch Stillwater 7 20; St Cloud Sab-sch 1 100 02

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SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—First Ger ch Hazel Green 2 50; Lakeview ch 9; Belleville ch 3. *Pby of Winnebago*—Kilbourn City ch Children's Cent Society 2 16 50

Total received from churches \$14,121 30

LEGACIES.—Estate of the late Samuel Cochran of New York \$49 32; Estate of Samuel Utter, dec'd, Edgar Co, Ill, 60 899 32

SYNOD OF REP. PRESB. CHURCH.—Two Salaries to Dec. 1st, 1867, 600; Premium 237; Dehra Girls' school 118 55; Native Assistants 106; Scholarships 688 81 1,749 36

MISCELLANEOUS.—Gen G Lomis 5; M M L 60;

Santa Fe, New Mexico Sab-sch for debt 3; Rev D J Atwater for Rio chapel 10; Coloured Presb'n ch Columbia, Tenn 10; Wm Shear Augusta, Ga. 20; H J 200; Flora E Robins, Spring Valley for Corisco 7; 1st ch Louisville, Ky 17 for Lahore sch building; Stanford ch Ky 20 for ditto; Midway ch Ky 5 for ditto; Lena 1; Clarence, Mary, Nettie and Fanny for debt 5; Children of Dauphin Co, Pa Poorhouse 2; Rev E H Leavitt for Lahore 20; St Augustine ch Fla mo con 46 87; Sab-sch 15 13; Lawrenceville, N J Fem Sem'y 8 40; A Friend 50; Miss Fannie Thompson, Hagerstown, Md 100; Henry Brewster, Esq, Shirleysburg, Pa 5; Miss Annie E Montgomery's Sab-sch class, Fannettsburg, Pa 1 13; Jennie Gordon, part contents of Missy Box 50c; John L Van Meter, Yellow Springs, O, a Thank-offering for temporal prosperity 25; Fairmount Union Sab-sch, Westmoreland Co. 2 75 539 78

Total Receipts in March, 1868, \$17,299 78
WM. RANKIN, JR., Treasurer.

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Subscriptions to *The Record*, and the *Sabbath-School Visitor*, and payments for the same, to be addressed to Mr. PETER WALKER.

OUR ANNUAL COLLECTION.

The General Assembly has appointed the FIRST SABBATH IN MAY as the time for an annual and simultaneous collection to be taken in all the churches, for the Colportage and Distribution Fund of the Board of Publication. It is also recommended that when the annual collection in any church *cannot* be taken up on that day, it shall be taken *as soon thereafter as possible*. And the Assembly has resolved, "That the right arm of the Board, its system of colportage, *ought to be more directly presented to their churches by pastors and ruling elders*, as the chief claim of this department of church enterprise, for their liberal help."

In order to aid pastors and sessions, in making such statements as may draw forth the sympathies and contributions of their people towards this cause, the following facts are furnished in regard to the work of Colportage.

THE WORK OF THE LAST YEAR.

The number of commissioned colporteurs in the service of the Board during the past year, has been one hundred and forty-six. But besides these, a number of persons—domestic missionaries, chaplains, teachers of Freedmen's schools, and others—have also been engaged in distributing the publications of the Board. Every offer of aid, from suitable and well recommended persons, has been gratefully accepted.

The reports received from regular colporteurs show that 9522 days of work have been performed by them; 66,177 volumes have been sold; 36,721 volumes, and 996,653 pages of tracts gratuitously distributed. They report that they have visited 79,947 families, with whom, so far as opportunity was afforded, they have engaged in religious conversation and prayer. They are instructed to leave, if possible, a few pages of tracts in every house.

In addition to the above, the Executive Committee has granted, from funds furnished by donors for this purpose, 16,255 volumes, and 213,195 pages of tracts, to Mission and other needy Sabbath-schools, to Freedmen's schools, ships' crews, and other classes of persons to whom they were likely to be useful.

During the year, the Colporteurs of the Board have laboured in nearly all the Northern, Western, Northwestern and Border States, and in the Dominion of Canada. A few have also been at work in the Southern States, also in California and Oregon, and one is now in commission in New Mexico. Many of these brethren, who are recommended as well-qualified for their work by ministers or Presbyteries, have liberally sown the seeds of gospel truth in sparsely settled regions of country, where the means of grace are rarely or never enjoyed. Who can estimate the results, for time and eternity, of their labours? Their books and tracts and words of love and prayers are left behind, nevermore, in ordinary cases, to be seen or heard of in this life. But we cannot doubt that many precious, saved souls, will at the last great day, joyfully attribute the beginning of the work of grace within them to these humble and almost unobserved labours.

WORDS FROM THE FIELD.

A colporteur writing from Kansas, says: "I suppose the object of our colportage work is to supply destitute places with good books, selling them as far as possible, and giving where the people are unable to buy. Are there any more destitute places in the United States than some portions of Nebraska and Kansas? Very many people there never hear preaching, have no religious books, and are without the Bible. Infidelity and false notions of religion and of sin are working eternal death where religious reading would do much to save the rising generation and many of the older people, bless the country, and honour and advance the cause of Christ. Sometime ago I gave a man a copy of '*What is Calvinism?*' He read the book again and again, and says it gave him new light. He told me that, up to that time, he had been an infidel, but was one no longer, and that he desires to serve God and lead a different life. He is now a regular attendant where I preach, and brings his wife and family with him. They ride several miles on a rough wagon with a few loose boards laid on it, and, the best of all is, the man is exerting a good influence on others. Several of his neighbours have asked him to procure books of me for them."

A Domestic Missionary in Iowa, who "finds the books and tracts of the Board an indispensable adjunct in his work," mentions the following incident: "In a Presbyterian family where I had lodged, and sold a copy of '*Confessions of a Convert*,' and a few other books, there were three young ladies. As I now learn, one of them was then receiving the attentions of a young gentleman of Quaker parentage and sentiments. This little book was quietly slipped into his hands and was read and re-read. This couple are now one in heart and soul, socially and religiously. The young man attributes his very hopeful conversion and union with our church to the reading of this little book. Thus the good seed, after passing through many hands, finds a lodgment in an honest heart and brings forth its precious fruit."

When transmitting his report, a Colporteur in Kansas writes as follows:

"Since my last report I have travelled considerably in Nebraska and Kansas. I let a family have, for a short time, one of the Board's cheap publications, called '*Confessions of a Convert.*' The book was read with much interest and profit. An old gentleman began to read it aloud; then other members of the family read it. The old gentleman afterwards *began to copy it.* He said it was the best work upon the subject he had ever seen, and he *would like to write it all out* if he had time. He wished to keep it longer, but it was the only copy I had, and another person was waiting for it. The little book is still '*moving on*' and, with God's blessing it will do good; and that, too, in a neighbourhood where much error on this subject has been spread."

These quoted sentences give glimpses of the kind of work our Board of Publication is doing for the Church, and doing to the full extent of the means contributed by the churches for the work. Similar extracts from the Board's correspondence might be presented almost without end.

SOME OF THE RESULTS ACHIEVED.

During the year large numbers of Presbyterian churches have been supplied with a sound religious literature. Many waste places have been traversed, where the scattered sheep of the flock, living without sanctuary privileges, have been strengthened by religious conversation, and by a supply of good books. Large numbers of wholly irreligious persons and families have received exhortations, entreaties, and invitations to come to Christ for salvation. In every family visited, at least a few pages of tracts, and in very many, one or more religious volumes have been left. And the Divine Spirit has accompanied the colporteurs in their work, and in many instances given tokens of his approbation by using the truth thus imparted as his instrument to bring souls to embrace the precious offers of the gospel.

In a day when such vast quantities of reading are issuing from the press; some of it directly infidel in its teachings; very much of it profane and licentious in its character; and a still larger proportion composed of merely imaginative and irreligious works, how unspeakably important is it that the Church should be found continually striving to sow broadcast over the land, books and tracts full of the savour of vital godliness!

And at a time when so large a proportion of the avowedly religious issues of the press are of a kind to unsettle the minds of the members of our own communion upon important points of doctrine and practice, how important is it that such works should be placed in the hands of the members and youth of the Church, as are adapted to settle and confirm them in right views upon those subjects!

But while something is doing, *very much yet remains to be done.* In every part of our wide-spread land, and among all classes and conditions of people, there is a work of inconceivable and oppressive magnitude to be performed in supplying the printed truths of the gospel in their purity

and variety. Our noble Presbyterian Church should be among the very foremost of the evangelical churches of our land in helping forward this great work.

WHAT THE BOARD ASKS.

In order that the work may go forward, we beg every Pastor and every vacant church to give us aid according to the ability which God may have given to each. *Let an annual collection be taken on the FIRST SABBATH OF MAY, or if it be not possible to take it on that day, then on the earliest practicable Sabbath afterwards.* Let the children in the Sabbath-school, according to the recommendation of the General Assembly, be also invited to send *their* contributions to the Board.

We make an earnest appeal for a liberal contribution from every church, and especially from those which sent nothing to our Colportage Fund last year. We urge this appeal by reminding ministers and churches that every dollar sends forth many a well-tryed book and tract, in most cases accompanied by a living voice and loving heart, to perishing souls, many of whom live near the sanctuary without perhaps ever entering it, while other multitudes of them live in the regions beyond where there is seldom or never an opportunity to hear an ordained minister of Jesus Christ. *Help, brethren, help to send to these needy and dying multitudes, the blessed truths of the gospel by the printed page.*

Collections should be remitted, as soon as convenient, to WINTHROP SARGENT, Esq., Treasurer of the Board, No. 821 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

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The brother who ministers to the church at Knob Noster, Mo., acknowledging the receipt of the appropriation, says: "It was the means of helping us just when we-most needed help. My people have done nobly. They are only nine in number, and we now have a church worth twenty-five hundred dollars. Three or four of the members are carpenters, and they worked for about seven weeks without scarcely an intermission. A few other carpenters in the town gave us a few days' work each. We have practised great self-denial—the only way we could succeed. Money that my people actually needed for other purposes was brought forward and put into the building fund."

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION IN MARCH, 1868.

<p><i>Pby of Erie</i>—Conneautville ch 6; Harmonsburg ch 4; Cool Spring ch 6; Salem ch 5 \$21 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Benicia</i>—Valego ch 15 00</p> <p><i>Pby of New Orleans</i>—First Ger ch, New Orleans 5 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Potomac</i>—Falls and Lewensville chs 6 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Dubuque</i>—Chester ch 2 60</p> <p><i>Pby of Newton</i>—Oxford 2d ch, special 144 23; Shawnee ch 2; Stillwater ch 10 156 23</p> <p><i>Pby of Palestine</i>—Charleston ch of wh 66 70, special. 86 70</p> <p><i>Pby of Allegheny City</i>—Manchester Ger ch 3 72; Pine Creek ch 7 10 72</p> <p><i>Pby of Saltsburg</i>—Elderton ch 5 13; Gilgal ch 7 75; Rural Valley ch 9 60; Cherry Tree ch 7 20; Mahoning ch 2; Bethesda ch 5 26 36 94</p> <p><i>Pby of Blainville</i>—Murraysville ch 18 58; Congruity ch 14; New Salem ch 36 41 68 99</p> <p><i>Pby of Ohio</i>—Bethany ch 57 50; North Branch ch 5 60; Mt Carmel ch 3 40 66 50</p> <p><i>Pby of Allegheny</i>—Centreville ch 10 42; Muddy Creek ch 9 68 20 08</p> <p><i>Pby of Redstone</i>—West Newton ch 10; Dunlap's Creek and New Salem chs 20 20 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Nassau</i>—Astoria ch, special, 238; Williamsburg Ger ch 5 243 00</p> <p><i>Pby of West Jersey</i>—Blackwoodtown ch, special, 7 15; Cedarville ch, special, 25 32 15</p> <p><i>Pby of White Water</i>—Cambridge ch \$ 20; Richmond ch 11 19 20</p> <p><i>Pby of Muscogee</i>—Hagerstown ch 3 75</p> <p><i>Pby of Indianapolis</i>—Bethany ch 7 25</p> <p><i>Pby of Vincennes</i>—Sullivan ch 8; Indiana ch 5 13 00</p> <p><i>Pby of St Paul</i>—First ch Hudson 5 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Des Moines</i>—First ch Oscaloosa 10 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Iowa</i>—Round Grove ch 10 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Chippewa</i>—Galesville ch, add'l, 5 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Marion</i>—Kingston ch 5; Liberty ch 7 12 00</p> <p><i>Pby of New Castle</i>—Kennett Square ch 5 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Rock River</i>—Albany ch 5 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Clarion</i>—Mill Creek ch 2 60</p> <p><i>Pby of Carlisle</i>—Fayetteville ch 12 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Troy</i>—Cambridge ch 12 08</p> <p><i>Pby of Warren</i>—Knoxville ch 5 40</p>	<p><i>Pby of Winnebago</i>—First ch Portage City 13 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Findlay</i>—Delphos ch 5; Shanesville ch 4; Harrison ch 2; Pleasantville ch 3 14 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Connecticut</i>—South Salem ch 45, Sab-sch 10; Mt Kisco ch 8 63 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Baltimore</i>—Churchville ch 16 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Zanesville</i>—Coshocton ch 11 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Buffalo City</i>—Central ch 31 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Oxford</i>—Bethel ch 5 50</p> <p><i>Pby of Sudney</i>—Spring Hill ch 14 88</p> <p><i>Pby of Columbus</i>—Truro ch 10 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Ebenezer</i>—Hon J M Preston, Burlington, Ky 13 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Monmouth</i>—Red Bank ch 20; Village ch, Freehold 25 45 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Burlington</i>—Tuckerton ch 5 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Susquehanna</i>—Barclay ch 3 60</p> <p><i>Pby of New Albany</i>—German ch Jackson County 4 50</p> <p><i>Pby of Bloomington</i>—First ch Bloomington 5 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Saline</i>—Shawneetown ch 2 92</p> <p><i>Pby of Washington</i>—First ch Washington 55 20</p> <p><i>Pby of Oregon</i>—Clatsop ch 2 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Philadelphia</i>—First African ch 5 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i>—Bridosburg ch 10 58; Port Kennedy ch 2 12 53</p> <p><i>Pby of Denegal</i>—Little Britain ch 12 25; Slate Ridge ch 16 70 29 95</p> <p><i>Pby of Passaic</i>—Connecticut Farms ch 15 00</p> <p><i>Pby of Louisville</i>—Shelbyville ch 8 00</p> <p><i>Pby of St Louis</i>—Second ch St Louis, special 5740 5,801 25</p>
<p>MISCELLANEOUS.</p>	
<p>Wm Shear, Esq. Augusta, Ga, 10; Rev Salmon Cowles, West Point, Iowa 1 11 00</p>	
<p>Total receipts for March, 1868, \$7,128 83</p>	
<p>DAVID KEITH, <i>Treasurer,</i> St. Louis, Mo.</p>	
<p>Contributors will prevent the loss of their gifts by remitting them to our treasurer or receiving agents in post-office orders or drafts on St. Louis or New York, and not in bank bills.</p>	

FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS, AND THE NEEDY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

The following amounts have been received since last report, viz.

<i>Pby of Londonderry</i> —Boston 1st ch	\$10 00	<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Lancaster ch	43 10
<i>Pby of Mohawk</i> —Smithville Flats ch	7 25	<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Coatesville ch 17; Lower West Nottingham ch 25	42 00
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Centreville ch	11 72	<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —First African ch 10; Princeton ch 67 86; A Friend of 10th ch 50	127 86
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Manchester Ger ch 3 72; Pine Creek ch 7; Sharpsburg ch 19 42	30 14	<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —West Arch Street ch add'l 5; Mrs M Shinn of 2d ch 2 50	7 50
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Mercersburg ch	27 00	<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Bridesburg ch	13 00
<i>Pby of Ogdensburg</i> —Oswegatchie 2d ch	8 00	<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Congruity ch	14 00
<i>Pby of Rochester City</i> —Phelps 1st ch	11 00	<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Mill Creek ch 3; Perry ch 7 46	10 46
<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Galena South ch 36 95; Freeport 2d ch 19	56 95	<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Canonsburg ch 17; Bethel ch 25; North Branch ch 4 08; Mt Carmel ch 4 70	50 78
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Miami City 1st ch	30 00	<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —West Newton ch	15 00
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Clinton ch 9 53; Bloomington 1st ch 5	14 53	<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Indiana ch	41 00
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Somerville ch	4 00	<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Galesville ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Palestine</i> —Charleston ch	20 00	<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Mt Pleasant Ger ch	1 50
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Henry ch	18 00	<i>Pby of Des Moines</i> —Des Moines 1st ch 20; Indianapolis ch 5	25 00
<i>Pby of Madison</i> —Sullivan ch	3 00	<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Annapolis ch 9; New Cumberland ch 8; Steubenville 2d ch 30 37	47 37
<i>Pby of New Albany</i> —Jackson County German ch	5 00	<i>Pby of New Orleans</i> —First Ger ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Vincennes</i> —Indiana ch	4 00		\$1085 48
<i>Pby of White Water</i> —Cambridge City ch 16 32; Hagerstown ch 2 40	18 72	Mrs Dr Cuyler, of Philadelphia	10 00
<i>Pby of Louisville</i> —Shelbyville ch	11 00	"Sharon"	6 00
<i>Pby of Lafayette</i> —Kansas City 1st ch	6 00	A Friend	50 00
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Port Clinton ch	15 00	Interest on Permanent Funds	21 56
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Manalapan ch	15 90		\$1,172 98
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Oxford 2d ch 10; Stillwater ch 10; Stillwater ch 10	20 00		
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Connecticut Farms ch	16 62		
<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Bridgeton 1st ch 150; Williamstown ch 10	160 00		
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Rye ch 28 67; Mt Kisco ch 12 87	41 54		
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Monroe ch	11 00		
<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —Southampton ch	15 06		
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Williamsburg Ger ch	5 00		
<i>Pby of North River</i> —Calvary ch	17 25		
<i>Pby of Marion</i> —Liberty ch	10 00		
<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Muskingum ch	15 00		

GEO. H. VAN GELDER,
Treasurer Trustees of General Assembly,
Office, No. 320 Walnut Street.
Philadelphia, April 6th, 1868.

In remitting money to this Fund, the name of the Church and Presbytery to which it belongs should be distinctly stated, that it may be correctly acknowledged. And where checks or drafts are sent they should be drawn to the order of "GEO. H. VAN GELDER, Treasurer."

LETTERS sent to the Committee on the Fund, acknowledging appropriations are not all written by the receivers—some of them by reason of bodily infirmity from great age—palsy, or some prostrating disease—are incapable of using the pen. But all of them breathe an excellent spirit, expressing a lively sense of the goodness of God and the kindness of their Christian brethren in providing for their relief. One of our superannuated brethren, too infirm for any sort of labour, bodily or mental, makes the following reply to a message from the Committee, which was probably dictated by himself, and written by the hand of another: "Your appropriation is received with heartfelt gratitude to God and to all those whose hearts he has moved to be contributors to the fund from which it is taken. My fervent prayer is, that so long as there shall be those in the church who need such assistance, there will not be wanting those who have a heart to afford it. The few appropriations made to me have not only rescued me from much suffering, but have lifted from my mind and heart a burden of care and anxiety which pressed like a mountain. What can be more in accordance with the mind of Christ and the spirit of his gospel than such a provision as this fund? May God bless abundantly all interested in this bounty, whether givers or receivers."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

REV. S. C. LOGAN, *Corresponding Secretary*, DAVID ROBINSON, Esq., *Treasurer*, Box 224, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 WM. MALIN, Esq., *Receiving Agent*, 907 Arch street, Philadelphia.

We find the following interesting letter in the *Presbyterian Banner* of April 20th. We have learned from a former pastor of its author, that he is an earnest and faithful Christian. More than a year ago he published an appeal in behalf of coloured Presbyterians in the northern cities, which we have reason to believe did much towards awakening an interest in these too-much neglected brethren. There is great danger of our forgetting the coloured people who crowd into our northern cities, while we seek to plant the church among the ignorant freedmen. We most heartily endorse the promise of the closing sentence in this letter. We do believe the church will "be repaid a thousand fold" for its labour of love among these benighted people. The desire they have manifested in the last year to be identified by contributions with the three Boards—of Foreign and Domestic Missions, and Education, shows that our church is casting "bread upon the waters which shall be gathered again." We ask a kind hearing for this appeal of

"A Voice for the Freedmen."

GREENCASTLE, PA., March 16th, 1868.

MESSRS. EDs:—In a recent number of your paper, I was surprised and saddened to see that the Mission of our Church amongst the freedmen is straitened in its operation, by a lack of funds. I need not say how deeply my sympathies are enlisted for my ignorant and suffering people. Until lately it has been a penal offence for them to learn to read the word of God, and thousands of them are to-day in ignorance of the redemption offered by Christ; they are in a state of absolute heathenism. I would therefore most earnestly appeal to the charity of all Christians, to aid the mission established in their behalf. While the Presbyterian Church is appropriating vast sums to the conversion of heathen abroad, shall she neglect those at home?

I would not desire to see the cause of Foreign Missions less generously sustained, but would beg her to remember also the spiritual interests of those so recently liberated in her midst, and who (notwithstanding all colonization schemes) must constitute, for all time, a part of the American nation. Set free by a civil convulsion, such as the world has never before witnessed, and ignorant of the simplest guidance, human or divine, how are they to become intelligent and efficient citizens of this great republic except by the aid of the charitable, to missions such as this? How, except through the agency of the church, shall these benighted beings be reached by Christian influence? The American nation has given them civil liberty; it remains for the American church to give them "the glorious liberty of the sons of God." If he shall make them free, they shall be free indeed. I would therefore most humbly and earnestly appeal to Christians, of the Presbyterian Church, to aid, by liberal contributions, the Freedmen's Committee, feeling assured that for this labour of love she shall yet be repaid a thousand fold, and in future years many sons and daughters of our race shall rise up and call her blessed.

Truly yours,

MOSES ANDERSON.

[We hope that the above appeal from one who feels deeply for the race to which he belongs will not be unheeded. No more promising field is now before our church.—EDS. BANNER.]

Harmony Presbytery and its Coloured Members.

We have often called attention to the fact that Southern pastors have lost their influence, in great measure, over their coloured members. There have not been lacking those who doubt and those who deny it. The following extract from the report of the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions of the Presbytery of Harmony, gives us some light on this subject. We give this extract, asking our readers to keep in mind the fact that this Presbytery is said to have had the largest coloured membership in the South: "The Committee has nothing of an encouraging character to report from the stations established for preaching to the coloured

people. Knox Station, Wilson Station, and Rocky Bluff Station have been virtually given up. So far as this Presbytery is concerned, these people are in too unsettled a condition politically and religiously to inaugurate any permanent system of religious instruction among them, separate from the old plan hitherto so much blessed. The pastors must still do all they can in the midst of manifold discouragements. The anomalous condition in which these people find themselves, the inducements held out to them to tear away from their former relations by emissaries from abroad and designing persons at home, make the fact that they are conducting themselves with any prudence or propriety at all, more surprising than any of the excesses into which they have run. We believe with such unshaken confidence that the time of sober, serious reflection will come at last, when God's people among them will discover who are their best friends, and who they are who care most for their souls. We can never forget the time when they crowded our sanctuaries, when they listened to the gospel as preached to their owners, and then to the additional discourse designed especially for themselves."

The great body of coloured communicants in this Presbytery are now under the influence of African Methodists, so far as we can learn.

DONATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN IN MARCH, 1868.

<i>Pky of Allegheny</i> —Centre ville ch	\$27 72
<i>Pky of Allegheny City</i> —German ch, Manchester,	3 72
<i>Pky of Atlantic</i> —Coloured sch, St Andrews 3;	
Coloured sch, Charlestown 12	15 00
<i>Pky of Blairsville</i> —Armagh ch	3 00
<i>Pky of Baltimore</i> —Coloured class, Westminster	
ch 6; Mrs Mary Wood, Westminster ch 50	55 00
<i>Pky of Bloomington</i> —Clinton ch 7 77; Heyworth	
ch 6 50; Charlesworth ch 11 00	25 27
<i>Pky of Carlisle</i> —Harrisburg ch add'l	5 00
<i>Pky of Catawba</i> —Franklin ton col sch 2; Brook-	
ville col sch 15; Poplar Tent col sch 22 45;	
Poplar Tent col sch 23; Bethpage col sch 7 35;	
Warrenton col sch 15; Concord col sch 3;	
Told Hill col sch 3 75; Mocksville col sch and	
ch 6 30; Lewisburg col sch 12 20	110 05
<i>Pky of Clarion</i> —Mt Tabor ch	5 00
<i>Pky of Connecticut</i> —Mt Kisco ch	10 00
<i>Pky of Cincinnati</i> —Montgomery ch	14 00
<i>Pky of Fairfield</i> —Birmingham ch	14 45
<i>Pky of Findlay</i> —First ch Lima	2 00
<i>Pky of Fort Dodge</i> —East Friesland	2 00
<i>Pky of Iowa</i> —Round Grove Sab-sch	5 00
<i>Pky of Long Island</i> —Southampton ch	25 05
<i>Pky of Marion</i> —Kingsland ch 3; Mt Gilead ch	
1 50	4 50
<i>Pky of Miami</i> —Clifton ch	16 85
<i>Pky of Nashville</i> —Coloured sch Clarksville	26 75
<i>Pky of New York</i> —Fifth Avenue ch	1206 05
<i>Pky of Ohio</i> —First ch Pittsburg, add'l	175 72
<i>Pky of Passaic</i> —First ch Elizabeth, N J, 148 60;	
2d ch Elizabeth 50; Connecticut Farms ch 10	208 60
<i>Pky of Richland</i> —Martinsburg ch	1 00
<i>Pky of Saltburg</i> —Elderton ch 12 75; Indiana	
ch, a friend of, 5; Rural Valley ch 10	37 75
<i>Pky of Sangamon</i> —Virginia ch	12 00
<i>Pky of Schuyler</i> —Macomb ch	15 00
<i>Pky of Sidney</i> —Spring Hill ch	19 03
<i>Pky of Steubenville</i> —Minerva ch	2 50
<i>Pky of Vintennes</i> —Petersburgh ch	2 10
<i>Pky of White Water</i> —First ch Richmond	15 00
<i>Pky of Wooster</i> —Jackson ch 10; Homesville	
ch 13 50	23 50

MISCELLANEOUS.

Wm Elliot, Birmingham Iowa 14 85; E B, Pittsburg, Pa 5; Ladies Prayer Meeting, Sugar Grove, Pa 5; P P Foote, Lewiston, Pa 5, Rev S Grooks and wife, West Point, Iowa 5; E H Leavitt, Cincinnati, Ohio 10; Jno D McCord, Pittsburg,

Pa 25; Morris Patterson, Philadelphia 25; Free Presbyterian ch, Clarksville, Pa 30 50; Rev S C Logan 5; R L and A Stuart New York, 1000; Mrs J Stevenson 37 50; Mrs Anna M'Candless and Mrs M B Jones, Mo 2 50; J E Goddard, New York 20; J M Preston, Burlington 13; Coloured School, Columbia, Tenn 80 85; W B Armstrong, Mt Vernon, Iowa 10; J S Glenn, Plainfield, Ohio 10; Colored School, Baltimore 23; Coloured sch at Amelia C H, Va 75 cts; Rev S F Scovel, Pittsburgh 25

1,353 95

Received at Philadelphia.

<i>Pky of Bloomington</i> —First ch Bloomington	1 00
<i>Pky of Bureau</i> —Wood Hull ch	5 00
<i>Pky of Londonderry</i> —Londonderry ch	20 00
<i>Pky of Newton</i> —Stillwater ch 10; 2d ch Oxford	
20	30 00
<i>Pky of New Brunswick</i> —Second ch Princeton	17 00
<i>Pky of New Albany</i> —German ch, Jackson C, Ind'a	5 00
<i>Pky of Passaic</i> —Chester ch	5 00
<i>Pky of Peoria</i> —Henry ch	24 00
<i>Pky of Palestine</i> —Hebron ch 8; Oakland ch 4 50	
	12 50
<i>Pky of West Jersey</i> —Williamstown ch	23 74

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev John M Farland Greenfield, Mo 2; Mrs Mary R Mitchell, Phila. 5; Geo A Christie and wife, Minnesota 5

12 00

Total receipts in March, \$3,587 50

D. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

The Committee acknowledge the following boxes received during the month:

1 box clothing for Sumter, S C, from the friends of Miss Kate Moorhead, in Bridgewater Presbyterian ch. Valued at \$43 55 and cash \$10.

1 box from the Ladies Missionary Society, Neshannock Pres ch. Valued at \$22 50.

1 box books and papers from ladies of the U P ch, Canonsburg, Pa. Not valued.

1 box clothing and books, from a few ladies and students of Canonsburg, expressage paid \$13 15. Not valued.

(These last two boxes were erroneously acknowledged in the last Report.)

1 Organ Melodeon, valued at \$120, special for Miss J Agnew, in the mission at Columbia, Tenn, from the friends in the First Pres ch, New York.

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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Cheering Results.

Wisconsin.

Dear Brother,—The first quarter of labour under my present commission expired the 13th inst. We observed the Week of Prayer with interest. At our communion, two weeks ago, four were added on profession, three of whom were heads of family—rather an unusual proportion. Our weekly prayer-meeting is well attended, averaging thirty to forty, and is conducted with interest. Our Mission Sabbath-school among the German population we have been obliged to suspend for the winter, as too few of our people are near enough to carry it on aright. Our Sabbath-school at the church is doing well. Our new church is nearly done. We hope to be in it in three weeks or less. It is a very handsome and substantial structure, and will cost when all complete nearly six thousand dollars. We were able to build cheaply, as we got stone and lumber at low rates, having large stone quarries here, and being near the great "Pinery" of Wisconsin. This building is already paid for, *i. e.* the treasurer has all the funds in hand, and enough to furnish it handsomely besides. This is growth. Three years and a half ago there was no Presbyterian Church here. But for the fostering care of the Board there would be none here now. Now we have a fine church building, a

parsonage, two Sabbath-schools, an active corps of Christian workers, and are by far the most potent and influential organization of any name in this community. To God be all the praise. Had it not been for heavy losses by removal, our church would have been self-sustaining long ago. The people will require a little time to recover from the severe tax of the new church, but are determined, with Divine aid, to stand alone next summer. Hence, I asked for aid for six months. I trust we shall be able to relieve the Board at the expiration of my present half-year commission. Besides all this, we have purchased a fine new academy building, two stories high, with four good recitation rooms, halls, &c. In this we have now (started a few weeks ago) a flourishing High School of fifty scholars. This institution was established mostly by Universalists, but without success. Our people got the building, and gave me entire control of it. The enemy raised the hue and cry of sectarian school, but although we have been in operation only three months, the prejudice is dying out, and we have every prospect now of a large and a permanently successful academy after the Presbyterian model. I have secured the Rev. Daniel Wells, of Goshen, N. Y., an admirable man, as principal instructor, who, with one other teacher—a lady, and a physi-

cian, who gives his services in some of the sciences—and myself, are the corps of instructors. I give my labour gratuitously for the cause of Presbyterianism.

Success—Conversion of an Infidel— Home Sorrow.

Illinois.

Rev. and Dear Brother,—Another quarter is ended, and I am happy to report the continued prosperity of my labours. Since my last report we have had two communions at Spring Valley and have received twelve persons—nine three months ago, and three yesterday,—all but two by profession. Some of these were remarkable conversions, most striking and precious seals to my ministry. If I had time to tell you particulars, you would think so, and would rejoice with me that the Lord so owns my labours. Few churches in the bounds of the Presbytery has experienced a more steady, healthful, and permanent growth than Spring Valley.

In my missionary field my labours have been promising and pleasing for a few weeks past, far beyond anything I could have expected. A week ago yesterday, a man came out voluntarily after sermon and made a profession of his conversion and faith in Christ, who a few days before did not believe our Lord was divine, or the Bible anything more than ordinary history. From his prominence, large circles of relatives present, and his former wickedness, the impression created was very profound. The scene that followed was touching and exciting in the highest degree. A sister ran up to him and throwing her arms around his neck kissed him, and burst out in exclamations of gratitude to God, and the preacher; then his wife and other friends, the neighbours and strangers, came forward to rejoice with him and welcome him to their Christian companionship, until we had a perfect Bochim. Why, dear brother, that one trophy is ample return ten

million times for all my pittance from the Board. Oh! I praise the Lord with all my heart for owning, as he has done, my poor labours in the year gone by. Rejoice with me, dear brother, for my crown is brightening continually.

I am sorry to have to tell you, my poor wife is still in almost total blindness. She is an intense sufferer and needs an interest in your prayers. My cup of affliction, I think sometimes, must be nearly full. I beg you to pray, brother, that whatever comes, my faith may not fail. I fear we will be compelled to ask the Board for relief in the way of clothing before long. We will do without as long as it is possible. May-be help will come from some other quarter. I am very fraternally yours.

Self-sustaining—Great Self-denial.

Iowa.

I have for the last four years been studying hard at one word in the English language, and I have at last, by the grace of God, mastered it. It is the word "self-sustaining." Yes, my church is going to try to support the gospel in their own midst, without aid from abroad.

True, my salary will not be large, a little over four hundred dollars, out of which a horse has to be kept, but I am willing to try it, knowing the Board being rather short, and so many places in our dear land calling loud for God's holy word. So you may expect this, as my last report to you from this church as a Domestic Missionary

And in severing a relation with you, which has been a pleasant one to me, please accept my sincere thanks for the many kindnesses you have extended to me. God bless you and the noble Board of Domestic Missions, through whose instrumentality many waste places blossom as the rose!

The church here is in a prosperous condition. A small number of members have been received into the church since I am here, and I can state, to the glory of

God, the truth has not been preached in vain, it has been a power.

God's people have been greatly strengthened in their faith, in feeling the goodness of the Lord of Hosts. Hoping, dear sir, this will find you in good health, I will close. Yours in Christ.

Worthy of Imitation.

One of our missionaries in forwarding a contribution to the Board, writes as follows:—

I am sorry it is not larger, though larger than ever before. I aimed to make it larger, and I hope to be able to add a few dollars to it yet.

The contribution is small; but some of it is very precious, fragrant with the prayers and self-denial of the Lord's poor. Two dollars are a thank-offering from a brother long afflicted with sickness, greatly straitened with poverty, and for years able to do but little for the maintenance of himself and family; but now in the good providence of the Lord, with good prospects of returning health, placed in a situation in which he can earn a living for his family.

One dollar is from a dear young girl, thirteen years of age, who has been a member of the church less than a year, who, to earn a dollar for the cause of Domestic Missions, took the washerwoman's place, and did the week's washing. Her fingers are more skillful with the drawing pencil than the washboard. She has been accustomed to ask and receive from indulgent parents; but reverses have overtaken them, and they are in straits. Sickness confining her mother to her room, the promptings of her own heart led her to do this indispensable and hard work, and receive the

accustomed wages that she might have to give to this cause of the Lord. With a like spirit in all the members of the Presbyterian Church, surely your treasury would overflow, inviting fields would not remain unoccupied, and the privations of missionaries would cease instead of being multiplied. M.

Cheering.

Nebraska, May 1868.

Oh what joy to behold the subjects of our prayers and instructions seeking the Saviour, and then to hear them tell what the Lord has done for them.

Yes! dear brethren this desert has not only been blossoming but is bearing precious fruit. That is a genial clime where the blossoms and fruit appear together. So it is here spiritually. The good work goes on. There is still interest, increasing interest. I have never written a report with so thankful a heart. Our Master has visited his vineyard here, most gracious has He been; blessed be his holy name. Since my last quarterly report thirty-four have been added to our little flock on examination and ten on certificate. Surely we may take courage. I mean not only the missionary and his companion and the church here, but our Board—its officers—and the *friends of Home Missions*. Our co-workers, yes, co-workers. They are the Master's servants, as much his instruments and agents as we. Had it not been for these we could not have remained in our field. Their prayers and gifts and *gifts and prayers* came together. They ascended together to Him who hears prayer, fervent effectual prayer.

Our prospects for the coming year are most encouraging; all we can ask.

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN APRIL, 1868.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Batchellerville ch 8. *Pby of Londonderry*—First ch Boston 20. *Pby of Troy*—Second ch Troy 283 36; Cambridge ch 37 19; Lansingburg ch 50 380 84

SYNOD OF ALLEGHANY.—*Pby of Alleghany*—Butler ch 50 36

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—

Westminster ch Baltimore, from Mrs Mary Woods 10, Mrs Bates 5, Mrs Kettlewell 5, Mrs Falconer 5, Dr Perkins 5 = 30; Harmony ch 60; Central ch, Baltimore. 37 33; Frederick ch, add'l 2. *Pby of Carlisle*—Middletown ch, from a lady, 179 33

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Buffalo City*—Beth-

ny ch 7 45; Central ch, Buffalo 50. *Pby of Ogdensburg*—Rosie ch 7 15; Morristown ch 7 25 71 85

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Bureau*—Calvary ch 10 15. *Pby of Rock River*—Franklin Grove ch 6 75; Ashton ch 2 55; Spring Valley ch 7. *Pby of Schuyler*—Presbyterian Collection 6 50. *Pby of Warren*—Pope's River ch 7; Keithsburg ch 5 75; Oquawka ch 7 50 53 20

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Bloomington*—Clinton ch 11 85; Dwight ch 5. *Pby of Palestine*—Beckwith Prairie ch 5; Mattoon ch 10. *Pby of Sangamon*—Springfield 1st ch 40 09 71 94

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Indianapolis*—Fifth ch Indianapolis 11 40; Franklin ch 32. *Pby of Vincennes*—Mount Vernon ch 33 05; Rev J D Paxton, D.D., 10 85 45

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—Cedar Valley ch 6 40; Unity ch 3. *Pby of Dubuque*—Pleasant Grove ch 5; Dubuque 1st ch Sab-sch 10; Dubuque 1st German ch 10; Epworth ch Sab-sch 1. *Pby of Fort Dodge*—Algona ch 2 37 40

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Leavenworth*—Sandy Creek ch 13 00

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Transylvania*—Danville 1st ch 135 60; Danville 2d ch 404 55, of which 200 from G W Welch, Esq., 540 15

PBY OF NEW ORLEANS.—"R" 1 08

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Palmyra*—Ashley ch 15 40, of which Rev J B Poage 5, J McCormick 5. *Pby of Potosi*—Ironton ch 12. *Pby of St Louis*—Union ch 5; Bethel ch 10; Carr Place ch 15 15; Bethlehem ch 30. *Pby of Upper Missouri*—Albany ch 3 83 55

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Burlington*—Mt Holly ch, add'l, 3; Sab-sch of Camden, 1st ch, 36 06. *Pby of Corisco*—Evangelimba ch 21. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—Siloam ch 1. *Pby of Luzerne*—Wyoming ch 30. *Pby of Monmouth*—Manchester ch 7; Millstone ch 9; Matawan ch 24 72. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Titusville ch 22 50; Cranberry 2d ch 30. *Pby of Passaic*—Mount Freedom ch 60. *Pby of Raritan*—Arnwell United 1st ch 22 50; Fox Hill ch 12. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Wysoc ch 10. *Pby of West Jersey*—Cape Island ch 3 62; Millville ch 65 73; Bridgeton 2d ch 37 88; Cold Spring ch 40; Deerfield ch 40 481 08

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—Bridgeport 1st ch 58; Female Charitable Society of South Salem ch 34; Poundridge ch 60. *Pby of Hudson*—West Town ch 18; Goodwill ch 80; Mulford ch 11; Middletown 2d ch 90 86; Centerville ch 8; Goshen ch, from a member, 12. *Pby of Long Island*—Hempstead ch 16 31. *Pby of Nassau*—Lawrence Street ch, Brooklyn, 12. *Pby of New York*—Jersey City 1st ch 489 06, of which 50 from the Sab-sch; 1st ch Clifton 125; Throgg's Neck ch 10. *Pby of New York 2d*—Peekskill ch 42 36. *Pby of North River*—Bethlehem ch 39 46; Matteawan ch 150 1254 06

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Ormsfordville*—Poplar Springs ch 11. *Pby of Fort Wayne*—Waterloo ch 15; Butler ch 2 25; Bluffton ch, Sab-sch, 3 50. *Pby of Lake*—South Bend ch 10; Sumption's Prairie ch 11; Valparaiso ch, Sab-sch, 35 50; Constantine 1st ch 28 71. *Pby of Logansport*—Delphi ch 30. *Pby of Muncie*—New Castle ch 3 25 150 21

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Columbus*—Truro ch, add'l, 6 55; Blenden ch 18 35; Westminster ch, Columbus 26 50; Lithopolis ch 5; Miffin ch 4 06; Dublin ch 16 57. *Pby of Hocking*—Portsmouth ch 11. *Pby of Marion*—La Rue ch 5. *Pby of Wooster*—Shreve ch 2. *Pby of Zanesville*—Zanesville 1st ch 61; Newark ch 19; McConnellsville ch 13 30 185 37

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of Basilea*—Bloomfield ch 29; Ione City ch 18 47 00

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Stewartstown ch 4; Union ch, add'l, 2. *Pby of Northumberland*—Williamsport ch 150. *Pby of Philadelphia*—South ch 28 50, of which 5 from the Infant Sab-sch; Sab-sch of the Seventh ch 45 70;

Rev J H Jones, D.D., 20. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Spring Garden ch, add'l, 43 53; Port Richmond ch 20. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Bridesburg ch 109 25, of which 50 from the Sab-sch; Easton 1st ch 100. *Pby of Shanghai*—Shanghai ch 30 09 563 15

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—Blairsville ch 17 71. *Pby of Clarion*—Beechwoods ch 20. *Pby of Ohio*—Maple Creek ch 5; Canonsburg ch 20. *Pby of Saltburg*—Bethesda ch 4 66 71

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—Galesville ch 10; La Crescent ch 6 16 00

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Fairfield*—Kirkville ch 2 50. *Pby of Iowa*—Burlington German ch 8 80; Westminster ch, Keokuk, 36 10. *Pby of Missouri River*—Clarinda ch 15; Bedford ch 10; Council Bluffs ch 64 40 136 80

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of St Clairsville*—Bellair ch 18 70. *Pby of Steubenville*—Kilgore ch 6 30; Carrollton ch 16 80; Smithfield ch 5; Harlem ch 12. *Pby of Washington*—Moundsville ch 10; Wheeling 4th ch 7 55; Mill Creek ch 14 10; Burgettstown ch 28; West Union ch 6 121 35

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Hurricane Corners ch 1; Rockville ch 5 6 09

Pby of Catawba—Concord ch 4; Ramah ch 5 9 00

Total receipts from churches, \$4570 64

LEGACIES.—Estate of Rev. S M Templeton, dec'd. late of Delavan, Ill., 50; Paterston Estate, Pittsburg, Pa, 92 25 142 25

MISCELLANEOUS.—Six months interest on the Permanent Missionary Fund, from the Trustees of the General Assembly 463 04; Little Bessie Cummins, Churchtown, Pa, 52 cts; Springfield, Ill, Mrs M G Bergen 5, K H Hening 5; O M Dorman, Esq., Norfolk, Va, 30; Alfred A. Hamilton, Chicago, Ill, 2 50; "Ida" 1; H S B and wife 4; Misses O S and S, Poundridge, N Y, 10 517 08

Total Receipts in April, \$5223 95

S. D. POWEL, Treasurer,
No. 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

CLOTHING.

1 box from St Clairsville ch, Ohio, valued at \$150 00
1 box from ladies of Trenton First ch, N J, valued at 238 14
2 boxes from ladies of Ross Street ch, Brooklyn, N Y, valued at 600 00
1 box from ladies of Lambertville ch, N J, valued at 200 00
1 box from ladies of Warsaw ch, N Y, valued at 68 00
2 boxes from ladies of Burlington ch N J, valued at 253 10
4 boxes from the ladies of Missionary Society of Central ch, Philadelphia, valued at 978 55
1 package from the ladies of Columbus ch, N J, value not given.
1 box from the Second ch, Middletown, N Y, valued at 200 00
2 boxes from ladies of Central ch, Orange, N J, valued at 290 00
2 boxes from the Germantown First ch, Pa., valued at 457 34
\$3435 13

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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTHOUS, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

To a Rich Young Christian.

Dear Brother :—We address you specially at this time for three reasons. The *first* is, because your case is one of special hardship. The possession of more than one is able to earn by constant thought and effort is perilous. The omniscient Saviour said, in deep pity for a rich young man, who came to Him to inquire the way of eternal life, and probably would have found it but for the money that clogged his feet, "*How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God.*" The *second* is, because, if you do truly love the Lord Jesus, and seek the honour of His cause among men, *this is for you* the best time to consider how to serve Him to the best advantage during the short time given you on the earth, and to form your plans, and to start upon their performance. You may never be a *Christian* worthy of the name if you wait till your first love cools; and till you take your form and character as a Christian from the mould of many of the miserable, unbelieving, and slothful professors with whom you may be compelled to associate, who live, in this wonderful age of Divine mercies to mankind, as if their eyes and ears were stopped, their backs laden, their hands filled, and their feet loaded with the "thick clay," (as Habakkuk so fitly styles them), of their earthly possessions. The *third* reason is, that the cause of the Redeemer *needs* now just what *you have to give*, that is money and other earthly "goods."

You may be disposed, by the grace of God, to ask, What can I do to serve Him. The first answer one that reflects would, it is likely, give to a youthful inquirer would be, Consecrate sincerely and heartily *yourself*, with your property, to Christ; ask Him for direction; watch for the leading of His providence; fill your soul with the spirit of Christ from His word; take a broad and intelligent view of the wants of the church, and the world; be humbly willing and ready to follow where God seems to clear the way for you; be not discouraged by the waiting and the trials by which, in His wisdom, He may see necessary to prepare you to be a thorough and patient worker; and *you may be sure He will use you, and honour you, and bless you; He will make of you a vessel of salvation to dying souls, or else He will "satisfy" your longings, so that your mouth shall be filled with praise; and He will give you at the last, if faithful unto death, a crown of life.*

But, you will say, Can you tell me more particularly how to be *most* useful as a friend of the Redeemer? That is a question hard to answer in a general way. The leaders of an army cannot give such an order that all shall march by one road. The Saviour has many departments of service, many provinces of toil, many varieties of work, suited to many capacities and dispositions of men, to be filled in His glorious kingdom.

However, suppose we look *abroad*. The vast, wasting, precious harvest of souls in the heathen world needs you, and needs your money. Missionary boards are overladen with the variety and expensiveness of their work. Why not *you* go out at your own expense, (under their general care, if you prefer), to some interesting race, and preach, or establish a school, or, if educated as a physician, open a hospital, or work as a printer, or undertake in some other way, personally, actively, sincerely, to fulfil *the last command*, and *the greatest* of the Saviour? What an everlasting blessing is such a merchant as the lamented D. W. C. Olyphant, who gave freely his money, his ships, his time, his warm sympathies, and in the end his life to the spiritual welfare of the people of China! What a gift to the same race, for we will not extend our illustrations at present, was, and *is*, we believe, Miss Aldersey, the excellent English lady, who though slight in person, and not abounding in health, went to the terrible climate of Batavia in Java, perhaps thirty years ago, and afterwards to Ningpo in China, and consecrated *herself* and her property to the education of young Chinese girls. She has thus furnished Christian and noble wives to the young men from our mission school, and so saved them from

relapse into heathenism, doubled *our* influence for good in China, and done a work for which generations to come will bless her name. But let us give you an illustration of how a devoted, self-denying spirit is reproduced in others who may be more useful than we, and long after we are dead.

An English gentleman, whose income from the practice of his profession, (either medicine, or the law, probably), was from six thousand to seven thousand five hundred dollars a year, was so deeply impressed with the perishing condition of the heathen in India, that he gave that up, gathered up the fragments of his possessions and went first to Bagdad, and then to Madras in India, to labour for their salvation. He cast himself upon the providence of God for direction and sustenance. He was wonderfully blessed in his efforts. He refused offers of support from various missionary societies. And here is the story from the lips of a British captain, at a missionary conference in India, of the spirit this devoted man kindled in the breasts of those who were through him made disciples of Christ:

"Amongst those who were brought under the influence of this master mind, was a native Christian named Aroolapen, who seems thoroughly to have imbibed the spirit of his master. On Mr. Grove's death, the mantle of the prophet seems to have descended upon his humble follower. Though invited to join old established societies, he preferred, like his master, to live by faith. Going forth alone, he settled down in a rural district, in the interior of the country, away from European stations. He opened a mission; established a school; started a printing press; and surrounded himself with a catechist, schoolmaster, and other apparatus of missions. His work has been blessed. It will interest the Conference to know, that the revival in the South of India began, (as I believe), in the tract of country comprised within Aroolapen's mission, and spread from thence to the adjoining stations of the Church Missionary Society. An incident illustrating his faith, will, I am sure, be interesting to the Conference. As I have said, Aroolapen is not connected with any society. He does not live near any European station. He lives by faith in the living God; believing that God can, and will provide, the means for those who work for Him. Once Aroolapen was reduced to great straits. His money had all run out; no more came in. The heart of his wife, like that of Job's partner, sank within her, and proved unequal to the strain. She sent him around to try and borrow from his friends: but his friends stand aloof; the investment does not look safe; the mission is drying up! Aroolapen returned in sorrow to his home, and betook himself to *prayer*. In the solitude of his closet, he poured out his heart before God, with many tears. 'Is it Thy work in which I am engaged? or is it the work of man? Am I to be deserted now? or wilt Thou provide the means for Thine own work?' Whilst he was yet in prayer, the post-man approached the door, and delivered a letter containing a remittance of one hundred rupees, from friends in *England*. From that hour the tide turned; his tears were turned into tears of joy; his faith was strengthened; and prosperity again smiled upon his mission. And there he labours still—a living illustration of the importance of missionaries cherishing a true faith, seeking out native helpers, and, by constantly associating them with themselves, imbuing them with their own spirit. Men like Aroolapen are the men we want!"

Yes, and "men like Aroolapen are the men we want" *at home*,—here,—even in Christian America! It is more likely, comparing the numbers who go abroad with those that remain in this country, that the majority may not be allowed the privilege of following the example of Mr. Grove, in going abroad to labour for the conversion of the heathen. But let us look at what is *to be done in this country*. The gospel to be preached in the North, and in the South, in the East, and in the West, in the Atlantic States, and among the vigorous nurselings of the Republic on the Pacific side, and in the vast and rich interior of the continent! Schools, academics, colleges for males—schools and seminaries for females—to be established, and maintained too, which is the hardest part! The sick to be healed! Bibles and tracts and Christian literature to be distributed! Churches to be built and supported! Sabbath-schools to be gathered and taught! What a boundless field for *all* of any man's strength and life! For *all* the most devoted servants of Christ can give of money and of property!

And suppose a man does not *go* forth in any of these works, can he still not share in their self-denial, their toils, their successes, their recompense? Yes! Let him solemnly consecrate by tenths (the Divine seal upon the right of heaven to what it showers upon us on earth, and the tax of the King of glory upon the heirs of the kingdom) "as the Lord hath prospered him"—*one tenth, two tenths,*

three tenths, five tenths, yes, like some living men of large income, and who can afford it, ten tenths; and work for Christ as most men work for self, work for heaven, to "lay up their treasure" there, as most men do to put it into land, and merchandise, and stocks of banks or railroads or the government, all of them combustible, perhaps before The Day when the heaven and earth about us shall pass away in flames of fire.

We have said enough, dear brother (or sister) in Christ to show that, in the cause of our blessed Master there is enough for a young, or old, Christian, possessed of money and other property, to do. Will you do what you can?

In the field of education, the most ardent piety, the largest intellectual gifts, the most patient self-devotion, or the most liberal fortune, if we may suppose them to be combined as the gifts of God to one person, or if possessed separately, may find abundant employment. And Christians must take the lead in education, or the church be imperilled, and our country suffer untold disaster.

Anxiety of Other Denominations as to Candidates for the Ministry.

Our branch of the Christian church has great reason for gratitude to God that His Spirit is inclining larger numbers of devoted young men to enlist as standard-bearers in His army. Some other denominations are making loud appeals for an increase of candidates. A recent statement on the part of the Baptist Church represents sixteen hundred of its pulpits as vacant, and calls on young men to resist the great temptations of the world, and take up the cross of the Saviour in the ministry. The Board of Education of the United Presbyterian Church directs the attention of its ministers, elders, and members to the dark condition of things within their own pale. It says: "The supply of candidates for the ministry in the United Presbyterian Church is rapidly diminishing. There are now one-third fewer students of theology than at the time of the union. It is with difficulty that suitable men can be obtained to fill vacant pastorates and mission stations. This difficulty is likely to increase from year to year, unless the Church takes effective measures to remove it." The Episcopal Church is making special efforts to engage young men in the work of the ministry. At no time in the history of our country, at no time in the history of the world, has there been such need of zealous, self-denying labourers for Christ as now.

Extracts from Letters.

"I thank you for your earnest desire and prayer that I may prove greatly useful in the work in my Master's vineyard. My own prayer would be realized to be a true, earnest worker in some sphere in Christ's cause, where so many rich harvests are perishing for want of labourers. The religious interest in college is daily increasing, and we who are Christians are earnestly hoping and praying that it is but premonitory of a rich outpouring of the Spirit such as we had last year. Pray that the college may be indeed awakened and precious souls brought to

Christ. Many of the students are engaged in mission work, the instruments perhaps of doing much good, and preparing themselves more fully for the wider ministerial duties of after life."

"I feel deeply my unworthiness to work in so high a calling, and my frailty and weakness, my inability to do anything for the cause of Christ, but hope that with the aid of the Spirit, and love for my Saviour working in my heart, I may be an instrument of promoting to some little extent the interests of his kingdom and accomplish the end of my creation, to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever."

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN APRIL, 1868.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

Pby of Albany—West Milton ch 6 95; Saratoga Springs ch 38 16; Galway ch 4; Ballston ch 11; Gloversville ch 18 80; Carlisle ch 6; Espetance ch 5 \$88 91
Pby of Allegheny—Slats Lick ch 18 20; Tarentum ch 10; Union ch 3 75 31 95
Pby of Allegheny City—Manchester ch 87; Bridgewater ch 26; Beaver ch 20 45; 1st ch Allegheny City 102 71; Concord ch 2 208 16
Pby of Blairsville—Wilkinsburgh ch 17 10
Pby of Beaver—Little Beaver ch 9 76; Westfield ch 16; Neshannock ch 26 61 75
Pby of Bureau—Malden ch 6 00

Pby of Burlington—Allentown ch 29 80; Mt Holl ch 1 30 80
Pby of Baltimore—Frederick ch 2; Westminster ch 75 30 (of which Mrs Mary Wood 10, Mrs Falconer 5.); Miss Lydia Smith 2 77 30
Pby of Bloomington—Gilman ch 2 00
Pby of Benicia—Napa City ch 24 00
Pby of Cedar—Summit ch 21; Long Grove ch 4 25 00
Pby of Connecticut—Yorktown ch 30; 1st ch Bridgeport 40; Croton Falls ch 2 50 72 50
Pby of Columbus—Lithopolis ch 1; Mt Pleasant ch 24 48; Milfin ch 4 06; Blendon ch 8 04 37 57
Pby of Chicago—Zion German ch 7 00
Pby of Carlisle—Upper Path Valley ch 42 20

Pky of Chatham—Red Oak ch 8 15; Bainbridge ch 3; Pizgah ch 10 21 15
Pky of Clarion—New Bethlehem ch 3; Mt Tabor ch 2; Mt Pleasant ch 1; Mill Creek ch 8 14 00
Pky of Corisco—Evangasimba ch 5 00
Pky of Cincinnati—First ch Glendale 41 36; Springfield ch 46; Bethel ch 6 15 93 51
Pky of Dubuque—Epsworth ch Sab-sch 1; Milo ch 2 3 00
Pky of Dane—Vernon ch Sab-sch 4 27
Pky of Des Moines—Columbia ch 1; Knoxville ch 15 35; Chariton ch 6 60 22 95
Pky of Donegal—Waynesburg ch 12 09
Pky of Erie—Second ch, Mercer 10 00
Pky of Elizabethtown—New Providence ch 16; 2d ch Rahway 30 46 00
Pky of Fairfield—Sigourney ch 4; Kirkville ch 2; Birmingham ch 30, of which 10 from Wm Elliot 36 00
Pky of Fort Wayne—La Grange ch 6; Kendalleville ch 14; Wabash ch 7; Waterloo ch 3 30 00
Pky of Findlay—Van Wert ch 5 00
Pky of Genesee River—Moscow ch 5; 2d ch Sparta 6 50; East Groveland ch 8; Wyoming ch 16 55 50
Pky of Hudson—Goshen ch 43 70; 2d ch Middletown 18 77; Jeffersonville ch 7; Hamptonburgh ch 1; West Town ch 15 85 47
Pky of Huntington—Alexandria ch 25; McVeytown ch 34 50; Newton Hamilton ch 11 15; Upper Tuscarora ch 18 80; Bald Eagle ch 6 35 95 80
Pky of Highland—Highland ch 10 00
Pky of Kaskaskia—Greenville ch 9 00
Pky of Lake—Constantine ch 16 12
Pky of Londonderry—First ch Boston 23 00
Pky of Logansport—Lexington ch 10 00
Pky of Luzerne—Scranton ch 169; 1st ch Mahoning 30 80; Wyoming ch 3; Newton ch 5 45; Mauch Chunk 141 83 350 08
Pky of Long Island—Sweet Hollow ch 5 50; Smithtown ch 1 6 50
Pky of Michigan—Westminster ch, Detroit 47 40; 1st ch Plymouth 8 70 56 10
Pky of Milwaukee—First ch Beloit 43; Holland ch 8 50 56 50
Pky of Monmouth—Millstone ch 9; Manalapan ch 20; Manchester ch 5 24 00
Pky of Mauncie—Union ch 4 00
Pky of Missouri River—Nebraska City ch 17 80; Bellview ch 11 28 50
Pky of North River—Marlboro' ch 9 10; Middle Hope ch 6 65 15 75
Pky of New Albany—Bedford ch 8; Jeffersonville ch 22 75 30 75
Pky of New York—Yorkville ch 21 00
Pky of New York 2d—Canal Street ch 10 45
Pky of Nassau—Laurence Street ch, Brooklyn 2 00
Pky of New Castle—Oxford ch 97 57; Upper Octorara ch 39 85; Forks of Brandywine ch 26 34; Downingtown Central ch 40; Eggs Manor ch 30 20 233 97
Pky of Northumberland—Buffalo ch 17 75; Lycoming Central ch 8; Milton ch 28; Sunbury ch 22 72 75
Pky of New Orleans—"R" 1 00
Pky of Newton—Stewartville ch 56 83; Harmony ch 28 50; Hackettstown ch 90 175 33
Pky of New Brunswick—Second ch Princeton 40; Titusville ch 12 75 52 75
Pky of Ohio—Valley ch 4 25; Bethel ch 76; Mansfield ch 30; East Liberty ch 7 117 25
Pky of Oxford—First ch Oxford 20 00
Pky of Philadelphia—Tenth ch, from a friend through the Pastor 50 00
Pky of Philadelphia 2d—First ch Norristown 35 50; Bristol ch 11 78; Frankford ch 50; 1st ch Easton 50 147 28
Pky of Philadelphia Central—Spring Garden ch East-sch 51 11; Hestonville ch 8; Princeton ch 6 70 62 81
Pky of Passaic—First ch Norristown 296 50; Mt Freedom ch 18 20; Chatham Village ch 53 367 70
Pky of Peoria—Prospect ch 19 70; Princeville ch 14 50; French Grove ch 5 39 20
Pky of Raritan—Clinton ch 20; Bloomsburg ch 6 63; Frenchtown ch 25 51 63

Pky of Richland—Waterford ch 6; Mt Vernon ch 27 23 23 33
Pky of Rock River—Sterling ch 5 00
Pky of Redstone—Dunlap's Creek and New Salem ch's 18 00; Round Hill ch 14 78 32 78
Pky of Steubenville—Centre Unity ch 5 10; Carrolton ch 5; East Springfield ch 6; Bacon Ridge ch 15; Wellsville ch 23 35; Bloomfield ch 15 69 45
Pky of St Minnesota—Lake City ch 6 65; Stewartville 3; Preston ch 1; Owatonna ch 4; Austin ch 1 30 16 15
Pky of St Paul—Vermillion ch 3; Farmington ch 2; Westminster ch 83 22; Rockford ch 4 60; Medina ch 3 40 96 22
Pky of St Clairsville—Norristown ch 13 10
Pky of Susquehanna—Canton ch 15; 2d ch Wyalusing 6; Barclay ch 8 55; Orwell ch 5 75; Wysox ch 5 40 30
Pky of St Louis—St Charles' ch 20 45; Kirkwood ch 53 11 73 56
Pky of Sangamon—Petersburg ch 50; 3d ch Springfield 39 50; Providence ch 10; 3d ch Springfield Sab-sch 25 124 50
Pky of Saline—Odin ch 1 06
Pky of Schuyler—Mt Sterling ch 8; Perry ch 7 70 15 79
Pky of Sidney—Huntville ch 2 50
Pky of Troy—Second Street ch, Troy 207 86; Park ch 35; Lansingburg 1st ch 15 257 88
Pky of Vincennes—Upper Indiana ch 8 50
Pky of Winnebago—Plover 1st ch 4; Neenah ch 15 97 19 97
Pky of West Jersey—Salem ch 42; Blackwoodstown ch 17 01; Deerfield ch 5; Absecon ch 4; Cold Spring ch 40 108 01
Pky of Washington—East Buffalo ch 21 35; West Liberty 11; 1st ch Wheeling 50 25; Claysville ch 20; Three Springs ch 6; Holliday Cove ch 21; Fairview ch 14 59; 4th ch Wheeling 5 62; Cross Roads ch 10; Wellsburg ch 8 20; Frankfort ch 10 178 01
Pky of Wooster—Millersburgh ch 12 72; Apple Creek ch 14 50; Wayne ch 7 71; Chester ch 8 30; Canal Fulton ch 5 65 45 88
Pky of Warren—North Henderson ch 7 45; Shiloh ch 8 15 45
Pky of White Water—Brookfield ch 10; Liberty ch 8 50 13 50

\$4,488 13

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev Thos. Eleock Van Wert, O, 3; S M H, Lawrenceville, N J, 50; "A Friend" 2; "W I," Troy, N Y, 10; "Dee," New Orleans, La, 1; Patterson Estate 92 25 158 25

\$4,646 33

II. FUND FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, &c.

Pky of Newton—Hackettstown ch 14 00
Pky of Holston—Baker Creek ch, special, 10; Salem ch, special, 10; Mt Bethel ch, special, 8 28 00
Pky of Hudson—Goodwill ch 50 00
Pky of New Brunswick—Fourth ch Trenton, of which 100 from E B Fuller, Esq., 134 00
Pky of Philadelphia 2d—Neshaminy ch 9 02; Bridesburg ch 25 34 02
Pky of Sangamon—Second ch Springfield 5 09

\$255 03

MISCELLANEOUS.

S M H, Lawrenceville, N J, 50; Samuel W Newland, Saratoga Springs, N Y, (a thank offering) 25 75 00

\$340 02

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Annual Meeting of the Board.

This meeting was held at the Mission House on the 4th of May. The Annual Report of the Executive Committee was received, approved, and directed to be laid before the General Assembly. The Executive Officers were re-elected, with two exceptions—the Rev. Charles Hodge, D.D., was chosen President, instead of the Rev. John M. Krebs, D.D., deceased; and the Hon Walter Lowrie, Senior Corresponding Secretary, declined a re-election, on account of his infirm health. The Board accepted his declinature with much regret, and adopted a Minute expressing their views on his withdrawal from this post after more than thirty years of faithful service. This Minute will be published. It was referred to the Executive Committee to appoint another Corresponding Secretary. The financial condition of the Board received earnest consideration, and it was agreed that this matter should be presented to the General Assembly as one that calls for immediate attention. A Sermon for the Board was preached on the Sabbath preceding by the Rev. John Hall, D.D., of New York, before a large congregation, and an Abstract of the Annual Report was read. This sermon will be printed, we understand, in the *Foreign Missionary* of this month.

Recent Intelligence.

DEATH OF MRS. HAMILTON, wife of the Rev. William Hamilton, of the Omaha Mission. We learn with much regret the death of this excellent Christian lady on the 29th of April. Two days preceding, she received severe injury by the overturning of a carriage. "When told that she could not live," Mr. Hamilton writes, "she expressed entire resignation to the will of God; she had no fear of death, and no doubt of her interest in Christ. Thus she seems to have returned to the work that she had consecrated her life to more than thirty years ago, only to lay her body in the mission graveyard. We received much sympathy from the friends around us and also from the Indians. May this affliction be sanctified to us all, is my earnest prayer."

MISSIONARIES EMBARKED AND ARRIVED.—The Rev. Edward Cornes and his wife embarked at New York for Japan, on the 1st of May. Mr. Cornes is a graduate of the Theological Seminary, and a member of the Presbytery, of Chicago. Both he and his wife are natives of Western Pennsylvania. We ask for them a remembrance in the prayers of the churches.

The Rev. Messrs. Newton, Heyl, and Wherry, and Mrs. Wherry, arrived safely at Calcutta early in March, after a long but comfortable voyage. We have heard also of the arrival of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Herron in India, but have not yet received particular information of their journey.

THE CREEK BOARDING SCHOOL has been open since the 6th of March, with an attendance of thirty scholars, and the children are getting on well, as we learn from letters dated to the 25th of April. Mr. Robertson is anxious to have the attention of the churches called to this school, so that it may be remembered in many prayers. Next fall, eighty scholars are to be received, boys and girls in equal number. Teachers will be needed, and those who are willing to engage in this good work are requested to correspond with the Rev. W. S. Robertson, Fort

Gibson, West Arkansas, on the subject. He will furnish particular information. The expense of this school is to be defrayed by the Creek Council, excepting the salaries of the superintendant and teachers, who receive their appointment and support from the Board.

"ADDED TO THE CHURCH."—At Tungchow, January 30th, the Rev. C. R. Mills mentions the baptism of four persons within a few weeks, two of them scholars in the mission school. The Rev. J. Wherry, of Shanghai, February 24th, speaks of a recent visit of much interest at Suchow, and the baptism of a young man at Kiashan, who had previously been accepted by the session of the church at Shanghai; another applicant for baptism was deferred, and two or three others still, as it was deemed best to keep them on longer trial. The Rev. J. A. Leyenberger, of Ningpo, January 10th, mentions the admission of three persons to the church of Zong-nyu, a city near Yu-yiao. At Canton, the Rev. C. F. Preston, February 21st, reports two persons received into the church; several others were asking for admission, who would be kept longer on trial. At Rio de Janeiro, the Rev. F. J. C. Schneider, March 26th, reports the admission of five persons to the church, and at Sao Paulo, February 17th, the Rev. E. N. Pires reports the admission of three new members—all on profession of their faith. At Bonita, Corisco Mission, February 3d, the Rev. R. H. Nassau, M. D., speaks of an awakened interest in religious things; eleven persons had been admitted to the catechumen class as inquirers, and three of the suspended church members had expressed penitence. Some of the attendants on Sabbath services come from three to six miles to church.

CHANGES IN JAPAN.—Dr. J. C. Hepburn, at Yokohama, March 6th, speaks of the internal troubles in this country as very great, and likely to continue until the power of the Daimios or chiefs is broken, and the country is united under one head. He also refers to the adoption of Western ideas as to dress, furniture, &c., by many of the Japanese; he found a native gentleman, whom he had lately visited, on a bed, with sofas, centre-table, astral lamp, book-case, &c., in his parlour, where a few years ago would have been found nothing but mats on the floor—no furniture of any kind. Dr. Hepburn reports the building of a dispensary and chapel on the mission premises at a cost of eleven hundred dollars in gold—eight hundred of which were generously given by friends in Yokohama. This building was much needed.

LETTERS RECEIVED to May 13th, besides those referred to in the preceding notices, are from Rawal Pindi, March 12th; Lodiana, March 21st; Ambala, March 17th; San Francisco, April 13th; Bogota, April 7th; Monrovia, March 9th.

ERRATUM.—In the article headed "With Agents and Without," in our last number, the increase of communicants from 1842-54 is printed 170 per cent., instead of 70 per cent.

Summary View: May 1st, 1868.

The Missions of the Board among the Jews and the Indian tribes of this country; the Chinese in California; the Romanists of Brazil and the United States of Colombia; in Japan, China, Siam, among the Laos, and in India; in Liberia and Corisco in Africa, include 79 foreign missionaries, 4 missionary physicians, 21 ordained native and licentiate preachers; 17 assistant missionaries from this country, besides the wives of missionaries; native helpers, 184,—or in all a force of 370; 44 organized churches, with a membership of over 1600; to these, as far as reported, have been added the past year nearly 300 communicants.

During the last year 11 ordained ministers, one licentiate, one physician, and 11 assistant missionaries were sent out; of these 18 were new labourers. Two ministers were removed by death—the Rev. A. G. Simonton, of Brazil, and the Rev. Ishuree Dass, of India. Mrs. Noyes, of Canton, was also called to her rest. Two native brethren were ordained in India, and two licensed to preach the gospel, and one in Siam. In the schools of various grades, are 6750 children, all more or less brought under gospel influences.

The receipts of the Board were \$285,308; the expenditures, with the debt of last year of \$35,472, were \$312,828,—leaving a balance against the treasury of \$27,139.

The Financial Situation.

Ending the mission year again with a debt is bad; we mourn over it, but we are not greatly surprised at it. The attention of our Christian friends was directed to paying off last year's debt, rather than to such an increase of the regular income of the Board as would prevent the recurrence of a similar evil. The children of the church nobly cleared off the burden of last year's indebtedness, and more; but the main dependence of this cause must always be on the steady systematic support of all our Christian people, old, and middle aged, and young. The fact that the expenditures of the Board last year were nearly the same as in the year preceding coupled with this second debt, is significant; it shows that the usual income of the Board is not equal to its regular expenses. One of two things must follow; an increased income must be received, or the work of the missions must be reduced. The latter should not be thought of. The former ought to be easily secured. And it will be secured, if—

1. Our brethren in the ministry will lay this cause fully and warmly before *all the churches* under their charge, and the Church Sessions will see to it that *all the members* have an opportunity of aiding it by their gifts.

And 2. If all will bear in mind that a dollar of our currency, in nine-tenths of the expenditures of the Board, is equal to only between sixty and seventy cents. Indeed, to this fact mainly is the debt attributable. Over \$50,000 were paid last year for extra exchange, that is, for making the receipts of the Board equal to gold in its payments abroad; but for this, the mission treasury would have had the handsome sum of \$23,000 in its favour, instead of being \$27,000 in debt. We hope this depreciation in the value of our currency will soon cease; at any rate, it is a thing which the Board cannot control. It can be counteracted by enlarging our gifts, and it is believed that our Church is well able to increase them. We are much encouraged by many instances of great liberality; all we desire is that each one and all would make their offerings as the Lord has prospered them, and in view of the precise state of the case.

The mission work itself is certainly prospering. The Board has never sent up to the General Assembly a better report than the one, which, before these lines reach the eyes of our readers, will have been sent to Albany. This fact, and the many great interests which it includes, make a strong plea for going forward. This year's expenditures will necessarily be greater than those of last year. Calls for increased supplies of men and means come from almost every mission. Some new missionaries are waiting to be sent out; others are coming forward. Our Saviour, we feel sure, is going before us; we would not, we cannot stand still.

A Manual of the Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, by John C.

Lowrie. Third Edition. William Rankin, Jr., Publisher, 23 Centre Street, New York. 12mo, pp. 359.

This book, it is hoped, will be found useful for reference and in other ways. Its general list of contents is as follows: Introduction; Board of Foreign Missions; Missions among the Indian Tribes; Missions in Western Africa; Missions in North India; Mission in Siam; Missions in China, and to the Chinese in California; Mission in Japan; Missions in Roman Catholic Countries; Mission to the Jews; List of Missionaries; List of Members of the Executive Committee; List of Executive Officers; List of Sermons preached; A General Statement of Receipts; Memoirs of Missionaries; Unevangelized Countries; Statistics of Protestant Missions. One of the Maps in this book was prepared by the Messrs. Colton, to show the location of the Indian Tribes. It is, we believe, the only map accessible to the public, which furnishes this information. Though prepared under the best auspices, it may not be in all respects accurate, as it is very difficult to obtain correct information, especially concerning tribes that rove over large districts of country, but it is a map of considerable value.

This book is sold at the cost of its publication. Price \$1.25. Postage 20 cents.

Presbytery of Ningpo.

The Minutes of the Presbytery at its meeting in last October are here inserted, as possessing general interest to most readers, and special interest to missionaries, ministers, and elders. Two or three minor points in them would be noted, perhaps, by a reviewing Committee of Synod, not so much for formal exception, as for information to the young presbyters, but in general, these Minutes will no doubt receive the warm approval of the Synod. How many things do they suggest! What evidence they furnish of a good and great work well begun!

Minutes of Presbytery.

NINGPO, October 9th, 1867.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened by prayer. Present, Revs. David D. Green, Samuel Dodd, Zia Ying-tong, Bao Kwong-hyi, Tsiang Nying-kwe, Uoh Cong-eng, and Elders Messrs. Yih Ziang-sing, of San-poh church; Li Veng-eing, of Ningpo church; Dzing Shih-niao, of Hangchow church; Dzing Kyng-cong, of Yu-yiao church; Loh Dang-wo, of Zong nyu church. Absent, Revs. W. A. P. Martin, D.D., in Peking, Rev. John L. Nevius, and Rev. Wm. T. Morrison, in the United States.

Rev. Zia Ying-tong was chosen Moderator for the ensuing year. The Minutes of the last year were read. Rev. Joseph A. Leyenberger presented his certificate from the Presbytery of Wooster, Ohio, and was admitted a member of this Presbytery. Messrs. Leyenberger and Tsiang were appointed

to examine the Yu-yiao Session records. Messrs. Dodd and Li on Bao-ko-tah records. Messrs. Zia and Dzing on those of Ningpo. Messrs. Green and Uoh on those of San-poh. Messrs. Dzing and Bao on those of Hang Chow. Messrs. Zia and Yih on those of Zang-vyu. Messrs. Dodd and Tsiang were appointed to prepare the Narrative on the state of religion. Mr. Green reported that Rev. Wm. T. Morrison had attended the last General Assembly as our Commissioner. Mr. Morrison was chosen our Commissioner to the next General Assembly, and Rev. John L. Nevius his alternate. Mr. Dzing Kyng-cong presented a call from the Yu-yiao church, for the Rev. Bao Kwong-hyi to become their pastor. The call was put into the hands of Mr. Bao, who signified his willingness to accept it. A committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Zia, Uoh, and Leyenberger was appointed to install Mr. Bao pastor of the Yu-yiao church—the installation to take place on the 29th of the 10th Chinese month, (24th of November). Mr. Dodd asked to be removed from the care of the Ningpo church, as he was about to remove to Hangchow. As there were no commissioners from that church appointed to oppose or favour the request, Messrs. Zia and Yih were appointed a committee to find out the mind of the church, and report at the called meeting of Presbytery to be held at Yu-yiao on the 28th of the 10th Chinese month, (23d of November). Mr. Dodd also returned the call received some time ago from the Yu-yiao church, which was accepted by Presbytery. On motion adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at eight o'clock.

October 10th.

Presbytery met according to adjourn-

ment, and was opened with prayer. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Voted to invite Dr. McCartee to meet with Presbytery. Mr. Loh Dangwo was appointed to invite him. Voted that the students under the care of Presbytery be required to report every year, either by word or letter, what studies they have been pursuing during the year. Mr. Dzing Shih-niao presented himself to be taken under the care of Presbytery as a student for the ministry. Dr. McCartee was appointed to examine him on his motives for seeking the ministry. His admission was deferred for the present. Mr. Leyenberger was appointed stated supply of the Ningpo church, and Mr. Bao was appointed to take the oversight of the Zong-nyu church for this year, or until they obtain a pastor. The Bao-ko-tah books were reported satisfactory. The Zong-nyu books also were satisfactory. The Yu-yiao books were found fault with for not being sufficiently explicit in regard to the trial of one of the church members who was suspended. Some alterations were suggested in the San-poh records, but they were passed, as were also those of the Hangchow church, though the Hangchow records were thought too diffuse. The Ningpo records were reported satisfactory. Mr. Tsiang Vong-kweng was examined on the studies which he had been pursuing during the year. The elders present from San-poh church were requested to state what they knew concerning the case of Mr. Lo Sih-peng, an elder of that church, and a candidate under the care of Presbytery for the ministry. Mr. Yih, the elder from the San-poh church, stated that on a recent Sabbath evening, in a quarrel with his (Lo Sih-peng's) wife, he (Lo Sih-peng) had before his neighbours used very improper language, such as the heathen use. At the request of Presbytery Dr. McCartee engaged in prayer before action in reference to the case of Lo Sih-peng. The session of the San-poh church were required to investigate the circumstances, and report at the called meeting of Presbytery to be held at Yu-yiao on the 28th of the 10th Chinese month. The committee appointed last Presbytery were also requested to present at the same meeting the historical sketch of the late Rev. Kyng Ling-yiu. The Narrative was then read and adopted, and ordered to be sent to the Synod and Assembly. Messrs. Leyenberger and Bao were appointed a committee to consult with the church mem-

bers at San-poh in reference to the division of that church. Rev. Tsiang Nying-kwe was appointed stated supply of the Hangchow church for the coming year. The next meeting was appointed to be held on the second Wednesday of October, 1868, in the same place as this meeting, at three o'clock, P. M. The Minutes were then read and adopted, and Presbytery adjourned with prayer.

SAMUEL DODD,
Stated Clerk.

Narrative of the State of Religion within the Bounds of the Ningpo Presbytery for the Year ending October 1st, 1867.

We have again reason to record with gratitude the fact that our Presbytery has for another year enjoyed peace and prosperity. Sixty-five communicants have been added to our number from among the heathen; and several new stations have been opened for the preaching of the gospel. In connection with Ningpo church there has been a station opened at Kao-gyiao; with the Yu-yiao church there has been the station at Tsiu-ong, and one at Di-s-ming; and in connection with the Hangchow church there has been the station at Bing-yiao. Mr. Uoh Cong-ong, a licentiate of Presbytery, has been ordained and installed pastor of the Bao-ko-tah church. A Proclamation, which affects the interest of religion not only within the bounds of our Presbytery, but throughout the Empire, has been issued by the Chinese government to the effect that the gospel is to be permitted to be preached in every place without let or hindrance, whether from officers or people, and those who profess their preference for the Christian religion are not to be molested on that account.

The contributions from all the churches have amounted to about a hundred and forty-five dollars, in addition to sums that have been contributed by two of the churches towards edifices for themselves. A new church building has been erected at Yu-yiao for the church there, and one at Dzing-bu-deo for the Bao-ko-tah church.

Six communicants have died: but from their walk and conversation while in health, and their words of peace and comfort at death, we feel that our sorrow for them is not without hope.

Seven or eight have been suspended from church fellowship. This may be owing in part, at least, to the want of fidelity in those who are set over them in the Lord. We need much to pray

that God would send us abundantly his Holy Spirit, that we may more diligently and carefully attend to the work entrusted to us, and that those who have already fallen may repent and do their first works, and thus we may expect that the church may still more abundantly increase, and thereby glorify our God and Saviour.

SAMUEL DODD, *Stated Clerk,*
for ZIA YING-TONG, *Moderator.*

(I seldom please myself with the rendering of the Narrative from Chinese into English; I therefore send a copy of it as prepared in the Chinese character, and a copy with the Chinese words, written out by a native in the English character.

S. D.)

Missionary Work among Hindu Women and Girls.

In Zenanas.

From the last report of the Lodianna Mission we take the following extracts. The first relates to labours in Zenanas. This kind of missionary work was commenced a few years ago by the late Mrs. Mullens, of Calcutta, the daughter of a missionary and also the wife of a missionary, and one who had her own children and family cares to superintend. Her position as a wife and mother, while it must have somewhat limited the service she could render, no doubt added largely to her influence amongst native women; and her great devotedness and usefulness in these efforts to do good made her removal by death a sad calamity. But her work has been continued, and in other places besides Calcutta the same good work has been found practicable to some extent.

Our missionaries say—

Though we place the word Zenana at the head of this section, yet the spiritual labours performed by our agents among the women of the country, of which notice is here to be taken, have by no means been confined to those domestic apartments within which, peculiarly, native ladies are to be met with. We intend to include under this head all the female evangelistic efforts that have had exclusive reference to Hindu and Muhammadan women.

Saharanpur.—Mr. Calerwood says that the efforts made to evangelize the women at his station have been connected chiefly with the Girls' Schools. "Large numbers of the mothers, and other relatives of the girls come to the schools often, for the sole purpose of meeting the wife of the Missionary. As she now obtains such attentive audiences there, and as she is able to speak with greater freedom than in Zenanas, she has less inclination than formerly to visit women in their own houses: though when she does so, she is welcomed as heartily as ever.

Sabathu.—"During the first months of the year the Bible Woman continued her visits from house to house; and since then Mrs. Janvier has occasionally had interviews with the women; though the want of a good female Christian teacher in the Girls' School has prevented her doing very much Zenana work. The Hindu women, as a rule, seem more interested, and hopeful, than the Muhammadan: and the story of the Word being made flesh, and dying in our stead, is better appreciated by them. A young Hindu widow died early in the year, who had been often visited, and in regard to whom there was some ground for hope. Another woman says that her prayers are always offered up in the name of Christ, and that all her trust is in him. Still, as a general rule, the impressions made upon their minds seem to be transient—passing away as the early dew."

Lahore.—During the winter and spring, certain ladies in the city—chiefly Muhammadans, both Panjabis and Afghans—were visited by Mrs. Newton; and some of these were so much interested as to visit her in return. Her knowledge of the language being insufficient to meet the demands of the case, it was her habit to take with her one of the Bible Women, who sometimes acted as an interpreter, and sometimes spoke independently. Some of these interviews were sought by the native ladies; and they were always interesting to the Missionary's wife and her assistants. Though native women are generally ignorant, and are apt to be occupied much with trifles, yet they are by no means averse to religious conversation.

Miss Morrison, whose time has been given chiefly to the study of the vernaculars, and teaching in a Native Christian Girls' School, has visited some Zenanas in the city, and has always found a welcome.

One of the Native Christian women employed in this department—Mrs. Isa Charan—is supported by a Society in England. [And her work is well spoken of.]

Dehra.—[Two native Christian women are supported at this station by an American Society, under the supervision of the missionaries, and their labours are highly commended.]

Ambala Cantonment.—The Bible Woman here reports that she is always received with kindness, and what she

says about Christ is heard, and apparently approved; "but, (say the women,) so long as our goddesses give us what we ask, why should we leave them to follow Christ? At any rate, if God wished us to be Christians, he would have given us birth among Christian people." It would be interesting to know how the Bible Woman answers such arguments; but this has not been reported to us.

(To be continued.)

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN APRIL, 1868.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Windsor ch 11 50. *Pby of Londonderry*—Boston 1st ch 71 96; Newburyport 1st ch 133 61. *Pby of Mohawk*—Oneida Sab-sch 30. *Pby of Troy*—Troy 2d ch 224 64; Waterford ch 226; Lansingburgh ch 67 20 2823 92

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Leesburgh Sab-sch 6 26; Centreville Sab-sch 40; Amity Sab-sch for debt 37 75; Centreville ch Ladies' Mite Socy 29 81; North Butler ch 3 50; Muddy Creek ch 14 06; Summit ch 8; Worthington ch 4. *Pby of Allegheny City*—Allegheny City 1st ch 1, A Lady for Indian Missions 86—87; Central ch Allegheny City 105 63; Sharpsburg ch for sup of girl in India 22 50; Manchester ch 73 87; German ch 3 72; Highlands ch 14 43; Beaver ch 38. *Pby of Beaver*—Pulaski ch 14; Hopewell ch 8; Mt Pleasant ch 21. *Pby of Erie*—Mercer 1st ch 79 38; Oil City ch 17 628 96

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Westminster ch, Baltimore, Mrs Mary Woods 10, Mrs Bates 4, Mrs Dr Perkins for Rio Chapel 5, Sab-sch, add'l, for debt 2, — 22; Ellicott City ch, Thistle Sab-sch 12; Central ch, Baltimore 66 82; Frederick ch 6. *Pby of Carlisle*—Newport ch 10; Millertown ch 26 21; McConnellsburg ch 43; Green Hill ch 16 18; Bedford 1st ch 43 53; Middletown ch 23 55, A Lady Member 60—73 55. *Pby of Potomac*—Bridge St ch, Georgetown, for Brazil 26 83 344 09

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Buffalo City*—Central ch, Buffalo 60. *Pby of Genesee River*—Groveland ch 8; Warsaw ch, mo con 28 76; Bath Sab-sch 33 19; Central ch, Genesee 23 26 143 19

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Bureau*—Millersburg ch 5 50. *Pby of Chicago*—Jefferson Park ch, Chicago 300. Robert Patterson for Indian Orphan sch 26—325. *Pby of Schuyler*—Perry ch 7 75; Mt Sterling ch 7 40. *Pby of Warren*—Oquawka ch 8 50; Keitsburg ch 3 50, Sab-sch 3—6 50 360 65

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Hillsboro ch 100; Bainbridge ch 9. *Pby of Cincinnati*—Walnut Hills 1st ch 30 09; Cincinnati 7th ch, mo con 13 10, Sab-sch 70 21—83 37; Cincinnati Central ch, add'l 2; Williamsburg ch 8 36. *Pby of Oxford*—Harrison ch 8. *Pby of Sidney*—Cherokee ch 5 245 83

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Bloomington*—Dwight ch 3. *Pby of Peoria*—Delavan ch 24; Country ch 24 35. *Pby of Saline*—Odin ch 10. *Pby of Sangamon*—Assumption 1st ch 6; Petersburg ch 266, Little Girls' Mite Socy 72 50—328 50; Macon ch 6; Providence ch, Little Johnny Nisbet 5; Portuguese Sab-sch, Jacksonville, Ill 88 86 444 71

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of New Albany*—New Albany 1st ch 200; Bedford ch 8. *Pby of White Water*—Liberty ch 9 50 217 50

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—Marion ch, Mrs Bullen 2, Sab-sch for debt 14 12—16 12; Unity ch 2. *Pby of Dubuque*—Epworth Sab-sch 2; Dubuque 1st ch Sab-sch 10; Dubuque 1st German ch 10; Jessup ch 3 50. *Pby of Vinton*—Montezuma 7 50 51 13

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Ebenezer*—Flemingsburg ch 26 36, Sab-sch 3 64—30. *Pby of Muhlenburg*—Hopkinsville Sab-sch 2 10. *Pby of Paducah*—Princeton ch 30. *Pby of Transylvania*—Danville 1st ch 157 20; Danville 2d ch 251 70; Mt Pleasant ch 16 40 487 40

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of St Louis*—Bethel ch 10 57; Nazareth Sab-sch 9 50 20 07

SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.—*Pby of Holston*—Clarksville 2d ch, Freedmen's Sab-sch 5 00

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Burlington*—Mt Holly ch 3; Camden 1st ch Sab-sch 25. *Pby of Corisco*—Evangelisimba ch 62 73. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—Elizabethport Sab-sch 6 50; New Providence ch 5, Sab-sch 5—10; Berean Sab-sch, No 3, Summit, for Bible in China 6. *Pby of Luzerne*—Newton ch 47, Sab-sch 9 79—56 79; Wyoming ch 30; Mahanoy City Sab-sch 31 83; Wilkesbarre ch 250. *Pby of Monmouth*—Matawan ch 22 92; Red Bank ch, mo con 15 66, Sab-sch add'l for debt 15 84—31 50; Jamesburg ch 30, Sab-sch 10—40; Millstone 1st ch 9, Sab-sch 10—19; Freehold Village ch 160 81; Toms River Sab-sch 17 51; Manalapan ch 30. *Pby of Newton*—Newton Sab-sch to ed boy in China 37 50; Stewartville Sab-sch 14 65; Shawnee ch 2, Sab-sch for debt 7 50—9 50; Belvidere ch 50; Phillipsburg Sab-sch 24; Knowlton ch 9; Blairstown ch 50. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Princeton 1st ch 190; New Brunswick 1st ch, mo con 27 80, Mrs C Nelson 5—32 30; Dutch Neck ch, mo con 25; Children's Mission Boxes, M J R 6 50; Alice and Sarah Grover 8, J B Perine 1 50, Two others 23—64; Cranberry 2d ch 10. *Pby of Passaic*—Morristown 1st ch, mo con 110 08, Sab-sch Infant class 45, Little Annie and Jennie's legacy 10—171 08; Third ch, Newark, mo con 22 32, for Brazil 10, Sab-sch Truth Seekers' Class 10—42 32; Wickliffe ch, mo con 9 56; Lyons Farms ch 50; Boiling Springs ch 22 18; Paterson 1st ch 200 20; Elizabeth 2d ch Sab-sch 32 50. *Pby of Raritan*—Amwell United 1st ch 15. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Towanda ch, mo con 20; Wyalusing 2d ch 20, Sab-sch 3—23; Wysox ch 10. *Pby of West Jersey*—Fisherville Sab-sch for Hangchow sch 14 73; Millville ch 65 77; Bridgeton 2d ch 30; Cold Spring ch 26, Sab-sch 24 23—50 23; Deerfield ch 42 75 2,083 86

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—Bedford ch mo con ooll's 110 83; Hartford 1st ch 45; Bridgeport 1st ch 58; Poundridge ch 42, Sab-sch 18—60; South Salem ch, mo con 55, Thank-offering 80—85. *Pby of Hudson*—Florida ch, mo con 5; West Town 1st ch, mo con 20 68; Sab-sch 25 32—55; Goshen ch 38 07, A Member 10—48 07; Goodwill ch 70; Milford ch 12; Centreville ch 12; Hopewell ch, mo con 7 06. *Pby of Long Island*—Sweet Hollow ch 5 16. *Pby of Nassau*—Lawrence St Sab-sch, Brooklyn 6; Astoria ch, mo con 30; South Third St ch, Williamsburg, mo con 42 16; Geneva ch, mo con 12; Freeport ch, mo con 6; Brooklyn 1st ch, mo con 61 68. *Pby of New York*—Brick ch, add'l, 100, mo con 82 12, Mission chapel 11 32—193 44; Jersey City 1st ch, mo con 100 58; Chelsea ch, mo con 37; Westminster ch, Yonkers 82 09; University Place ch, mo con

88 80; Clifton ch, S 1281 54; Nyack ch 12; Yorkville ch 33 75; Fourth Pres ch, Thirty-fourth St 270; New York 1st ch Sab-sch for Shanghai sch 31 69, Mission Sab-sch 23 24 = 54 93; Throggs Neck ch 10. *Pby of New York 2d*—Canal St ch 21 65; Sing Sing ch, mo con 47. *Pby of North River*—Calvary ch, Newburgh 28 1,226 78

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SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of Benicia*—Valejo ch 25. *Pby of California*—San Francisco 1st ch 249 50; Pacheco ch 21; Calvary ch, San Francisco 500 795 50

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Stewartstown ch 14; Union ch 27 25, Sab-sch 7 = 34 23. *Pby of Huntingdon*—Hollidaysburg Sab-sch 17. Children of Jos Robinson 1 23 = 18 23; Fruit Hill ch 15; Huntingdon Presb ch 14 96; East Freedom ch 23; Martinsburg ch 10. *Pby of New Castle*—Oxford Sab-sch 15 60, for Rio chapel 60 = 75 60; Faggs Manor ch 96 95. *Pby of Northumberland*—Bloomsburg ch 240 48, Sab-sch 9 52 = 250; Derry ch Fem For'n Miss'y Soc'y to con Mrs Marg't Blee *Life member* 39 40. *Pby of Philadelphia*—Bethany Inf't Sab-sch for boy at Bonita 30; Tenth ch, Phila, mo con 62 10, A Friend, through the Pastor 150 = 212 10; Fourth ch Phila 50. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Kensington Sab-sch, add'l 14 31; Spring Garden 43 53; Port Richmond ch 15, Sab-sch 10 18 = 25 18. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Plumsteadville ch 7; Germantown 2d ch 85; Newtown ch for Rio chapel 10; Easton 1st ch 250; Germantown 1st ch Sab-sch for debt 30, for child in China 50 = 80; Port Kennedy ch 25 08; Norristown 2d ch 14 50; Holmesburg ch mo con, add'l 10 76 1,141 85

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—Salem ch 3. *Pby of Clarion*—Beechwood ch 20. *Pby of Ohio*—Central ch, Pittsburg 194 83; Raccoon ch 140; Pittsburg 6th ch 150 30, for Brazil 38, Sab-sch 50 25 = 238 65; North Branch ch 3; Lawrenceville ch Ladies' Mite Soc'y 30; Valley ch 35 50; Pittsburg 2d ch 372 08; East Liberty ch mo con 18 10; Sharon ch 40 98; Bethel ch 105. *Pby of Redstone*—Spring Hill Furnace ch 6 21. *Pby of Salisbury*—Warren Sab-sch for Chefoo sch 102 25; Glade Run ch mo con 8 50, S Mechin Marshall 1, Miss E Marshall 50c = 10; Leeburg ch 44 62; Centre ch 4 50; Kittanning ch 41 02; Gihgal ch Ladies' Mite Soc'y 22; Marion ch Ladies' Mite Soc'y 10 87 1,351 51

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SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Des Moines*—Columbia ch 2. *Pby of Fairfield*—Troy ch 11, Sab-sch for debt 4 = 15; Kirkville ch 2. *Pby of Iowa*—Westminster ch, Keokuk 60 06. *Pby of Missouri River*—Council Bluffs ch 48 60 127 65

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Wheeling 1st ch Sab-sch, for Corisco 75; Wheeling 4th ch 11 75; Wellsburg ch 20; Hookstown ch 25; West Liberty ch 6 351 23

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Prairie du Sac 1st ch 80 01; *Pby of Milwaukee*—Deafield Sab-sch 4 02; *Pby of Winnebago*—Kilbourn City ch, Children's Cent Soc'y 2; Oxford ch 10 25; Plover 1st ch 5 101 38

SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI.—*Pby of New Orleans*—R 1 00

SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.—*Pby of Catawba*—Salisbury Sab-sch for Corisco 1 00

Total received from churches \$12,401 93
LEGACIES.—Patterson estate 102 96; Estate of S M Templeton, dec'd, Tazewell Co., Ill 100; Estate of — Freeman, dec'd, for Alexander High sch, per Rev Dr C Kingsbury 500; Legacy of Victor Thomas, dec'd, Md 1,700; Lens expenses in Baxter will case 37 62 2,365 24

MISCELLANEOUS.—Freeman Gould, Alton, Ill 20; J L Glenn, Plainfield, O 10; Wm Stewart, Highland, Kansas 5; New Castle, Pa, Presb'n Sab-sch 30 75; General Loomis 5; W, for Bogota chapel 5; Lowell Mason, Howard Bailey and Lapeley Armstrong McAfee 3; George T Edelman, bal to con Mr and Mrs Edelman *Life member* 5; Jas Park, to con Martha A Park *Life member* 10; Savings of little Stella Norris 1 41; Joshua L Minor 1; G P Reeves 50; O M Dorman, Norfolk, Va 50; Edna A Baker, to con Mrs E C Baker *Life member* 100; Second Portuguese ch Sab-sch, Springfield, Ill 8; Friends for India and China 5,000, Siam and Laos Missions 3,000, Japan 1,000, Africa 1,525 = 10,525; Rev Wm Speer D.D. and Family, Thank-offering for the Mission to the Chinese in California 100; Owen Reidy, New Orleans 5; B W De Lamater, Brooklyn 10; James Lenox, for exchange 5,000; Samuel Baird 50; 1867 66; Rev L D Mason 5; Mary 1; A Widow and two daughters 10; A Friend 3; Earnings of Helen, aged six years 1; John Anderson, Anderson's Mill 5 16,085 16

Total Receipts in April, 1868, \$30,852 33
 WM. RANKIN, JR., Treasurer.

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A Feeble Sabbath-school made happy.

The following comes to the Board of Publication in acknowledgment of a donation to a Sabbath-school in Iowa. This is the kind of work the Board is doing as fast as the state of its Distribution Fund allows. Do the churches and our benevolent friends think it a *good* work? If they do, will they not bountifully replenish, and keep replenished, this most useful Fund?

“*Dear Brother*,—The books have come! Our little folks are happy!

Our old books have been read through and through, and it would have done your heart good to have seen the bright faces and hungry eyes which greeted the new Library.

If those who give, only knew the good they do and the pleasure they confer by their contributions, your Fund would not be exhausted. Five minutes in our frontier school last Sabbath would be worth more than three sermons on the ‘Pleasure of Giving.’

Most of our children come to church and remain to Sabbath-school. One little girl about eight years old—the child of godless parents—on her way to church last Sabbath in company with other little girls, fell and broke her arm. Instead of going home she came on to church, stifled her cries like a heroine and insisted upon remaining until Sabbath-school, and when at length it became evident that she was severely hurt, it was with difficulty we could get her to leave. I give this incident as an illustration of the eagerness with which the publications of the Board are sought.

Thankful for your donations, and hoping ere long to make returns for your kindness, in behalf of the boys and girls of the Sabbath-school I am,
Gratefully, yours, V. G. S.”

A Good Gift.

For some time past the Board has been receiving donations, large and small, to be used in giving a copy of Hodge on “*The Atonement*” to each of our Domestic Missionaries. A large number of copies have thus been given, but several hundreds of dollars will yet be needed before a copy can be sent to every missionary. Meanwhile each \$1 50 received will send one copy. Who will help?

We append two acknowledgments from missionaries in the far West, which will show how this gift is appreciated.

“Illinois, —, 1868.

“*My Very Dear Brother*,—I have received your very kind and thoughtful donation—*Hodge on the Atonement*. I am really very thankful to the considerate friend who enabled you to make me so valuable and welcome a present. It is a great book. It is rich, strengthening, precious food for the preacher's mind. Few better donations could be made in these days of doctrinal laxity and latitudinarianism. It will reassure and strengthen the sentinels on the lonely outposts of Zion—the toiling missionaries who are so fortunate as to receive a copy. The publication and circulation of this great standard work on this great standard truth, is worth to the cause of Christ and truth all the Board of Publication has cost the Presbyterian church for a whole year. God be praised for such an efficient agency in behalf of Calvinistic truth as is this Board.

And God be praised, too, for putting it into the hearts of generous givers, to remember us, tired, struggling, poverty-stricken missionaries in our far-off fields and with only scanty libraries. To one like your humble servant this book is a windfall. I wish that all my brethren, as needy as I, could have a copy.

Brother, I am glad you thought of me. You are one of my best earthly friends. God bless you an hundred fold.

Yours, very gratefully indeed, A DOMESTIC MISSIONARY.”

“*Dear Brother*.—I am under very special obligations to you for a copy of the excellent volume of Dr. A. A. Hodge on ‘*The Atonement*.’ Because of the multiform shades of Unitarianism abounding in this age, it eminently becomes all who truly love our Lord and Redeemer to guard well this primary doctrine of our most holy religion. In this work there is a freshness and thoroughness which commend it to the careful perusal and profound study of every one who would feed upon the strong meat of the word.

This, and also the author's ‘*Outlines of Theology*,’ are full of suggestion to all those who would make full proof of their ministry. May many hearts and hands be opened to aid in placing this volume in possession of every youthful minister and missionary in the land.

Yours in Christian love,

J. D. M.”

A Reviler tamed.

One of our Iowa Colporteurs sends us the following interesting letter:

“So far my work has been confined to the Presbytery of Fort Dodge, which is truly missionary ground, having only a few struggling little churches within its bounds. Three-fourths of my time has been spent among those who have no connection with any branch of the church militant. Leaving the prairies for the winter, I hope I shall be able to do

better so far as the sale of books is concerned. But having done the best I could I have no apologies to offer.

Since my last I have had some very interesting times. I will here relate a little incident. A friend to Colportage, in directing me how to go in order to reach a certain point, was very particular to caution me not to call at a certain house on my way, assuring me that the last Colporteur who called there had been abused and driven off with a club. I did not take his advice, however. I sought counsel from another source and entered the house. Soon after the man came in. I spoke pleasantly to him and told him I had just been trying to sell his wife some of my books and was glad he had come to help me. He looked at me a few moments as if about to pounce upon me. I took up a book and said, "Now, sir, here is a book I can recommend to you, knowing that a man of your intelligence will be delighted with it." Judge of my surprise and delight when I heard him say,

"Wife, where are my spectacles?"

Knowing that I had gained my point I now cautiously introduced the subject of religion. I said,

"Mr. C——, you and I are getting to be old men and ought to be thinking about the salvation of our souls."

"Yes," said he, "that's so," and then we talked freely upon the subject. I think a good impression was made. Tears ran from his eyes and mine, and he said,

"Can't you stay with me over night?"

I told him I would be glad to do so, but had promised to be at another place. I agreed, however, to pass a night with him the next time I came that way. I sold him four books, and when I left his last words to me were a hearty "God bless you." Yours truly, J. S. L."

A Soul saved.

A Colporteur in Minnesota, who has been faithfully prosecuting his work there during the late inclement winter, has been already well repaid for all his trial, exposure, and self-denial. In a recent letter he thus writes:

"I hope my labours here may not be without fruit. I was pleased to learn, a few days ago, that one of my little tracts had been the means of startling and awakening an old man who had previously become hardened in sin and iniquity, and of causing him, contrary to a resolution he had made, *never* to attend a church or prayer-meeting, to go there anxiously inquiring about his soul's salvation."

In a postscript to this letter this faithful labourer informs me that he has just had a hemorrhage from the lungs brought on by walking fifteen miles over a Minnesota prairie, in a severe snow storm—which he ought not to have done. Yet he is cheerful and expresses a determination to labour on as long as God gives him strength. But I tell him he has no right to commit suicide. We need him and he must rest awhile. W.

Silent Preachers.

Bible truth, as embodied in the writings of holy men, has been honoured by God as a medium of good to numberless souls. The religious tract has often been the means of leading careless ones to Jesus. It has sought out in his seclusion, or met in the highway, a soul without God, and delivered its loving message. He who turned aside from the sanctuary, and avoided the minister of righteousness, listens to this still small voice, and is brought, in loving consecration, to Christ.

Among the mountains of India, a British soldier was converted through the perusal of a tract which, by some unknown means, had reached him in those solitary wilds. Subsequently he became a minister of the gospel, led dark-minded Hindoos to the light, and pointed them to the Lamb. And thus from that little seed has already sprung a holy influence which shall widen and extend until time shall be no more.

And who can compute the blessed results already reached by means of religious books, scattered broadcast over the land? The *Saint's Rest*, the *Pilgrim's Progress*, the *Fountain of Life*, the *Anxious Inquirer*, and Doddridge's *Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul*, and other volumes published by our Board of Publication, have furnished instruction for the ignorant, warning for the erring, comfort for the sorrowing, support for the dying. Blessed books! may they live for ever!

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Thirteenth Annual Report of the Board of Church Extension.

By the blessing of the Lord we can report to the General Assembly unexampled success in the work of church extension. In no equal period of its history have the operations of your Board been so large or shown so great progress as in the twelve months ending April 1st, 1868. During that time 948 churches or 119 more than in the preceding year gave a sum \$5264 larger than was ever contributed by churches in a single year to our funds. The receipts were \$50,317 or thirty per cent. in excess of any similar period. The applications for aid were nearly 22 per cent. beyond those of the previous year. The appropriations exceeded those of 1867 22 per cent. in number and 14 per cent. in amount, aggregating \$53,454. The payments to churches were \$58,174 or 40 per cent. beyond those of the preceding year.

Applications.

During the year ending April 1st, 1868, 180 churches sought aid to the amount of \$106,577 averaging \$592 to each church. Adding to these the applications on file and undisposed of April 1st, 1867, the Board had before it during the year 239 applications calling for \$147,277.

There remained on our register April 1st, 1868, awaiting the receipt of further information, applications from 115 churches, calling for \$79,375.

Appropriations.

Appropriations were made during the year to 122 churches, whose names and localities are given in the appendix. The amount granted to these churches was \$53,454.50 being an average of \$438.15 to each church.

(To be continued.)

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FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS, AND THE NEEDY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

The following amounts have been received since last report, viz:

<i>Pby of Troy</i> —Lansingburgh 1st ch 15; Troy 2d ch 78 66	\$93 66	<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Second ch 45 15; Port Richmond ch 20	65 15
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Allegheny City Central ch 39 25		<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> 2d—Germantown 1st ch 288 14; Neshaminy ch (add'l) 5; Bridesburg ch Sab-ach 25	318 14
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Central ch 20 50; Frederick ch, add'l. 2; Baltimore 2d ch 40 05; Ellicott City ch 23; Westminster ch, Mrs Mary Woods 10; Mrs Falconer 5	100 55	<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Greensburg ch	11 00
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Lonaconing and Barton chs	11 87	<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Pittsburgh 2d ch	55 53
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Malden ch	7 25	<i>Pby of Radstone</i> —Mt Pleasant ch	20 76
<i>Pby of Schuyler</i> —Macomb ch	16 25	<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Bethesda ch 8 10; Saltsburg ch. 23 66; Glade Run ch 6 00	37 76
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —New Paris ch 3; Harmony ch 5; Camden ch 4	12 00	<i>Pby of St Paul</i> —Vermillion ch 1; Farmington ch 1	2 00
<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —Spring Hills ch 12 18; Urbana 1st ch 15	27 18	<i>Pby of S Minnesota</i> —Stewartsville ch 1; Preston ch 2	3 00
<i>Pby of Saline</i> —Pisgah ch 4; Odin ch 5 60	9 60	<i>Pby of Michigan</i> —Plymouth 1st ch	8 50
<i>Pby of Sanjamon</i> —Assumption 1st ch 4 55; Petersburg ch 20	24 55	<i>Pby of Des Moines</i> —Des Moines 1st ch 5; Knoxville ch 2	7 00
<i>Pby of Indianapolis</i> —Franklin ch 25; E Jeffery, Esq. of do 40	65 00	<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Carrollton ch	5 00
<i>Pby of White Water</i> —Richmond 1st ch	11 00	<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Bellair ch	13 60
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Sherrill's Mount ch 12; Dubuque 1st Ger ch 5; Lime Springs ch 1	18 00	<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Washington 2d ch 20; Waynesburg ch 6	26 00
<i>Pby of Ebenezer</i> —Hon J M Preston, of Burlington ch	13 00	<i>Pby of Corisco</i> —Evangasimba ch	16 00
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Wilkesbarre ch	111 61		\$2,568 33
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Rahway ch 20; Siloam ch 1	21 00	Owen Riedy, of New Orleans	1 00
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Millstone ch 10; Freehold Village ch 20	30 00	"Dee," of New Orleans	1 00
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Shawnee ch 2; Knowlton ch 4 20; Newton 1st ch 49; Hackettstown ch 65; Greenwich ch 19	139 20	Misses C S and S Patterson, of Poundridge, N Y	10 00
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Dutch Neck ch 6; Bound Brook ch 50; Cranberry 2d ch 10; Religious Contribution Soc'y Princeton Seminary	61 25	Miss Catharine Nelson, of New Brunswick, N J	10 00
	127 25	"Susan"	1 00
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Orange Central ch	52 72	Alfred A Hamilton, of Chicago, Ills	2 50
<i>Pby of Baritan</i> —Frenchtown ch	10 00	J L, of Brooklyn, N Y	5 00
<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Wysox ch 5; Wyalusing 2d ch 4	9 00	W H, of Plainfield, N J	1 00
<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Cold Spring ch	12 00		\$2,599 83
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Thompsonville 1st ch	4 00	GEO. H. VAN GELDER, Treasurer Trustees of General Assembly, Office, No. 320 Walnut Street Philadelphia, May 6th, 1868.	
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Goodwill ch	20 00		
<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —Moriches ch	11 10		
<i>Pby of New York</i> 2d—Scotch Pres ch	582 00		
<i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —Albion ch, add'l, 50; Waterloo ch 3	3 50		
<i>Pby of Lake</i> —Goshen 1st ch 12 40; South Bend ch 9	21 40		
<i>Pby of Columbus</i> —Westminster ch 19 25; London ch 20; Lithopolis ch 6 50; Miffin ch 6 10	61 85		
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Holmesville ch	4 00		
<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Coshocton ch	10 00		
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Stewartstown ch 10; Bellevue ch 33 61; Middle Octorara ch 12; Union ch 30	85 61		
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Waynesburg ch 31 25; Shaver's Creek ch 8 25; Altoona 1st ch 40; Milroy ch 50	129 50		
<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Milton ch 25; Buffalo ch 84	59 00		
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Westminster ch	35 00		

In remitting money to this Fund, the name of the Church and Presbytery to which it belongs should be distinctly stated, that it may be correctly acknowledged. And where checks or drafts are sent they should be drawn to the order of "GEO. H. VAN GELDER, Treasurer."

Fifty-four ministers, seventy widows, and eight families of orphans have been aided from the fund, each receiving all that was asked for by the Presbytery, in different sums, from fifty dollars up to four hundred.

Among the seventy widows on our list, are many mothers with children of tender age. Quite a number of these ladies are far advanced in life, several are incurable invalids, and wholly dependent for support on our annual disbursement.—*Annual Report.*

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

Rev. S. C. LOGAN, *Corresponding Secretary*, DAVID ROBINSON, Esq., *Treasurer*, Box 224, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Wm. MAIR, Esq., *Receiving Agent*, 907 Arch street, Philadelphia.

Another Church Organized.

The Rev. Ishmael Moultrie, who was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Presbytery of Atlantic at its last meeting, and who as a licentiate has been labouring for two years on the islands of South Carolina, writes as follows, under date of May 5th. "I am happy to be able to give you good news of the work. Truly the harvest is great, and the labourers few; but there is prosperity in the work in my vicinity. I had received an invitation to take under my care some scattering Presbyterians three months before I was able to visit them. After returning from the Presbytery on the 8th of April I made an appointment to go down and meet them, and organize a church if the way should be clear; I found the congregation about nineteen miles west of St. Andrew's, and they were very happy to see me. A church was organized with eighty-three members. It is a very large field and requires many 'watchmen.' This led me to ordain three elders and four deacons. O what a glorious time it was that day, I think I can say that the Holy Ghost was with us, many tears were shed (or as he says 'waters') as I preached from Rom. v. 1, 2, and 3.

"The people were successful in getting a piece of land for a church. It was given them by Mr. R. The church was named St. Paul's, and we organized a Sabbath-School also. How happy was that long scattered community to be gathered into their old church again and commune together. I put before them the idea of erecting a house of worship at once, and every one agreed immediately to give all the help they can, both in money and work. I hope when I write again to tell you how much they can do. I write now after a walk of ten miles from my appointments. You will see what journeys I have to take on foot to care for my four churches now. From St. Andrew's to Edisto thirty-three miles, to Wadmelaw twenty-eight miles, from Wadmelaw to Edisto nineteen miles, from St. Andrew's to St. Paul's church eighteen miles, and from St. Paul's to Edisto twenty-two miles. Then all these places are separated by rivers and creeks, and there is much water to contend with."

This minister now has more than a thousand communicants in his charge, and he labours with and for them night and day. He is a freedman and speaks the peculiar dialect of the people on the Islands. His whole theological education has been obtained by a study of the Bible with the Confession of Faith and the catechisms of the church. The testimony of the Presbytery is that his examination gave full satisfaction. He can reach people that no other man can, and has laboured for the Committee upon a salary of less than two hundred dollars for the last year. He begs an interest in the prayers of all God's people.

JAMES ISLAND.—The church edifice has been completed and was dedicated about the middle of April. The congregation fills the house and the church is rapidly increasing. The missionary reports the baptism of a native African at the last communion, a man over eighty years of age. The day-school and Sabbath-school are large, and the whole work seems to have received a new spirit as they have erected their house of worship. For two years the people worshipped in the open air, because they could get no lot to build upon. Their pastor is the Rev. H. H. Hunter.

The following is from a Philadelphia lady, who has spent a year in the work in North Carolina. She is a faithful and efficient worker. She has suffered much from ill health but her success is truly gratifying.

"One year has rolled away since I left my home in Philadelphia, Pa., to come here to teach the freedmen. On the 4th day of April, 1867, I opened my school with four scholars, three of whom could read easy lessons, while the fourth was in A, B, C. From month to month the number of pupils increased, until I now have one hundred and five on roll. On last evening I closed my school-year with

an exhibition, as interesting and beautiful as many you would see in Philadelphia among white pupils. I was indeed delighted to behold the expressions of joy upon the countenances of parents when they looked upon their children reading compositions who, a year ago, could not even write their own names. Ten compositions were read, three recitations made, and two addresses were delivered by the pupils, both male and female, and well spoken. The scholars did well in singing. Out of the whole number on roll I only have seventeen who cannot read the word of God, and these, the youngest of the school, can read easy lessons, are improving in mental arithmetic, and write on slate. All of the classes of the school seem to have an ambition equal to any white pupils I ever taught, especially the Geography, Grammar, Arithmetic, Dictionary and composition classes. In character, some of the pupils, both male and female are unexceptionable. Eleven females and seven males are anxious to become teachers. Three of the males wishing to become teachers, are looking forward to the ministry, if God should so direct. These three boys are among the brightest in intellect in the school. My labour here has been greatly blessed, but there is still much to be done. It will require time and study to bring forward a class of pupils prepared to teach, but I have the materials, and I think I can do it with God's help. The coloured people of this place are fast forming themselves into two classes. One composed of those who are anxious to get an education by honest industry, living within their means, while the others live as best it may, without work, and often by stealing."

DONATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN IN APRIL, 1868.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Batchelorsville ch	\$6 00
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Slate Lick ch	16 38
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Pine Creek ch 12; Fairmount ch 11	23 11
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Frederick ch 9; 2d Baltimore ch 58 5)	67 50
<i>Pby of Colum'us</i> —Lithopolis ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Bedford ch	26 50
<i>Pby of Caltauba</i> —Gold Hill ch 4 56; Franklinton ch 4 25; Lexington ch 9 75; Manson, N C 6 95; Charlotte ch 8 15; Salisbury ch 7 65; Statesville ch 50; Mt Tabor ch 5 00; McClintock ch 1 75; Haw Creek ch 3; Warrenton ch 6 45; Oakland ch 2 01; Evansville ch 12	71 01
<i>Pby of Atlantic</i> —James Island ch 9; Ebenezer ch 3 50; Goodwill ch 20	25 50
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Columbus ch	44 67
<i>Pby of Evanshethlowen</i> —Pluekamin ch 10; Baskingridge ch 15	35 00
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Park ch	1 50
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Genesee ch	8 67
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —West Town ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Lake</i> —South Bend ch 50; Bethel ch 5 25	55 25
<i>Pby of Logansport</i> —Perrysburg ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Wilkesbarre ch	70 00
<i>Pby of Marion</i> —Salem ch	2 75
<i>Pby of Michigan</i> —Westminster ch, Detroit	48 21
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Millstone ch 3; Squan Village ch 4	7 00
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Froepport ch	5 00
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Titusville ch 24; 4th ch, Trenton 43; 4th ch Trenton, G B F 100; 1st ch Princeton 13 18; Pennington ch 25	205 18
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Middle Bandy ch	11 00
<i>Pby of New York</i> —Westminster ch Sab-seh 70; 15th street ch 50 26; Throgg's Neck ch 10; 1st ch 1041 48	1171 78
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Sixth ch, Pittsburgh	377.30
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Bethel ch 6 75; Reley ch 4 25	11 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> 2d—First ch, Germantown	86 29
<i>Pby of Richland</i> —Bloomington ch 50; Mt Vernon ch 25	75 00
<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —Petersburg ch	41 50
<i>Pby of Saltburg</i> —Leechburg ch	17 00
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Second ch, Steubenville	32 35
<i>Pby of St Clairville</i> —Cadiz ch 27 72; Bellair ch 17	44 72
<i>Pby of S Minnesota</i> —Stewartsville ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Wyalusing ch	16 00
<i>Pby of Troy</i> —Lansingburg ch	18 00

<i>Pby of Transylvania</i> —Bethel Union ch	8 00
<i>Pby of Radstone</i> —Round Hill ch 50; McKeesport ch 53 63	103 53
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Vincennes ch 4; Three Springs ch 8; Holliday's Cove ch 12; Cross Roads ch 7; Burgettstown ch 15; Frankfort ch 10	56 10
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —East Hopewell and Naahville chs	6 28
<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Absecon ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —First ch Chillicothe	36 50
<i>Pby of Knoxville</i> —Atlanta sch	15 00
<i>Pby of Nashville</i> —Clarksville sch 15 43; Columbia sch 58 45	73 88
<i>Pby of Corsico</i> —Evangasimba ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —First Altoona ch	31 09

\$2,866 48

MISCELLANEOUS.

W S McMeen, Watson Station, O 8; A Friend, Cadiz, O 1; Rev R Beer 5, Mrs Sarah Haas 5, Miss S Haas 5, Julia Haas 1, Emma Wallace, Valparaiso, 3 30—19 30; Margaret and Martha Wilson, Ohio 5; A Friend, Galena, Ill 3; Mrs Larimer Pittsburgh 10; Legacy from Rev S Templeton, Delavan, Ill 100; Rev D S Baker, New Orleans 1; Rev Jas Jacobs, Danville, Ky 20; Rev J D Paxton, Princeton, Ind 10; Mrs M D Biddle (special), 150; Clement Biddle, Esq. (special) 200; Esther Templeton, Marshall, O 5; O M Dorman, Norfolk 25; W T Troy, N Y 10; Mrs S J Craig 5; Curdsville sch 5; Cumberland sch 8 75; Freedman's Chapel 17 50; Big Oak Chapel 7 28; Chas Viekers, Adams Mills, O 1; Collections from Rev W G Taylor, (special) 75; James McGonigle, Stratonsville 3; Henry Lloyd, Pittsburgh (special) 200; Jno M Wilt, Ft Wayne 10; A Friend, Emmet co Mich 5.

\$904 83

Total receipts in April, \$3,771 26

D. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

The Committee acknowledge the following boxes received during the month:

1 second-hand library from Sab-seh at Clifton Ohio. Not valued. From C M Reed Esq. \$48 for suffering whites in Sumter S. C.

1 Box for Missionary from the Ladies Missionary Society of McKeesport ch. Valued at \$125.

1 Package second-hand books from Little Beaver ch. Not valued.

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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Abstract of Annual Report.

Though threatened with embarrassments in the middle of the past year, God's mercy brought us through, and the churches answered our appeals for aid. Two of the members of the Board have been removed by death, Rev. Dr. Krebs and Rev. Dr. J. M. Lowrie, of Indiana. Three of the missionaries have died, Rev. Geo. Porter, of Iowa, Rev. Thos. Bellows, and Rev. F. Steins, of New York. Six hundred and thirteen missionaries have been in commission during the year, distributed over 32 States and Territories; working earnestly in the faith of the gospel, and receiving, in many cases, their reward from the Lord of the harvest. 59 churches have been organized, and 11 have become self-supporting. 3382 have been added to the churches on profession of their faith, and on certificate 2120. The entire membership in our missionary churches is 25,553. 452 Sabbath-schools, with 4155 teachers and 31,917 scholars, are reported. There was promised to the missionaries \$112,080 50. This is below the ability of our church, and utterly inadequate to the increasing demands of our country. Our receipts were \$113,109 69. An excess of the year preceding of \$16,131 88. With the balance of the beginning of the year, and the command of a reserve fund, our available resources were \$164,044 04. Thus we met the demands on us of \$146,600 05.

We have continued the system of district *missionaries*, as the Assembly of 1867 ordered them to be called, instead of *secretaries* as we proposed. We have six working in six of the Western States. We feel assured of the value of the system when rightly conducted; and it is capable of enlargement and great success. Boxes have been furnished by the ladies of many churches to the amount of \$22,163 08, a gratifying increase over preceding years. Besides these, there have been donations of bells, books, and sums of money privately sent, which reveal an interest in this great cause.

Our work is twofold—1st, to supplement the salaries of ministers toiling in feeble churches; and we venture the assertion that diligence on part of Presbyteries might relieve the Board of much of this, in evoking the sleeping ability of many of the churches so aided. 2nd, The great design of our fathers in the erection of the Board, which was to extend the limits of the church by sending missionaries into unoccupied fields, and along our advancing frontiers.

The Church has two grand schemes—Missions, Foreign and Domestic—the one contemplates the teeming millions beyond our continent, and in the immeasurable fields

swarming with degraded life. *Ours* is the land we love and where we dwell—we begin at Jerusalem—we have now more than four millions of square miles; a field in its magnitude worthy of profoundest study. In the conversion of this land to Christ the heathen world has the deepest interest. We have a population of *forty millions*, hourly swollen by the immigration of men seeking to improve their condition and the fullest liberty; and our own natural increase, making it certain that in thirty odd years we shall number 100,000,000, and then have less than thirty to the square mile. We have a few brethren in Colorado, not enough to form a Presbytery, none in the regions beyond, Nevada, Idaho, Dacotah, Washington, and Utah.

The character of the population is an important element in the calculation. There is enterprise, education, intelligence, and energy; but there is error, superstition, infidelity, and looseness of morals—This is the necessity of early and urgent action. Properly cultured by the softening influences of religion, it would be of immeasurable value to the world; if degraded by the debasing tendencies of our corrupt nature, it would be a curse to itself and a scourge to mankind. The immigration from Europe, so greatly stimulated of late years, is deeply popish, or as sadly infidel.

The demand for labourers is great, and the appeals from our brethren are affecting. Exhausted themselves by abundant labours, unable to overtake the rapidly developing fields, they look to us for brethren to share the toils and honours of their frontier work. Important positions are mentioned, which promise much for vigorous and early efforts if aided now. Never was the demand for the right kind of men as now. It is true there is labour, and toil, and self-sacrifice; these are all for the honour of the members, and the missionary's crown of rejoicing in the day of the Lord Jesus. Yet we cannot, for our means are insufficient, and the churches do not come up to our help.

Men that preach the gospel should surely live by the gospel. It is the simple duty of each church to support its own minister, without aid from other sources, if able at all, and nothing will so cramp and dwarf religion as undue reliance on other aid. When they have taxed themselves to the utmost, it will be time to seek the aid of the Board. All who are aided should steadily aim at independence. The Board will welcome all proper applications. All we desire is the conservation of entrusted funds, and the unfolding of the Church's growth and power.

Our review bids us be thankful, and though we have not been able to overtake all the opportunities which offered, nor occupy points of commanding importance, we have made some progress—we have held our own and made some inroads on the abounding desolation. Fields of mission labour have been better arranged—churches consolidated, and efforts towards independent existence been successfully made. The immigrants who went west were of a better class than heretofore; more thrifty and intelligent and moral. Yet, alas, there was too much of the infidelity, formalism, and superstition of the old world. Our own people have advanced. The war has not been without its beneficial results—men have been made more thoughtful, large hearted, nobler in their aims, and more awake to the necessities of our country. They *know* our land must have the gospel—that our institutions, saved in the last decisive appeal to the sword over armed rebellion, are to repose on the firm foundation of God's word. And when the sublime anticipations of the men who brought the gospel to our shores, that it might put forth its unhindered power, are realized, who can doubt but that truth, freedom, and righteousness will triumph. Missionaries will go forth preaching the gospel of love, and love will reign. The gospel will cure all the evils which afflict us, and nothing else will.

The year which has closed, was one of blessed revival. The reports are very precious, and the joy of our brethren was like the joy of harvest. They have been cheered and encouraged amid their self-denial. Theirs was the joy of angels, when one sinner repenteth. We bear testimony, that these missionaries, taken as a whole, are true men—anxious to receive the blessing—for this they labour, and for this they pray; they watch for souls—and God has rewarded this watching—has opened the windows of heaven. It is to be remarked, that in many cases, these gracious visitations were in connection with the Week of Prayer—they expected great things, and they attempted great things—nor were they disappointed. In some cases, the accessions have been marvellous, and the churches were edified. This is abundant recompense for all we have done, in sustaining these brethren, and surely such tidings may well urge the Church to greater effort, and larger benevolence. Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift.

Our trust is in God—that the blessing is not for this nation and this time only—but for all nations and all ages after us. Our beloved Church must meet her share of this grand responsibility, or stand aside and give up her stewardship—must accept the responsibility and be thankful for the honour. Let us grasp the opportunity, and stand by this fair land, in this the hour of her spiritual agony. We received the trust from our fathers, now sleeping in the dust of their honoured graves—we must carry it, till we fall and leave it to others. The Church lives, though man dies—the word of the Lord liveth and abideth for ever. The sure and glorious end shall come, and the hope of Gov. Bradford, of Puritan memory, shall have its joyous fulfilment in the chorus of ransomed believers—“that as one small candle may light a thousand, so the light on these shores may in some sort shine even to the whole nation and through the world.” We labour not for this land only, though that is work and glory enough for any church, but for all lands. The eyes of the world are upon us—the sympathies of the nation are with us—the peaceful character of our intercourse with eastern nations has impressed them favourably. Then if our people were all righteous—if our seamen would carry a pure gospel to the shores they visit, then would the ships of Tarshish bring their sons from afar, their silver and gold with them, unto the name of the Lord its God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because He hath glorified Thee. How sublime the prospect! How grand the work! *Therefore the gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto Thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought.*

Acknowledgment.

The following letter was addressed to the wife of a Pastor, the ladies of whose church had presented the writer with a box of clothing:—

My Dear Sister,—Your kind letter of the 24th ult. came duly to hand, informing me that you had on the day before started on its way to me a box of clothing, &c. The letter was followed in a few days by the box itself, which came with all its contents safely.

We assure you that its contents were most welcome; every thing seemed to us just what we most needed, and convinced us that you were guided in your selections by One who best knew our wants, and whose spirit had inspired your hearts with kindly sympathy for His poor servants in their self-denying and laborious service.

My dear sister, you, and your kind co-labourers in this act of benevolence and liberality, are doubtless happy in the consciousness of the indwelling of that spirit of love, love to the dear Re-

deemer, and love to His suffering ministers and their families, which prompted to this timely offering. But we wish you to be yet more happy in the knowledge of the great good you have done, the blessing you have thus conferred.

We knew not how our necessities this winter as to clothing, &c., were to be met. We saw no way humanly speaking. We knew only that Christ was king in Zion, and over the hearts of men, and that he had promised never to forsake his faithful servants, that he was able, and *that* was all.

We began to fear that he might call us to endure a greater trial. It was becoming quite dark. But at last the light shined; your letter with its information, and thirteen dollars it contained, was the appearance of the sun above the horizon. The box itself was its brighter shining. But it shone in full glory of love upon us, when we found how completely our wants were supplied by its contents, and that all expenses had been pre-paid, and the thirteen dol-

lars might be used to supply other pressing needs.

All the articles, dear sister, were just what we wished them, and gave us great delight, as one after another they were examined. If it be, as doubtlessly it is, "more blessed to give than to receive," the loving friends who sent this box must be blessed indeed.

Please express to every one of them, and receive for yourself the warmest,

most grateful love of myself and family, and know that when we appear before our blessed Lord at a throne of grace, this your act of Christian love and benevolence will be remembered, and the God who heareth prayer will be importuned to pour upon each one and all of you, the richest blessings of his Providence, and the richer blessings of His grace. Yours truly, C.

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN MAY, 1863.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Schenectady ch 279; Saratoga Springs ch Sab-sch 26 305 00
SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Zelienople ch 5 50. *Pby of Beaver*—New Castle ch, add'l, 15. *Pby of Erie*—Gravel Run ch 5 80 26 30
SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Crittids*—Lower Path Valley ch 37 50; Burnt Cabins ch 10; Part of contents of Jimmie Gordon's Missionary Bank 50 ct. *Pby of Leawee*—Snow Hill ch 7; Monokin ch 47 102 00
SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Chicago*—Oawego ch 6 50. *Pby of Rock River*—Galena German ch, from the Ladies Society 7; Zion ch 7 30 50
SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Bainbridge ch 6. *Pby of Cincinnati*—Seventh ch Cincinnati Sab-sch 133 34; Williamsburg ch 10. *Pby of Sidney*—Huntsville ch 10 159 34
SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Bloomington*—Low Point ch 10. *Pby of Kasaskia*—Waveland ch 4 20. *Pby of Palestine*—Darwin ch 2. *Pby of Peoria*—Lewistown ch 9 50; Princeton ch 16 45. *Pby of Sangamon*—Springfield 3d ch Sab-sch 9 16 51 31
SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of New Albany*—New Philadelphia ch 6; Monroe ch 2 30; Paoli ch 5. *Pby of Vincennes*—Scaffold Prairie ch 2. *Pby of White Water*—Liberty ch 13; Rushville 1st ch 25 58 20
SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—Muscatine 1st German ch 5; Linn Grove ch 10 75. *Pby of Dubuque*—McGregor German ch 10; Leroy ch 2; Wilson's Grove ch 4 31 75
SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of West Lexington*—Lexington 3d ch 431 80
SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Upper Missouri*—Bavannah ch 68 50
SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.—*Pby of Holston*—Madisonville ch 8 00
SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Elizabethtown*—Franklin Sab-sch 8; Perth Amboy ch 20 10; 2d ch Rahway Sab-sch 81 36; New Vernon ch 44 77; 1st ch Woodbridge 30. *Pby of Luzerne*—Wilkesbarre ch 226, of which Sab-sch 175; Kingston ch 87 64, of which 30 51 from Sab-sch; Summit Hill ch 20, of which 2 93 from Jamestown Sab-sch, and 6 04 from ch Sab-sch. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Hightstown 1st ch 23 83; Trenton 2d ch 14 85. *Pby of Newton*—Marksboro ch 27; Asbury ch 10; Oxford 1st ch 5; Upper Mt Bethel ch 9; Danville ch 12. *Pby of West Jersey*—Deerfield ch, add'l, 2 25 600 80
SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—Red Mills ch 55 58, of which 40 from Sab-sch; Port Chester ch 7. *Pby of Long Island*—Brookfield ch 3; Amagansett ch 5 50. *Pby of New York*—Brick ch 205; West Twenty-third St ch 106 12. *Pby of North River*—Smithfield ch 67 449 20
SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Marion*—Pisgah ch 5; Radnor ch 3. *Pby of Richland*—Lexington ch 32. *Pby of Zanesville*—Norwich ch 1 75 41 75
SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of Benicia*—Vallejo ch 25 25 00
SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Sab-sch of Paradise ch 7 50; Middle Octorara ch 71 05, of which 25 from Female Benevolent Society. *Pby of New Castle*—Wilmington 1st ch 26 85, of which 12 from Sab-sch; Zion ch 21; Rock ch 20; Female Missionary Society of Forks of Brandywine ch 28 05. *Pby of Northumberland*—Derry

ch 8 50. *Pby of Philadelphia*—West Spruce St ch Sab-sch 50. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Cochocksink ch Sab-sch 120 56; Princeton ch, West Philadelphia, 40 411 51
SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Ohio*—Chartiers ch 36 75. *Pby of Redstone*—Uniontown ch 121. *Pby of Saltsburg*—Rural Valley ch 33 40; Apollo ch 38 75 223 90
SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—Winona and Rolling Prairie chs 6; Hixton ch 3. *Pby of St Paul*—Greenleaf ch 8. *Pby of S Minnesota*—Glasgow and Harmony chs 5 22 00
SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Middle Sandy ch 14. *Pby of St Clairsville*—Short Creek ch 11; Wheeling Valley ch 10. *Pby of Washington*—Upper Buffalo ch 58 05 88 05
SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Madison ch 80 00
Pby of Atlantic—Wilmington ch, N C 5 00
Pby of Catawba—Lexington ch 5 00
Pby of Concord—Davidson's River ch 3 50; Bain's Creek ch 7 15 10 65

Total receipts from churches, \$3205 36
LEGACIES.—Legacy of Miss Mary Nealey dec'd late of Juniata Co, Pa, 499 33; Legacy of W Stewart, dec'd, late of West Chester Co, Pa, 100, less taxes 11 — 82 688 33
MISCELLANEOUS.—Anonymous, Baltimore, Md 1; Austin ch, Texas 10; A Friend of Missions, Pa, 60; Cash returned 5; Eggs sold from "Mis; sionary hens" of a little boy and girl, Ill 60 cts J M—, Pa 2; J R H, 100; Philadelphia Soc'y of Nassau Hall, Princeton, N J 14; Mrs Sidney Springs, Graysville, Ill 10; Mrs E E Towne, 1 Painted Post, N Y 5; Hugh H Patten, Princeton Ind 5; James Broughton 5; A Friend 5 212 60

Total Receipts in May, \$4006 29
 S. D. POWEL, Treasurer,
 No. 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

CLOTHING.

1 small box from Mrs J Kerr, Troy, N Y, value not given.
 2 boxes from the 1st ch, Pittsburg, Pa, valued at \$475 58
 1 box from the Sewing Society of Pres ch, of New Wilmington, Pa, valued at 60 00
 1 box from the Ladies of Meadville, Pa, valued at 80 00
 2 boxes from the Ladies of Ross St Pres ch, Brooklyn N Y, valued at 600 00
 \$1205 58

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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTIFUL, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW: PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in affliction, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; by pureness, by knowledge, by long-suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers and yet true; as unknown and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.—2 Cor. vi. 4-10.

THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1867-68.

The portion of the Report, devoted to the department of Ministerial Education, presents a subject of more than common interest.

Inner Life of the Candidates.

In the Reports of last year and that preceding some important statistical information and facts, gleaned from the records of the Board and other sources, were presented. In this it is said: "We enter upon another field of information and suggestion, which ought to touch still deeper springs of tender emotion. Without revealing the names, or present position of the writers, the correspondence of the candidates during the past two or three years has been looked over, and such extracts selected from the letters, as would reveal the spirit of the writers, their leading purposes, and their sentiments as to their studies and calling. And we may truly say, that the exceptions to the general elevated tone of these letters, which we find in our large files, are very few." The extracts are grouped under several heads, the more fully to exhibit the inner life of these young brethren, and the means by which God has seen fit to direct their way. These are "Consecration by parents," "Experiences of young men seeking an education," "Sentiments as to duty," "Self-denial of students," "Appeals of teachers," "Overflowing of gratitude," "Influence upon fellow-students," "Applications from soldiers," and "Influence in the army." From these some extracts will be given at another time.

Coloured Candidates.

In accordance with the permission of the last General Assembly to relax temporarily in favour of coloured men in the South the rule requiring of candidates when received, "at least three months' study in the Latin language," five of the promising young men at the Biddle Memorial Institute have been taken under the care of the Board. This in no wise conflicts with the distinct and important work of the Church's Committee on Freedmen.

Relations of Presbyteries to Candidates for the Ministry.

In order to present to the Church the number of candidates aided by the Board, compared with that of those not aided, and to make some important suggestions in regard to the care of presbyteries over *all* candidates, efforts have been made during the year to collect the information required, which is presented in a tabular form in the Report; we regret that we have not room for it here.

Candidates during the Year.

The following table gives a view of the number of candidates during the year:

Number of new candidates received,	106
Whole number on the roll,	
in their Theological course,	119
in their Collegiate course,	98
in their Academic course,	77
	294

Entire number received from the beginning, in 1819, 3522

"The Church will see with comfort and hope the large increase in the number of new candidates received. Last year there were eighty-one; this year one hundred and six; which is an addition of almost *one-third* to the previous number. We thank our Master for this evidence of favour to His Church. And the Board takes courage to press more earnestly upon Christians and their offspring those high and constraining principles and motives which can alone fill with faithful recruits the ranks of the army of salvation, or can sustain them in the conflicts before them. These are, love to God; believing prayer; a determination to seek out wherever Satan has bound them in chains, and to save, by publishing the grace of Christ, that which was lost; and willingness to make all the preparations needful for the work, endure all sufferings, consecrate all property, wholly give self, give sons and daughters for life and death. How soon would this spirit crowd our seminaries, and carry the gospel to every creature!"

State of the Treasury.

The contributions for the year have been to Candidates' Fund \$38,950; to School Fund, \$4,414. The payments, for candidates, \$42,279; for schools, &c., \$3,705. Total receipts, \$43,364; \$1,644, more than last year. "While the contributions to the Ministerial Department have been nearly the same, those to that of General Education have been nearly doubled, as compared with last year. And yet so large are the draughts upon each treasury that we must appeal to churches that have not contributed to make liberal collections for them. Especially is this the case in the General Educational department, where the numerous appeals for help from the schools of various kinds and grades have already nearly consumed the contribution of the Day of Prayer for Schools in February; so that we must appeal to brethren who have sent us nothing for them yet, to remember the urgent pleas which they will read in the *second division* of this Report, in behalf of the Parochial schools, academies, colleges, the German and French mission schools, and others, which deserve our best wishes and our generous and effective aid."

Summary of the Work done in the Department of General Education from the Year 1847 till Now.

This is presented in several parallel columns, and brings to light some very important facts for the consideration of the church at large in regard to the history of the efforts in behalf of General Education. "The *first* column shows from a careful examination of our records, that the number of institutions aided by the Church increased from 1848 till 1855, when it began to diminish. At the time of Dr. Van Rensselaer's death, in 1860, it had diminished more than one half, that is, from sixty to twenty-seven. It fell as low as eleven in 1863. It is again on the increase, and is now up to the average (twenty-five) of the years 1859—61.

"The *second* column shows the number of *Presbyteries* that have aided the work. This has been very irregular in successive years. The average has been over *eighteen* each year. During this year contributions have been sent to us from *twenty-six*.

"The *third* column tells the number of churches that have contributed each year. The average number has been *twenty-nine*. This year it was *fifty*, a number only exceeded in two previous years.

"The *fourth* column gives the contributions for each year. It is to be explained in regard to it that the heaviest amounts were given by a small number of individuals in the Eastern synods, until within a few years. Even yet a few generous benefactors do as much as all the churches together. But for a number of years, in order to bring the cause fully before the Church, and to encourage exertions in

behalf of a better education for the children of the Church, they gave in much larger amounts. A gentleman now deceased, who was connected with the Brick Church in the city of New York, gave *five thousand dollars per annum* for several years. We can hardly look for such sums at present from any source. *Our trust is in the small contributions of those who love the Saviour and will aid us as the Lord enables them, that are scattered in the churches all over the land; many it may be are poor, but follow their gifts of money with prayers that will make many rich.*"

Reports of Schools, Academies, and Colleges.

These are numerous, full, and interesting, covering twenty-nine pages of the Annual Report. The increased activity of the Presbyterian Church in the field of academic and collegiate education is encouraging. Several new institutions have been established. One of these, "Birmingham College," Iowa, announces in its first annual report two hundred and eighteen students, male and female, with a good building, apparatus, &c. Others have been much prospered. Of Lafayette College it is remarked: "The extraordinary pecuniary success of this institution should be a lesson to others all over the land. In the face of previous prejudices and difficulties, it has secured *within three years*, the sum of *three hundred and sixty thousand dollars*, or, to speak with exactness, two hundred thousand, with pledges of one hundred and sixty thousand more, when the full amount of two hundred thousand dollars more has been subscribed. Like activity and zeal, where the cause is manifestly a worthy one, and the agents to promote it intelligent, earnest, prudent, and reliable, *must* secure, in ordinary cases, success."

It is said, "The effort to build up a fine literary institution for the populous Presbyterian region of which Wooster is the centre promises to be an eminent success. The site of twenty acres of land, in an elevated position, is admirably adapted for the purpose, close by the town. It was the gift of one generous gentleman. The subscription for the fund devoted to the construction of the building now amounts to near \$125,000; the main portion of it collected in the town (of five thousand inhabitants) and county. Their hearts are in the work, and it must succeed; the movers in the enterprise are men who look to the *great ends* for which the intellects of men should be cultivated and enlightened."

Schools among Foreign Populations.

The accounts from the French and German schools are as interesting as the narratives of foreign missionaries. They are minute, and furnish delightful proofs of God's converting power in the hearts of some of the scholars. We cannot at this time give more special information as to them. The report of the Board says, "Our ministry and people are beginning to feel the importance of reaching the immigrants from the continent of Europe to the United States, and their children, with the influence of the gospel. The Board has had some encouragement to its efforts to enlist attention to the schools among them, though not so much as it should have had, considering the number of these people, and the danger which their presence threatens both in Church and State. It is a fact which should be deeply pondered, and excite us to action, that they are already beginning to move in antagonism to religion in the matter of education, to endeavour to banish the Bible and prayer from schools, and to introduce school-books suited to their views, in some parts of the country where they have sufficient influence to hope for success."

Want of Men and Means.

The want of *men* for the wants of the Church is shown from quotations to that effect. And appeal is made for larger contributions next year of *means* to educate those whom the Lord is calling.

"When God is blessing the operation of the Board, the Church is called upon to respond by its free and hearty support. He has added one-third to the number of the candidates depending upon it for assistance, and has increased the various classes of schools springing up in fields both near and remote, to bless with their fruits our own people, and to realize to us the promise, 'the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls.' And the Board feels justified in calling upon those who love the Lord to rejoice in those evidences that 'in His favour He has had mercy upon us,' and to bring their gifts that we may perform His work as we ought. Though the contributions to General Education (schools, &c.) have been almost doubled the past year, yet we need twice the last amount, at least four thousand dollars more, during the remainder of the year, to enable us to meet the

expectations of teachers in their numerous fields of self-denying toil, and to give them what their schools, academies, &c., ask; and that how little compared with what they need! We look to the many pastors and Christian friends who have not yet aided the cause, to remember it at a time when they may be able. But we cannot ask it to be done at the expense of the other Department. We need an additional sum this year to support the new students for the ministry."

The Great Motive.

"It is little any of us can do to draw out the sympathies of the heart of man, or to get his efficient help for any good work, until we set him on fire with the love of Christ. In that love there is a power which will "constrain" him to labour, to give, to suffer, gladly; counting it all joy to do whatsoever that Master calls him to do, to go wheresoever He points him to go, and to be ready also to die if by that death he may glorify Him. No other motive is so powerful to unlock all the treasures of affection, and motive, and earthly possessions, as the love of Christ."

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN MAY, 1868.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Princetown ch	\$14 00
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —New Castle ch	22 00
<i>Pby of Buffalo City</i> —First ch, Alden	4 50
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Fairfax ch 2 60; Muscatine Ger ch 2 50; Linn Grove ch 3 25; Tipton ch, of which 6 10 from Sab-sch, 28 82	37 17
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Red Mills ch 5 85; South East Centre ch 17 69	23 04
<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Winona and Rollinaton chs 3; 1st ch, Chippewa Falls 6	9 00
<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Concord ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Crawfordsville</i> —Eugene ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Frostburg ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Pleasant Ridge ch	16 85
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Lime Spring ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Des Moines</i> —Oskaloosa ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Sturgeonville ch 8; Greenville ch 9	17 00
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —First ch, Elizabeth 178 35; 2d ch Elizabeth 87; New Vernon ch 10 66; Westminster ch 36; 1st ch Woodbridge 15	327 00
<i>Pby of Findlay</i> —Findlay ch	27 95
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Central ch Genesee 14 12; 1st ch Bath 13 75; Tuscarora ch 4; 1st ch Caledonia 14 27	46 14
<i>Pby of Huntington</i> —Mifflintown and Lost Creek chs 55 50; Shirleysburgh ch 10; Huntington ch 92 75	158 25
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Wilkesbarre ch	144 00
<i>Pby of Lake</i> —La Porte ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Leavenworth</i> —Leocompton ch 60 cts; Perryville ch 1 90	2 50
<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —Huntington 2d ch	55 00
<i>Pby of Missouri River</i> —Black Bird Hills ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Clifton ch 73; Springfield 1st ch 50	123 00
<i>Pby of Marion</i> —Pisgah ch 3; Radnor ch 3	6 00
<i>Pby of Maumee</i> —Gilead ch 5 10; Toledo 2d ch 1 50	6 60
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Throope Av ch, Brooklyn	14 68
<i>Pby of Newburg</i> —Asbury ch	8 00
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Newton ch 6 15; Deerfield ch 9	15 15
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Green Hill ch 12 50; Rock ch 10; Zion ch 10	32 50
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Hightstown 1st ch	14 66
<i>Pby of New York</i> —University Place ch 625 97; Ger ch New York 10	635 97
<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Bald Eagle and Nittany ch	20 83
<i>Pby of North River</i> —Bethlehem ch	27 50
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Monongahela City ch 28 80; Pittsburg 1st ch 327 70	356 50
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Hamilton ch, add'l	12 50
<i>Pby of Penita</i> —Prospect ch	14 95
<i>Pby of Palestine</i> —Grand View ch	8 50
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Central ch, in part 171 66; 2d Phila Fem Ed Soc'y 70	241 66
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —West Spruce St ch Sab-sch 30; Mariner's ch 5	35 00

<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Newtown ch Fem Mite Soc'y	19 00
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Morristown 1st ch, add'l	8 00
<i>Pby of Rochester City</i> —Wheatland ch	17 00
<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Brownsville ch	12 00
<i>Pby of Richland</i> —Lexington ch 10; Frederick ch 19	29 00
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Two Ridges ch	52 00
<i>Pby of Troy</i> —Covington ch	4 35
<i>Pby of Saline</i> —Salem ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —Springfield 1st ch	108 05
<i>Pby of Salisbury</i> —Bethel and Jacksonville chs	18 00
<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Short Creek ch 14; Wheeling Valley ch 10	24 00
<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —Cambridge ch	15 46
<i>Pby of Vincennes</i> —Princeton ch 4; Scaffold Prairie ch 1	5 00
<i>Pby of Winnebago</i> —Kilbourn ch	8 50
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Fairview ch 8 80; Unity ch 4	12 30
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Chippewa ch	15 00
<i>Pby of White Water</i> —Rushville 1st ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Muskingum ch 13; Salem Ger ch 7 50; Buffalo ch 91; Norwich ch 2 50; Washington ch 25	69 00
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LEGACY.

Estate of Mrs Mary Shields—Armstrong Co Pa	300 00
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Miss Sue Baird, Kirksville, Mo 1; Mrs E E Townsend, Painted Post, N Y 5	6 00
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II. FUND FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, &c.

<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Scrub Grass ch 17; New Salem ch 12; Buffalo ch 6; Glade Run ch 7 50; Worthington ch 12 50; Concord ch 13 50; North Butler ch 3 75; Loesburg ch 8; Westminster ch 6 50; Plain Grove ch 39 30; Butler ch 30; Bull Creek ch 11 50; Centreville ch 14; Harrisville ch 10; Clintonville ch 3	214 35
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev H H Patton, Princeton, Ind	5 00
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\$219 35

Total amount acknowledged, **\$3,472 61**

WILLIAM MAIN, Treasurer.

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Recent Intelligence.

CONVERTS RECEIVED.—On the last Sabbath in March, three persons were admitted to the communion of the church among the Seminole Indians; five other applicants for admission were deferred. In Brazil, eight new members were admitted to the church of Brotas, and two to the church of Rio de Janeiro, as we learn by letters dated to the 24th of April. In Japan, Dr. Hepburn, April 24th, reports the baptism of “two young Japanese. They are both married men, belong to the Samurai class, or gentry, are intelligent, and formerly attended our English school. They have been industrious students of the Bible in English, and seem to understand clearly, and to have a true love for its great truths. We hope they may yet become preachers of the gospel to their countrymen. This is our great desire, to raise up men to preach the gospel, and our daily prayer.” At Shanghai, China, the Rev. J. Wherry says, April 17th: “At our last communion six persons were received into the church.”

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES OF MISSIONARIES.—The Rev. John Manual and his wife, and Miss Nassau arrived at Corisco, March 17th. The Rev. William T. Morrison and his family arrived at Shanghai, April 16th. Mrs. A. L. Blackford arrived at New York from Brazil on the 20th of May, on a visit for her health. The Rev. John Carrington and his wife embarked for Siam on the 1st of June, *via* San Francisco; and the Rev. Jasper S. McIlvaine embarked for China on the 9th of June, also *via* San Francisco. These brethren are both graduates of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, and members of the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

LETTERS RECEIVED to June 13th, besides those referred to above, are from the Creek Mission, May 27th; San Francisco, May 13th, mentioning the case of another Chinese applying for baptism; Tunchow, February 17th; Chefoo, April 8th; Peking, March 30th, in which the Rev. W. A. P. Martin, D.D., speaks of the expected visit of himself and family to this country at an early day, under circumstances involving little expense to the Board, their visit having for its object considerations of health and arrangements for the education of their children; Canton, April 13th, mentioning, as we are glad to see, the restored health of the Rev. H. V. Noyes; Bangkok, March 16th, referring to the probable early return to this country of the Rev. P. Carden and his wife, on account of Mrs. Carden's health; Chieng-mai, February 24th, reporting the arrival there of the Rev. J. Wilson and his family, and the expected visit of Dr. S. R. House from Bangkok; Futtehgurh, April 20th; Mynpoorie, April 13th; Dehra April 8th, in which Miss Beatty expresses an earnest desire to have a female teacher of experience associated with her in the native Christian girls' school; Lodiana, April 24th; Liberia, to April 30th; Bogota, April 15th.

PRAYER NEEDED.—See the little article under this title on the next page. Some of our friends form discouraging views as to the financial prospects of the Board. Other leading missionary institutions are already in trouble. Our own has had to report a debt two years in succession—new things in its history. Earnest calls are made for enlarged efforts. The General Assembly directs the Board to go onward. Does not the Head of the Church give the same order? We do not give way to fears. Our Church has nobly pressed forward in this great work. We believe

there will be no retrograde movement. But our faith and hope as to this both hinge on the piety of our Christian people, as under God the main support of this cause. And in no way can its interests be so well served as by prayer.

Foreign Missions in the General Assembly.

The usual course was followed in the General Assembly at Albany in regard to the Board of Foreign Missions. Its Annual Report was received, and referred to a Standing Committee, and on their recommendation it was afterwards approved. The Standing Committee gave much careful and earnest consideration to the subject, and the General Assembly devoted about two hours to it. In the evening of the same day, a very interesting missionary meeting was held in the First church, Albany, which was attended by a large congregation, and at which addresses were made by several returned missionaries.

The Assembly's action on this subject shows a steady purpose to go forward; neither the debt, nor the loss by extra exchange was considered a reason of any weight, as compared with the calls for advanced movement abroad, or with the ability of the churches at home to engage more largely in the work. A cordial and earnest feeling of interest in this cause was very manifest on all sides. And we trust this feeling will bear much good fruit in the churches and the Presbyteries represented in the Assembly.

About two hours, we suppose, were given to the cause of Foreign Missions by the late General Assembly. Now, of course, it is impracticable for such a body to take up the various things in minute detail, which make up a year's work in the foreign field, and of which a general narrative is given in the Annual Report of the Board. Nor is the floor of this body the best place for a satisfactory discussion of certain questions of missionary policy and procedure, in which Christians of different denominations are not fully agreed. But it seems to be of great importance, nevertheless, that such time should be given to the subject as would allow the general interests of the cause to be well considered. It is not for hortatory addresses we plead, these are usually out of place in the General Assembly; nor is it for minute particulars of each missionary's work; but, in most missions, questions of enlargement, or of the place given to certain kinds of work, or of peculiar difficulties, or of the need of greater funds, or of the call for more prayer and sympathy for the missionaries and their native brethren, might well receive the consideration of the Assembly,—as also the measures to be adopted in the churches at home for the best support of this cause.

It is only a brief reference we can make here to this subject, but every year confirms our impression of its practical importance. We think, for example, that if two or three days could have been given at Albany to the Foreign Missions of the Church, the members would have carried home with them much deeper impressions of the work to be done in Japan, China, and other countries, than they probably received. The General Assembly itself, we must remember, is the true "Board" of the Church, the main general organization amongst us for the spread of the gospel at home and abroad; and this view of its province will, no doubt, more and more control its proceedings in years to come.

Prayer Needed.

No cause more needs prayer than that of missions to the heathen. Every one acknowledges this to be true, who reflects on the subject seriously. Prayer should

refer to all things connected with this work. It asks for more labourers, American and native, and for greater success in their varied efforts to save perishing souls; but it should also ask for greater interest in the subject on the part of the churches at home, and for wisdom to direct the counsels and the measures by which this cause may be best promoted. Just now, we wish to remind our readers of the need of prayer that sufficient pecuniary means may be provided for the work of this present year. Larger expenses are to be met than before. Heavy losses cannot be avoided in turning the moneys received by the mission treasury into such funds as can be paid out in India, China, &c. But we need not dwell on these and other points of the case. The great matter is, that God is calling us, and encouraging us, as a Church, to *go forward* in this work, while yet the funds for the purpose are not equal to the work which is set before us. Now many things might be said as to this, but only one would we here suggest. Let us try the plan of praying for this, more than we have done. The object is right, good, and for the glory of God. Will he not graciously hear the prayer of his people, and cause ample means to be supplied in good season?

A Beginning made at Suchow.

Suchow is a large city in the province of Kiangsu, China, situated nearly eastward from Shanghai, which is in the same province. In this city, Mr. Charles Schmidt is conducting missionary work under peculiar and interesting circumstances. Reaching China from Europe some years ago, he entered into military service among the natives, became colonel of an imperial regiment, and gained credit for his energy and success. At the end of the rebellion, he spent some time in mercantile business, losing most of the property he had acquired. In the meantime he had married a Chinese wife. He was brought afterwards, as it is hoped, to a saving knowledge of our blessed Lord, and received as a member of our church in Shanghai,—as also his wife. And now he is earnestly labouring to make Christ known to the Chinese in the city where formerly he had been engaged in battles, and where missionary labourers are greatly needed. He is supported in part by his own means, but the Committee made a grant in aid of his support for the present year, at the suggestion of our brethren in Shanghai, who desire to have him placed on the staff of missionary labourers of the Board; and this will probably be done. They take a deep interest in him and his work. With this little sketch

in view, the following letter of the Rev. John Wherry will be read with interest. It is dated at Shanghai, February 24, 1868:

In my last letter to you I mentioned that I was about to start for Suchow. Mr. Allen, of the Methodist Mission, had kindly invited me to go with him in his own boat, and I gladly accepted the invitation, as I was desirous of seeing Mr. Schmidt's work there, and also of visiting our other out-station at Kia Shan, which could be taken on the way. At both places we were pleased with what we saw.

Boys' School—Sabbath Services.

Mr. Schmidt had collected a school of twelve boys, (since increased to sixteen), and whose tuition was entrusted to one of our native church members, who has long lived in Suchow. On Sabbath morning the scholars and others to the number of twenty-five, or thirty, perhaps, assembled for worship. They sang several hymns. Mr. Schmidt accompanying with the melodeon; and the people listened very attentively while the teacher and I addressed them. In the afternoon, we had a still larger congregation to listen to Mr. Allen. As a number of those present could not obtain seats, there was more noise and confusion than in the morning, but still most seemed to be attentive and interested. In the audience were two brothers, literary gentlemen, both of whom, I believe, have held office. They had been at the more private prayer-meetings before, but this was the first time they had attended the public preaching. They

did not understand the preaching very well, I fear, as it was not in their dialect. Their father is a Manchu, and is, or was, also in office. He also visits Mr. Schmidt sometimes.

Intercourse with the Chinese—Hopeful Converts—The Orphan Boy—Young Men baptized at Kia Shan.

Mr. Schmidt has a great number of visits from officers. Some were acquainted with him when he himself held office. Others came out of curiosity to learn of foreign things. They all speak, of course, the Mandarin dialect, to which Mr. Schmidt devotes almost his whole attention. No serious opposition to Mr. Schmidt has yet been developed, although previous to his going there, Suchow was supposed to be especially hostile to the entrance of foreigners. Two candidates for baptism from there have come to Shanghai to be examined, and both have been accepted by the session. One was formerly partner in business with our first Suchow convert, and the other has long been Mr. Schmidt's servant. The former has recently taken charge of the school in Suchow, and the latter expects soon to enter our school at Shanghai. His father and mother were both killed in the rebellion. Him, himself, Mr. Schmidt found among a party of captured rebels, to whom he was assigning quarters for the night, and who expected all to be beheaded the next day. This boy, naked and dirty, clung to Mr. Schmidt's chair as he was being carried along by four bearers, and could not be shaken off. So Mr. Schmidt took pity on him, and has kept him to this day.

In returning from Suchow we visited Kia Shan, and took part in the baptism of a young man, who had previously been accepted by the session of the church at Shanghai. Another applicant was examined just before the services, who was very desirous of being baptized at the same time, but though he is well reported of by the brethren, and seemed to be earnest, we thought it best that he should be tried a little further. There are still two or three others who wish to be baptized, who are considered hopeful.

Samoa, as it was, and as it is.

Geography.—*Samoa* (*Sa-mo-a*) is the native name of the group of islands, in the South Pacific Ocean, which lies between 13° 30' and 14° 20' south latitude, and 169° 24' and 172° 50' west

longitude. This group is more generally known as the "NAVIGATORS' ISLANDS." Its number of inhabited islands is ten, with a population of about 34,700. It is 265 miles long, and includes an area of 1,650 square miles. All the islands are of volcanic origin, and contain several craters, the largest of which, if we except the harbour of Pangopango, Tutuila, is on Savaii.

The variety and beauty of the appearance of these islands almost baffle description. The effect, upon visitors, of a first sight of them, is enchanting, nor is much of the enchantment lost after a long acquaintance with them. . . .

The People.—*The people* are physically a very fine race, and possess good mental capabilities. Their fine personal appearance has been the subject of remark of almost all intelligent visitors. Their colour is light olive. The following sketch of them, by a keen observer, is a truthful portrait:—"A remarkably tall, fine-looking set, with intelligent and pleasing countenance, and a frank and open expression. The average height of the men is five feet ten inches. Their features are not in general prominent, but are well marked and distinct. The nose is short and wide at the base; the mouth large, and well filled with white and strong teeth, with full and well turned lips; the eyes black, and often large and bright; the forehead narrow and high; the cheek-bones prominent. Of beard they have little, but their hair is strong, straight, and black."

Form of Government.—*Their form of Government* partakes very much of the patriarchal, and seems to contain in it also the incipency of the democratic and monarchical. The villages of Samoa are small, numbering from fifty to five hundred inhabitants each. Every village consists of a number of families, who own their land within their own boundaries. Each family has a hereditary title, and whoever, by agreement of the family, bears that title is considered as the head and ruler of the family. Of these heads of families about half are chiefs, and the other half their advisers and supporters. The one are called ALU, the others TULAFALE. All have a voice in deliberation which affects the community, but the chiefs are the recognized rulers. Of these chiefs one has a hereditary supremacy, and he it is who *ostensibly decides*, in council, all matters affecting the interest of the village. Any decision issued from such a council is *law* to the whole village. This head chief is regarded very much

as king of the village, and the other chiefs are called his little brothers, his brother chiefs, &c. His sway may be, according to the disposition of the man, more or less despotic, but, if he carry matters with too high a hand, his brother chiefs may transfer the title to some other member of the royal line. . . .

Their Worship.—The Samoans, like the Athenians, were exceedingly devoted to the worship of demons. They seem to have recognized one supreme god whom they called TANGALOA (*Ta-nga-loa*), the meaning of which is, perhaps, the Unrestrained or Illimitable one, from *tanga*, which means *unrestrained by tabu*, and *loa*, *continuously*, but they seem to have regarded him as too high and too far removed from them to offer him much or any worship. They ascribed to him creation, but their worship had to do with beings whom they supposed to be near them in some visible object. Every district, village, and family had its own god, and so also had each individual. . . .

In every phenomena of nature, in every remarkable spot on their island, and in every inferior animal, the Samoans recognized the presence of some god, and each god was represented by some priest. Thus worshipping gods many and lords many, and to a great extent guilty of the immoral states and practices represented by Paul in the first chapter of his epistle to the Romans, Williams found them, when he brought them the Gospel in 1830.

The Gospel and its Results.—God, by his providential operation, had in a great measure prepared the people to welcome the messengers of salvation. In only two years after the Tahitian teachers first landed on Savaii, parties were found in all parts of the group, anxious to be instructed in the religion of Jesus. Under the superintendence of the Rev. G. Platt, of Raiatea, the teachers prosecuted their work with vigour and success. When the first band of Missionaries, appointed by the Board of Directors of the London Missionary Society to labour on Samoa, arrived in 1836, they found the people everywhere ready to welcome them, and receive their message; and now, after more than thirty years of labour, what are the results? They are these: The whole nation professes Christianity, heathenism, and, to a great extent, heathen practices, have been abolished; the whole Bible has been carefully translated into their language, and it has long been in circulation among them; a third or more

of the population can read. About five thousand adults are united to the Church fellowship, and some four thousand more, candidates for the same privilege; more than two hundred of the male members are preachers of the Gospel to their fellow islanders, and many have gone as pioneer missionaries to distant groups and islands, where they have been instrumental in planting the gospel. Native contributions are made annually for the support of the native teachers amounting in local value to about \$10,000; and for some years past \$5,000 per annum in cash has been contributed towards the funds of the Society, which sends them their missionaries. A large training institution for preparing a native pastorate has been in operation twenty-two years. The work in all these phases is consolidating and advancing, and besides these results, civilization has attended the progress of the gospel, and now the people, who had no commerce before the gospel was introduced, have an export trade in cocoa-nut oil and cotton of some \$200,000 or \$250,000 per annum. Assuredly such results show that the work is of God, and afford encouragement and incentive to strenuous efforts thus to bless every remaining dark place of the earth by furnishing to it the light of the glorious gospel of the Blessed God! To him be the praise for all success! —*Rev. T. Powel, Miss. Chr., April 1868.*

Missionary Work among Hindu Women and Girls.

(Concluded from page 143.)

In Boarding Schools.

Lodiana.—At this station is a Girls' Orphanage. Mr. Myers, who has charge of it, says: "The number added to it during the year is six. One was removed by death, and three were married, —leaving in the school at present forty-five. The little one that passed away was a child of most lovely disposition. Her name was Catherine; and we trust that name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life. It is a great privilege to minister the cup of cold water to such little ones. She was quick to learn divine things—obedient and confiding. Disease had taken root before she came; and her sojourn with us was only about eight months.

"The health of the children was very good till within the last two months. After that there was so much sickness as at times almost to break up the operations of the school.

"The plan of instruction has not been materially changed for several years. Their own language is taught first; and if it is seen that they learn well, we also teach them English. The first class is reading the Fourth Book of the Madras series; also studying Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, History, and Penmanship,—with daily lessons in the vernacular. A class has been formed of the more studious girls, for the study of Hindi. Singing is taught by Mr. Bergen.

"In addition to sewing, knitting, and fancy work, taught them last year, Mrs. Myers has introduced the spinning of cotton. They are instructed in the art of making their own clothes.

"We have often been cheered in this work. It is the most definite and specific training of souls for eternity outside of the family.

"In bringing up these Orphan Children we keep constantly the great want of female teachers in view . . . Therefore the older and more advanced pupils are required to give assistance in teaching the junior classes, to act the part of monitors, and, so far as opportunity offers, to take care of the little ones in the school . . . We are glad to know that some of our former pupils are employed as teachers and Bible Women, and that they appear to be blessed in their labours."

Dehra.—The Christian Girls' school has continued to supply an important want in the education of the female children of the Mission. The number has been larger than at any former time in the history of the school, being at one time as many as forty. Of these, two have married during the year. The health of all the girls has been remarkably good, no case of serious illness having occurred, with the exception of one little girl named Jiryo, who had for some time been suffering from pneumonia. She gradually sank from the effects of this disease.

During her residence in the school, she had learned to love the Saviour and frequently expressed her desire to depart and be with Him, rather than to remain longer in this wicked world.

Great inconvenience is experienced by Miss Beatty in arranging for the accommodation of the school in their present quarters. For some time a change to other and more suitable premises has been contemplated; but as yet nothing has been done. It is hoped that circumstances may soon admit of our providing this important insti-

tution with buildings more suitable to its wants.

The progress of the girls in their studies has been most satisfactory. Six of them united with the church at the last communion.

Lahore.—The Christian girls at this station attend a school located in their neighborhood, which, though not under the immediate auspices of the Mission, is controlled by a Committee, of which the Missionaries are members. The school is non-sectarian,—the management being in the hands of different denominations of Christians, including the Missionaries of Amritsar, as well as those of Lahore. On the Committee of management there are Native Christian gentlemen, as well as foreigners. The school is superintended by an English lady. In the teaching she is assisted by Miss Morrison; and occasional help has been given by the other ladies of the Mission. Children from other stations are taken as boarders. The buildings are not yet completed; but if additional pecuniary aid can be obtained, the part yet to be built may be ready before the next hot season. There will then be accommodation for as many as eighteen or twenty boarders.

Some of the Christian women, who before their conversion had no advantages for education, were, last summer, formed into a class, and taught to read by a Native lady.

In Day Schools.

Lodiana.—The three schools reported last year are all that can be reported now. We are happy to say, however, that in some respects a decided advance has been made. The whole number of pupils last year was 45. At the end of the present Mission year, the roll of one school alone contained this number; while the three collectively numbered 80. This enlargement was probably owing, in a great measure, to the influence of Miss Jerrom, a lady who came to Lodiana in April last, as an agent of the Society in London for promoting Female Education in the East. Being unable at once to enter upon her work independently, she agreed to take the supervision of these schools on behalf of the Mission. Many of the children are bright and intelligent,—reading Urdu in the Persian character fluently, and working very neatly. Spelling, writing, and knitting are also taught daily; while Mental Arithmetic forms an occasional exercise. Instruction in plain needle-work has been a great success. Direct Christian instruc-

tion has not been attempted—to any great extent; though all the teaching these little ones receive has a decided Christian bearing.

Saharanpur.—This station has three Girls' Schools—attended by about 40 scholars. They are regularly visited and instructed in the Gospel by Mrs. Calderwood.

Sabbath.—Mrs. Janvier's school for girls is about the same in character as last year. The girls are taught to sew as well as to read. The instruction is given in Hindi. The following is quoted from her Report: "Two of the pupils of the Girls' School were suddenly stricken down by the cholera. In their places on the previous Sabbath morning they were reciting a hymn ending with a prayer that they might be fitted for the eternal Sabbath in heaven:—in two days they were in eternity. They were very young; and may we not believe that the Saviour, whose praises they loved to sing, having washed them in his blood, took them to his own bosom.—A woman employed in the school to teach sewing, who loved to join in the singing, and whose earnest attention to the word of God was quite marked, has also died,—leaving us not without hope. She was the mother of one of the most interesting pupils in the school; and often her children united with her in reading and prayer, in their own home. Her daughter has since been taken away from the school by her husband, although she received a rupee a month as monitor. The poor girl has had her books taken away, and has been commanded to kneel before an idol. This she has steadfastly refused to do,—saying 'There is but one Saviour: my trust is in him,'—although her husband and father-in-law used force and beat her. What the end of it will be we know not; but trust that she may yet have strength given her to come out from among the heathen."

Ambala City.—During the summer the Missionary has organized two schools of this class—containing together between fifty and sixty children.

Lahore.—Last year three Girls' Schools were organized in connection with the Mission: but one of these was soon broken up by the teacher himself—because one of the ladies of the Mission insisted on her right to visit it, and give religious instruction to the children. The other two, having, in the absence of the lady from the station during the summer, lived only a sickly life, were finally disbanded. The teachers, who were nominal pandits, had prove themselves to be utterly unreliable; and no good substitutes could then be obtained. In December a school was opened for low caste girls, and taught by a Christian, who, before conversion, belonged to this class of people. Boys however of the same caste asked to be admitted; and the request was not refused. They are taught in Gurmukhi—both reading and writing. The girls are also taught plain sewing and knitting. The religious instruction, given daily, with great regularity, is chiefly oral. Mrs. Newton, so long as her health permitted, spent several hours in the school every week. When she was no longer able to attend, her place was supplied by a Native Christian woman. Some of the children made most satisfactory progress; and their interest in Bible stories and in the truths of the gospel was encouraging. During the summer, however, when Mrs. Newton was absent from the station, and no efficient supervision could be given, the School greatly diminished in numbers. . . .

Rawal Pindi.—The Girls' day school has continued to give satisfaction, both as regards the numbers in attendance, and the progress made in study and needle-work. The number is 65. Sardar Nihal Singh, K. S. I., has kindly continued the use of a suitable house for the school, free of rent. Native gentlemen have assisted with money and influence. Parents and children all seem favourably inclined; and there is every encouragement to hope that the cause of Female Education will continue to take deep root, and become permanently successful.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN MAY, 1868.

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny City*—Bridgewater ch 33 75; Manchester ch, add'l 52. *Pby of Beaver*—Mahoning Sab-sch for Bogota chapel 20; Neeshannock ch 75 186 76

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—South ch. Balt Infant Sab-sch 20; Govane chapel Sab-sch 15; Broadway ch, Balt Young Ladies' Bible

Class 50; Alsquith St ch 76 43. *Pby of Carlisle*—Greenville ch, Mrs Daniels 1; Schellsburg Sab-sch 2 50; Big Spring ch 202. *Pby of Lewis*—Snow Hill ch 2 368 98

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Genesee River*—Wyoming ch, for Bible Woman in Canton 8; 1st ch, Warsaw Sab-sch 44 15. *Pby of Ogdensburg*—1st ch, Oswegatchie Sab-sch 40. *Pby of Rochester*

CITY—St Peter's ch, Rochester 25; Seneca ch 65 59 180 74
SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—Pky of Rock River—Hanover ch 8 90; Galena Ger ch, Ladies' Soc'y 7; Zion ch 8 18 90
SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—Pky of Chillicothe—1st ch Chillicothe 148 50, Pky of Cincinnati—Central ch, Chh saving of a dec'd child 8; 1st ch Walnut Hills mo con bal 6 76; 7th ch Cincinnati, mo con 21 85. Pky of Oxford—Hamilton ch, bal 12 197 11
SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—Pky of Bloomington—Low Point ch 11; Monticello ch 10 25. Pky of Palestine—Prairie City Sab-sch 2 50. Pky of Saline—Friends Sab-sch 11 25. Pky of Sangamon—North Sangamon Sab-sch for Rio Chapel 50 85 00
SYNOD OF INDIANA.—Pky of Indianapolis—Knights-town Sab-sch 12; Bethany ch 10 75. Pky of Vincennes—Scaffold Prairie ch 2. Pky of White Water—Rushville ch 18 40, Sab-sch 16 70 — 30 10; Union ch 7 61 85
SYNOD OF IOWA.—Pky of Cedar—German ch, Muscatine 2 50; Lime Grove ch 7. Pky of Dubuque—Frankville Sab-sch 4 90; Wilson's Grove ch 1 50. Pky of Vinton—Newton Sab-sch 2 30; West Irving ch 2; Bethel ch 1 85; South Ridges ch 3 10 25 15
SYNOD OF KANSAS.—Pky of Leavenworth—Leocompton ch 5; Perryville ch 3 8 00
SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—Pky of Louisville—Cheanut St ch, Louisville 289 25; New Canoe Sab-sch 10. Pky of Paducah—Marion ch 20. Pky of West Lexington—2d Lexington Sab-sch, a few scholars for China 10 329 25
SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—Pky of Lafayette—Pleasant Hill Sab-sch 10. Pky of Potosi—Rev A Munson 5. Pky of St Louis—2d ch, St Louis, for Ningpo Mission 200 215 00
SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—Pky of Elizabethtown—2d ch, Rahway Sab-sch 91 28; 1st ch Metuchen mo con 22 35; 1st ch Woodbridge 80; Pluckamin Perth Amboy ch 8; New Vernon ch 23 45. Pky of Luzerne—Kingston ch 7 13, Sab-sch 30 51 — 87 64. Pky of Newton—Pleasant Grove ch 56; Oxford ch 7; Asbury ch 10. Pky of New Brunswick—Highstown ch 40; 1st ch New Brunswick Sab-sch to sup child of Rev Robert Burch, Ningpo 50; 2d ch Trenton 14 85. Pky of Passaic—3d ch Newark mo con 29 74, for Rio Chapel 20, Sab-sch Truth Seekers 8 — 57 74; Wickliffe ch mo con 8 78; 1st ch Morristown Sab-sch for Sch in China 75; 2d ch Elizabeth mo con 23 29. Pky of Raritan—Clinton Sab-sch for Rio Chapel 8 67; Fox Hill ch 10; Reaville Sab-sch 7 71. Pky of West Jersey—Cedarville ch Female Missy Soc'y 18 us 641 83
SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—Pky of Connecticut—Red Mills ch 18 28. Pky of Hudson—Washingtonville ch mo con 11 10; Florida ch mo con 5. Pky of Long Island—Amagansett ch 5 50. Pky of Nassau—Throop Ave ch, Brooklyn 60 71; Astoria ch mo con 40; 1st ch Brooklyn 67 49. Sab-sch for Corisco 150 — 207 49; Ross St ch, Brooklyn, for Rio Chapel 50; S 3d St ch, Williamsburg, mo con 87 87; Genovan ch, Brooklyn 19 50; Central ch, Brooklyn. A Friend for support of heathen children 2. Pky of New York—1st ch, New York mo con 256; Chelsea ch mo con 11 50; West Twenty-third St mission Sab-sch 22; Brick ch, New York, mo con 93 10; Yorkville ch mo con 7 20. Dying legacy of a little boy 3 42 — 9 62; University Place ch 109 53, mo con 29 30 — 129 80; Palisades ch 20. Pky of New York 2d—Scotch ch, Miss Wallace for Rio Chapel 50; Washington Heights ch mo con 25; Mt Washington ch 100 1,175 47
SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIA.—Pky of Louisiana—Dehra Sab-sch for debt 12 00
SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—Pky of Crawfordville—Crawfordsville Sab-sch. Mrs Coulter's class for Ningpo 10; Isthany ch 1; Terre Haute Sab-sch 20. Pky of Logansport—Delphi Sab-sch 25 50 56 60
SYNOD OF OHIO.—Pky of Columbus—Blendon Sab-sch for Bangkok 10. Pky of Marion—Bueyrus ch, J H S, and family 20; Pisgah ch 8; Radnor ch 5. Pky of Richland—Fredericktown ch 28; Lexington ch 25; Ashland ch 25 54, Sab-sch 25 — 60 54; Milford ch, Rev J Pitkin and family 10 50, Jno Graham 5, Jno Beardstley 2 for Bogota Chapel — W 50; Chesterville ch 1 50; Orange ch, add'l 1.

Pky of Wooster—Chippewa Sab-sch 3; West Salem ch 6 03; Chester ch 11 60; Congress ch 15 74; Jeromeville ch 13 85; Wayne ch 26 03; Fredericksburg ch 148. Pky of Zanesville—Norwich ch 1 25; Duncan's Falls ch 9 30; 04
SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—Pky of Huntingdon—Wayne-burg ch 155; Hollidaysburg ch 75 35; Altoona Sab-sch 10. Pky of New Castle—Forks of Brandywine ch, bal to con Mrs Sarah Sims Life member 1 25; Zion ch 20; Rock ch 20. Pky of Northumberland—Washingtonville ch Fem Missy Soc'y 33, Nezzie, Willie and Wallie 1 50 to con Miss Harriet Newell Laird Life member — 34 50. Pky of Philadelphia—Tenth ch, Phila, mo coll 51 25; West Spruce St Sab-sch 40. Pky of Philadelphia Central—North ch, Phila, 155 35, J C Hoffman, Esq, to con Mrs Catharine J Hoffman, and W Atlee Hoffman, M.D. Life directors 200 — 355 75; Cohocksink Sab-sch 139 56; Central ch, Phila 648 80; Princeton ch, West Phila 85 25, for Bral 40 — 125 25. Pky of Philadelphia 2d—Huntingdon Valley ch 12; Abington ch, mo coll 37 21; Slatington ch 10 1,735 32
SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—Pky of Blairville—Blairville ch. A friend to support Miss McFarlon, Bogota 500; Union ch 25. Pky of Ohio—Bethel ch 6; 4th ch Pittsburgh Sab-sch 37 46; 2d ch Pittsburgh, add'l 65. Pky of Saltsburg—Elderton ch 3 75; Saltsburg ch, add'l 4; Rural Valley ch 34 86; Bethel ch Fem Missy Soc'y 24 700 07
SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—Pky of Chippewa—Winona and Rolling Stone chs 3. Pky of St Paul—Hudson Sab-sch 2; Westminster ch, Minneapolis, mo con 3 62 8 63
SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—Pky of Western Reserve—Lafayette ch, Bradford Cotner for China 7 00
SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—Pky of Missouri River—Nebraska City ch, Mrs Louisa M Holly 11 00
SYNOD OF WHEELING.—Pky of New Lebanon—Newton ch 8. Pky of Steubenville—Beach Spring ch 12; 1st ch Steubenville, Miss Cornes' class for sch in India 8, Inf't class for Ningpo sch 10 50 — 18 50. Pky of Washington—Central ch, Wheeling, Sab-sch 63 22; Upper Buffalo ch, legacy of Mrs A Dougherty, dec'd, per Wm Dougherty 25 126 73

Total received from churches \$5,562 44

LEGACIES.—Legacy of Miss Mary Nealey, dec'd, Juniata Co, Pa 199 33; Bequest of Mrs Mary Shields, dec'd, Armstrong Co, Pa 300 799 33

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MISCELLANEOUS.—Mrs E E Townsend, Painted Post, N Y 5; A Friend 10; Miss R Gould, Norfolk, Va 10; Olivia Harriman, N Y, for debt 100; General Loomis 5; Mrs Sallie Holmes 1; Cash 500; A Friend 50; Box 8 20; Miss Caroline Ward, Elizabeth 15; Thos C Robinson to con Wm Washington Robinson Life member 30; Doub's Ferry Public School 5; James Boughton 5; Miss Mary H Woodbull 1; C Wilbur 5; A Friend, Cambridge, O 5; York Township, O, Teachers' Association 1 30; Philadelphia Society, Nassau Hall 14; A Mother and her sons (42 in gold) 104; A Friend 50 cts; A Friend for Siam 20; H M 10 50, and Mrs S M, New Orleans 2. Miss McLean 1; Jas Park, bal to con Martha A Park Life member 10; M C 2; Rev Hugh H Patton, Princeton, Ind 5 925 50

Total Receipts in April, 1868, \$10,445 27

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Action of the General Assembly on the Board of Publication.

At the recent sessions of the General Assembly at Albany, the Standing Committee on the Board of Publications presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted by the Assembly:—

The Committee on the Records and Report of the Board of Publication, after carefully examining the papers committed to them, would respectfully present the following report:

Your Committee has been deeply impressed with the peculiar importance of the work committed to this Board, and the urgent necessity there is that it should be done vigorously and efficiently. A good, wholesome, religious literature is not only indispensable in securing the perpetuity of a church constituted like ours, but it is also, as experience has shown, one of the best means for carrying on the work of evangelization. It ought then to be a subject of no ordinary concern to the Assembly, to know what efforts the Board is making to supply the wants of the Church through the channel of the press, and what success has attended its attempts to preach the gospel by means of the printed page.

The Thirtieth Annual Report presented by this Board is so complete and satisfactory, that your Committee has had no difficulty in reaching a unanimous opinion concerning its work.

From this Report it appears that the receipts of the Board have been in advance of the preceding year; and ample testimony is furnished to show that it has not only grown in favour with the ministers and people of our Church, but also that its work has been graciously owned and blessed of God to the conversion of sinners. 133,600 copies of new publications and 556,750 reprints of former publications have been issued during the year, making in all 690,350 copies. In the Sabbath-school Department, the Board has succeeded in issuing a series of books, surpassed by none in their worth and adaptation to the young. It has also in accordance with the direction of the last Assembly, issued the *Sabbath-school Visitor* semi-monthly. It has now a circulation of 90,000 copies, a gain of 8,000 over last year.

In the department of distribution and sustentation there has been a pleasing increase, both in the amount of sales and in the contributions from

the churches. But your Committee regrets to find that only 778 out of 2,600 churches have contributed during the past year to this important object. In view of all this your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That the Assembly has heard with pleasure and gratitude to God of the increased measure of success that has attended the labours of the Board of Publication during the past year, in face of more than ordinary difficulties. While it commends the fidelity of the Board to its sacred and important trust, it would also call the attention of all under the Assembly's care to the importance of sustaining it, that it may be rendered still more efficient.

Resolved, 2. It gives special pleasure to the Assembly to learn that the Sabbath-school books issued by the Board are so generally and cordially approved by those engaged in the Sabbath-school work. In order to make this department still more effective, it is recommended to the Board to make diligent effort to print and circulate a larger number of books adapted to that class of the young who are of more advanced years of culture.

Resolved, 3. The Assembly hereby approves the action of the Board in publishing the *Sabbath-school Visitor* semi-monthly; and it calls upon pastors and sessions to assist in extending its circulation in preference to all other papers of like character. It also approves the efforts made to improve the hymnology used in our Sabbath-schools, by the issuing of a book entitled, "*Children's Praise*." It would also recommend to the Board to issue an edition of this book without the music.

Resolved, 4. The Assembly hereby recommends that collections be taken up in our Sabbath-schools for this Board, and that the funds thus contributed be used in supplying libraries to Sabbath-schools in destitute neighbourhoods.

Resolved, 5. The Assembly directs the Board to make special efforts during the coming year to enlarge and extend the work of colportage.

Resolved, 6. Your Committee having examined the records of the Executive Committee and of the Board, recommends their approval.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

I. An Earnest Ministry the Want of the Times. By John Angell James. With an introduction by the Rev. Jonathan B. Condit, D.D., Professor of Sacred Rhetoric and Pastoral Theology in Auburn Theological Seminary, N. Y. 12mo. Pages 288. Price 75 cents.

This valuable book has accomplished an important work in Great Britain. It was republished many years ago in New York, but has for a long time been out of print. A generous friend of the

Board of Publication recently found an opportunity to purchase the stereotype plates, which he did wholly at his own cost, and presented them to the Board. The book, after having been carefully revised and corrected, is now sent forth upon a new, and, we trust, an enlarged mission of usefulness. One Christian gentleman has presented a copy to each member of the classes just graduated at Princeton Seminary, and Union Seminary in New York City. Another has

given a copy to each member of the graduating classes in the Allegheny, Auburn, Lane and Chicago Seminaries.

The book is well adapted to do good to the ministry of our American Presbyterian Church, and especially to our more youthful ministers. We bespeak for it their careful perusal. Its instructions will be invaluable to all who will give heed thereto.

II. Hymns of Children's Praise.

Without the Music. 32mo. Price 20 cents.

A neat and clearly printed little volume. It contains, as its title indicates, the sweet Sabbath-school hymns of the Board's recent and highly popular little volume of hymns and tunes for Sabbath-schools, entitled "*Children's Praise*." The order of the hymns in the two volumes, (that with, and that without the tunes) is the same, and index is so ar-

ranged that the two volumes can be used together in any Sabbath-school with perfect convenience.

III. A Little Thing.

By Nellie Grahame, author of "Only a Child," "Only this Once," &c., &c. 18mo. Price 25 and 30 cents.

A charming tale for small children, showing how dangerous it is to sin in what seems to be only a little thing, and what great and serious consequences may flow from such an offence against God. Illustrated with several woodcuts.

IV. The Governess and her Pupil, and other Stories.

Compiled for the Board. 18mo. Price 55 and 60 cents.

A little volume full of charming and most instructive tales for boys and girls. Each chapter conveys its own important lesson of Bible truth in a most agreeable manner.

DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE COLPORTAGE AND DISTRIBUTION FUNDS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION, SINCE LAST ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Pky of Albany—Mariaville ch 6; Galway ch 6 25; Johnstown ch 40 14; Tribes Hill ch 9 80; Amsterdam ch 9 40; Ballston ch 10 81 59
Pky of Baltimore—Annapolis ch 23; Govane Chapel 9; Broadway ch 19 32; Frederick ch 15 66 82
Pky of Beaver—Sewickley ch 3 00
Pky of Benicia—Napa City ch 20 00
Pky of Bloomington—Chatsworth ch 4 50; Bloomington ch 10; Waynesville ch 4 25 18 75
Pky of Buffalo City—Calvary ch, Buffalo, 34; Alden ch 3 25 37 25
Pky of Bureau—Coal Valley ch 2; Aledo 1st ch 9 11 00
Pky of Burlington—Tuckerton ch 6 97; do Sabbath 1 08; Bordentown ch 5 50; Mt Holly ch 15 23 55
Pky of Carlisle—Emmetsburg ch 14 75; Piney Creek ch 10; Shippensburg ch 37; Upper Path Valley ch 34 30 96 05
Pky of Cedar—Springville ch 5; Cedar Rapids ch 9; Linn Grove ch 6 20 00
Pky of Chicago—Jefferson Park Chapel, Chicago 85; Mantono ch 20 70; St Ann 2d ch 3 12 78 87
Pky of Chillicothe—Concord ch 7 85; Bloomsburg ch 20; French ch 4; Chillicothe 1st ch 35 25; South Salem ch 10 75; Hillsboro 1st ch 81 05 158 90
Pky of Chippewa—Winona and Rolling Stone chs 3; North Bend ch 8; Galesville ch 6; Chippewa Falls ch 8 25 21 25
Pky of Cincinnati—Lebanon ch 22; Bethel ch 5 35; Springdale ch 35 50; Walnut Hills 1st ch 22 68; Montgomery ch 6 12; Glendale 1st ch 37 68; Cincinnati 1st ch 81 41; Avondale ch 34 12; Goshen ch 9 209 82
Pky of Columbus—Truro ch 4 81; W P Esq 10; Lancaster 1st ch 11 25 25 56

Pky of Connecticut—Red Mills ch 13 07; Bridgeport 1st ch 35; Poundridge ch 10 58 07
Pky of Crawfordsville—Eugene ch 3 50; Lebanon ch 4 55; Bethany ch 11; Crawfordsville ch 12 25; Thorntown 1st ch 26 50; Bethel ch 4 61 80
Pky of Dane—Pulaski ch 3 00
Pky of Des Moines—Des Moines ch 7; Albia ch 7; Chariton ch 5 05; Oskaloosa ch 5 24 05
Pky of Donora—Slate Ridge ch 16 50; Gap Sabbath, per Rev W Harned 5; Columbia ch 40 61 50
Pky of Dubuque—Waverly 1st ch 6 00
Pky of Elizabethtown—Westminster ch, Elizabeth 62 79; Woodbridge 1st ch 10; New Vernon ch 10 35 83 14
Pky of Fairfield—Washington ch 8 75; Bethel ch 2 65; Saline ch 3; Libertyville ch 2 80 17 20
Pky of Fort Wayne—Fort Wayne 3d ch 5 81; Roanoke ch 5 10 81
Pky of Genesee River—Portageville ch 2 40; Sparta 2d ch 7 50; Warsaw ch 25; Wyoming ch 16 50 61 40
Pky of Highland—Highland ch 3 00
Pky of Hudson—West Town ch 12 36; Hamptonburgh ch 34 21; Florida ch 3 40 37
Pky of Huntingdon—Spruce Creek ch 87 50; Sinking Valley ch 25 96; Upper Tuscarora ch 25 35; Birmingham ch 39 70; Tyrone ch 11 54; Sabbath 2 189 01
Pky of Indianapolis—Knightstown ch 12 88; Indianapolis 5th ch 2 14 88
Pky of Iowa—Pilot Grove ch 1 25; West Point ch 1 45; Ononwa ch 3 70; Fort Madison Union ch 7 75 14 15
Pky of Kastaskia—Moro ch 6; Chester 1st ch 4 45 10 45

<i>Pky of Lafayette</i> —Sugar Creek ch 8 30; Knob Noster ch 6 75	14 95	<i>Pky of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Statington ch 80; Bensalem ch 11 25	31 25
<i>Pky of Lake</i> —Valparaiso ch	11 87	<i>Pky of Potomac</i> —Alexander 1st ch	10 06
<i>Pky of Leavenworth</i> —Le Compton ch 55 cts; Perryville ch 1 95	2 50	<i>Pky of Potost</i> —White Water ch 5; A former Colporteur 5; Irondale ch 3	13 00
<i>Pky of Logansport</i> —Monticello ch 8; Bethlehem ch 4 60; Sugar Creek ch 3; Jefferson ch 5 50	21 10	<i>Pky of Raritan</i> —Clinton ch 8 74; Musconetcong Valley ch 7 50; Arnwall 2d ch 4 25	30 49
<i>Pky of Londonderry</i> —Londonderry ch 11; Newburyport 1st ch, Ladies' Colportage Society 77	83 00	<i>Pky of Redstone</i> —Indian Creek ch 1 25 · Long Run ch 13 80	14 75
<i>Pky of Long Island</i> —S Huntington ch 5; Robert Olcott Esq. 100; South Hampton ch 16 36; West Hampton ch 6; Speonk ch 1 50	128 86	<i>Pky of Richmond</i> —Lexington ch 10; Utica ch 13 75; Ashland ch 24 80	48 55
<i>Pky of Louisville</i> —Walnut St ch	26 00	<i>Pky of Rochester City</i> —Port Byron ch	38 71
<i>Pky of Luzerne</i> —Kingston ch 23 87; Summit Hill ch 15 66; "P" 4 34	43 57	<i>Pky of Rock River</i> —Freeport 2d ch 13 30; Dixon ch 15 50; Sterling ch 27 70, and Sab-sch 20 25; Middle Creek ch 12 65	89 40
<i>Pky of Madison</i> —Hanover ch 19 30; Bethel ch 5 85	25 15	<i>Pky of Saltsburg</i> —Saltsburg ch	23 66
<i>Pky of Marion</i> —Salem ch 3; Brown ch 5; Pisgah ch 2; Radnor ch 2	12 00	<i>Pky of Salsina</i> —Olney ch 11 74, and Sab-sch 3; Golconda ch 8 50; Shawneetown ch 8; Wabash ch 2; Three Boys 50 cts, Kitty 25 cts, This Once 25 cts	34 24
<i>Pky of Maumee</i> —West Bethesda ch 5; Gilead ch 75 cts; Toledo ch 1 25	7 00	<i>Pky of Sangamon</i> —Atlanta ch 5 50; North Sangamon ch 20; Springfield 3d ch 60	85 59
<i>Pky of Miami</i> —S Charleston Mich ch Sab-sch 1 25; Middletown ch 17 30; S Charleston ch 4	23 55	<i>Pky of Schuyler</i> —Camp Creek ch 13 30; Carthage ch 12 10; Doddsville ch 2 50; Ebeneser ch 9	35 90
<i>Pky of Michigan</i> —Westminster, Detroit ch 40 18		<i>Pky of Sidney</i> —West Liberty ch 10 47; Bellefontaine 1st ch 20; Union City ch 7 45; Sidney 1st ch 22 34	60 26
<i>Pky of Milwaukee</i> —North ch 33 21; Waukesha ch 25	58 21	<i>Pky of Steubenville</i> —Centre Unity ch 4 36; Steubenville 1st ch 24 19; New Hagerstown ch 22; East Springfield ch 10; Bacon Ridge ch 10	70 63
<i>Pky of Missouri River</i> —Plattsmouth ch 20 45; Blackbird Hills ch 3; Belleview ch 10	33 45	<i>Pky of South West Missouri</i> —Deep Water ch	2 75
<i>Pky of Mohawk</i> —Oneida ch	42 36	<i>Pky of St Clairsville</i> —Mt Pleasant ch 23 42; Concord ch 9 61; Bethel ch 2 89; Short Creek ch 9 20	50 12
<i>Pky of Monmouth</i> —Shrewsbury ch	16 00	<i>Pky of St Paul</i> —Greenleaf ch 4; St Cloud ch 2; Westminster ch 43 43	49 42
<i>Pky of Muncie</i> —Clearmont ch 2 90; Brownsburg ch 3 40; Hartford ch 1; Union ch 1	8 30	<i>Pky of Susquehanna</i> —Towanda 1st ch 25; Canton ch 7	32 00
<i>Pky of Nassau</i> —Brooklyn 2d ch 98 80; Wallabout ch 17 30; Williamsburg S Third St ch 33 59; Brooklyn Ross St ch 25 23	174 92	<i>Pky of Troy</i> —Troy 3d ch 11; Troy Park ch 23 68	39 58
<i>Pky of New Brunswick</i> —Trenton 1st ch 119; Trenton 4th ch 35; E B Fuller, Esq. 165; Pennington ch 25; Princeton 2d ch 30; Kingston ch 42; Hightstown ch 11 77	427 77	<i>Pky of Upper Missouri</i> —Parkville ch	3 00
<i>Pky of New Castle</i> —Downington ch 15; Zion ch 10; Rock ch 10; Penningtonville ch 6; Port Deposit ch 10 89; Upper Octorara ch 24 44	76 33	<i>Pky of Vincennes</i> —Princeton ch 17 50; Evansville 1st ch 33 45; Scafield Prairie ch 1; Upper Indiana ch 4; Vincennes ch 23	78 95
<i>Pky of New Lisbon</i> —Newton ch	7 09	<i>Pky of Warren</i> —Monmouth ch 34 80; North Henderson ch 10 65	45 45
<i>Pky of New York</i> —Jersey City 1st ch 80 82; Yorkville ch 8	88 82	<i>Pky of Washington</i> —Fairview ch 21 46; Pigeon Creek ch 16 50; Forks of Wheeling ch 48; New Cumberland ch 16 50	102 46
<i>Pky of Newton</i> —Greenwich 1st ch 15 30; Lower Mt Bethel ch 10; Harmony ch 28; Phillipsburg ch 3 85	55 15	<i>Pky of West Jersey</i> —Deerfield ch 5; Coldspring ch 20; Woodstown ch 8 02; Salem ch 37	70 03
<i>Pky of North River</i> —Rondout ch 45; Hughsonville ch 6 50	51 50	<i>Pky of Western Reserve</i> —Westminster ch	10 60
<i>Pky of Northumberland</i> —Lycoming Centre ch 6; Bald Eagle and Nittany ch 31 25; Grove ch 50; Mifflinsburg ch 4 50; Sunbury ch 10 50; Mahoning ch 23 67; Washington ch 16; New Berlin 1st ch 7 75	140 70	<i>Pky of White Water</i> —Rushville ch 5; Cambridge ch 4 75	9 75
<i>Pky of Ogdensburg</i> —Hammond ch	13 00	<i>Pky of Winnebago</i> —Weyauwego ch 3; Neenah 1st ch 11; Kilbourn ch 9 19	23 19
<i>Pky of Oxford</i> —Oxford 1st ch 15 87; Eaton 1st ch 5; Harrison ch 7	27 87	<i>Pky of Wooster</i> —Chippewa ch 13 25; Jackson ch 9 50	22 75
<i>Pky of Palestine</i> —Santa Fee ch, per Rev D F McFarland 36 11; Hebron ch 7	43 11	<i>Pky of Zanesville</i> —Washington ch 25; Bristol ch 3; Buffalo ch 18 25; Zanesville ch 22; Norwich ch 1	69 25
<i>Pky of Palmyra</i> —Athens ch	8 75		
<i>Pky of Passaic</i> —Wickliffe ch	18 33		
<i>Pky of Peoria</i> —Asbury ch 7; Prospect ch 7 60; Brunswick ch 4 50; Elmwood ch 10; Canton ch 10	39 10		
<i>Pky of Philadelphia</i> —Gloucester ch 10; Woodland ch 44; West Spruce St ch 207 22; Philadelphia 6th ch 19 36	280 58		
<i>Pky of Philadelphia Central</i> —Spring Garden ch 80 96; H O G 20; G C 10; H H 8 5; Jas Russell 5; Mrs S R Granger 3; Alexander ch 26 32; Princeton ch 61 20; Kensington ch 46; West Arch St ch 60; Rev T H Cunningham 5	320 48		

MISCELLANEOUS.

"C G E." Morristown 3; H S B and wife 5; Hattie Conway, Poughkeepsie 2; Alquina, Indiana, A. Chapman, M D 5; Mother and Daughter 1 50; Mary Neely, Lake Township, Pa 499 33; Cornelius Torbert, Newtown, Pa, net 445; IS Birchard 5; A Teacher 1 50; A Lady, per Rev J T Umsted 1 50; Sundries, per Presbyterian 75 25; Mrs E E Townsend, Painted Post 5; A Friend of Missionaries 1 50; "S W C," 1 50; Anonymous, 1 50; Female Bible Society, Philadelphia 100

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WINTHROP SARGENT, Treasurer.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Corresponding Secretary, Rev. H. I. Cox.

Treasurer, DAVID KEITH, St. Louis, Mo.]

Eighth Annual Circular.

To Presbyterians.

St. Louis, June 11th, 1868.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Last year your Board of Church Extension received \$50,000, and aided in the erection of 122 houses of worship. In a little over thirteen years your Board has received nearly \$385,000, and made grants to 850 churches. These grants have enabled these congregations to secure, free from debt, church properties worth over \$2,500,000, and have furnished comfortable shelters for 180,000 worshippers. To day, your Board has on file applications from over 100 churches for \$70,000 more than its means. These applications are, in most cases, for aid in erecting humble sanctuaries, costing from \$2,000 to \$3,000. They come from feeble churches that, in poverty and great self-denial, are building a house for the Lord. Among the cases before us are these: In a church in Minnesota one of the four poor members has sold her \$500 government bond, that the work on the sanctuary might not cease. In another church, in the same State, the minister, besides giving \$100 out of his scanty salary, suffers the parsonage to be sold, and moves into two uncomfortable rooms over a tin shop, in the filthiest part of the town, that the sanctuary may arise. In a church in Iowa, a young man earning his daily bread with his team gives \$50, and a widowed mother worth \$1,000 gives \$100, or one-tenth of all her living for the house of God. In Missouri, a little band of new-comers on the prairie, with land but partly paid for, with farms unfenced, and living in shanties built for stables and outhouses, give from \$50 to \$100 a piece that the church may first be built. These are not extreme and isolated cases. They are fair samples of the sacrifices of our brethren for the sanctuary. Shall these sacrifices fail of the desired end for want of a few hundred dollars? Your Board has no paid agents. It can aid these suffering brethren only as your free-will gifts are furnished to our Treasurer, DAVID KEITH, St. Louis, Mo. If, at the appointed time, the first Sabbath of July, or as soon thereafter as possible, you will fulfil the law of love by bearing, as you can, these burdens of your brethren, the blessing of churches ready to perish will come upon you. Your gifts, undiminished by any expenses, will cheer those who toil and hope almost against hope, and your Lord will be glorified in the sanctuaries thus built.

In behalf of the Board of Church Extension,

Yours fraternally,
H. I. Cox, Secretary.

<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —West Spruce St Sab-ch	<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —First ch Woodbridge 15;
\$20 00	Elizabeth Point ch 5; New Vernon ch 23 77
<i>Pby of White Water</i> —1st ch Rushville 5; Greens-	burg ch 10 00
burg ch, special, 80	<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Pound Ridge ch
85 00	Ogdensburg—Ogdensburg ch
<i>Pby of Missouri River</i> —Blackbird Hills ch	10 00
3 00	<i>Pby of Vinton</i> —Bethel ch 1 15; South Ridge ch
<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Newton ch	1 10; West Union ch 2 65
10 00	4 90
<i>Pby of Logansport</i> —Delphi ch	<i>Pby of New York</i> —Brick ch
5 00	106 00
<i>Pby of Concord</i> —Davidson's River ch	<i>Pby of Vincennes</i> —Scaffold Prairie ch
5 35	1 00
<i>Pby of S Minnesota</i> —Preston ch	<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Hamilton ch, balance,
2 00	3 00
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Second ch, Washington	<i>Pby of Marion</i> —Pisgah ch 4; Radnor ch 3
10 00	7 00
<i>Pby of Lafayette</i> —Warrensburg ch	MISCELLANEOUS.
5 00	Mrs Mary S Larimer 60; James Boughton 5;
<i>Pby of Leavenworth</i> —Perryville ch 9; Leocompton	Rev Peter Hassinger 5
ch 5	70 00
14 00	Received at Philadelphia.
<i>Pby of Maumee</i> —West Unity ch	<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Red Mills ch, special for
3 00	Hartford 1st ch
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Evans Creek ch 3; New	10 00
Cumberland ch 10; Linton ch 3	<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Wilkesbarre ch
16 00	114 00
<i>Pby of West Virginia</i> —Kingwood ch 5 50; New-	<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Asbury ch
burg ch 15	8 00
20 50	<i>Pby of Donaghy</i> —Leacock ch
<i>Pby of Troy</i> —First ch Stillwater	15 00
21 00	<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Bald Eagle and Nittany
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Govane Chapel	chs
5 00	19 47
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Westminster ch, Elizabethtown	<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Princeton ch, West
80 90	Philadelphia
<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Hixton ch	25 00
3 00	<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Norrilstown 1st ch
<i>Pby of Salisbury</i> —East Union and Payne ch	74 03
10 00	<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Short Creek ch 5; Wheel-
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Ebenezer ch 4 50; Pleasant	ing Valley ch 3
Valley ch 4 08; Sunbury ch 4; Harrisonville	8 00
ch 15; Clintonville ch 2 25; Amity ch 10	<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Winona and Rolling Prairie
39 88	chs
<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Mt Pleasant ch 5; Woods-	MISCELLANEOUS.
field ch 4; New Castle ch. 3; Buchanan ch 1	Mrs E H Townsend, Painted Post, N Y
12 00	5 00
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Fairfield ch 7; Blairsville ch	Total receipts for May
28; Unity ch 18	DAVID KEITH, Treasurer.
63 00	St. Louis, Mo.
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Licking ch	
16 00	

FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS, AND THE NEEDY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

The following amounts have been received since last report, viz:

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Saratoga Springs ch	\$32 25	<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Bald Eagle and Nittany chs	24 96
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Ebensesser ch 3 74; Clintonville ch 2	5 74	<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Union ch 20 22; West Spruce St ch 20	40 22
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Amity ch 10; Harrisville ch 15	25 00	<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Cohocksink ch	85 42
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Fairfield ch	13 00	<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Blairsville ch 38; Unity ch 38	76 00
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Churchville ch	36 00	<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Clarion ch, add'l	4 80
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Middle Springs ch	55 00	<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Bethany ch 29 22; Fairview ch 5; Shady Side ch 48 18	82 40
<i>Pby of Buffalo City</i> —Central ch	41 00	<i>Pby of Saltburg</i> —East Union and Rayne chs	10 00
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Caledonia ch	24 94	<i>Pby of Missouri River</i> —Black Bird Hill ch 5 50	
<i>Pby of Ogdensburg</i> —Oswegatchie ch	10 00	<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Short Creek ch 10; Poughattan ch 8 15; Wheeling Valley ch 4	22 15
<i>Pby of Chicago</i> —Morris 1st ch	12 00	<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Washington 1st ch 33 14; Claysville ch 10	43 14
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Cincinnati 7th ch 74 10; Goshen ch 10 18	84 28	<i>Pby of Winnebago</i> —Portage City 1st ch	15 00
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Dick's Creek ch	6 00		\$2,915 09
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Venice ch 26; College Corner ch 8; Rely ch 15	49 00	James Bayard, Esq. of Philadelphia	25 00
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Princetonville ch 17 50; Prospect ch 19 70	37 20	Rev S P Dunham of Bainbridge, Ohio	5 00
<i>Pby of Madison</i> —Madison 1st ch	20 00	Mrs Mary Larimer of Redstone Pres	60 00
<i>Pby of White Water</i> —Liberty ch	5 00		\$3,005 09
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Linn Grove ch	2 25		
<i>Pby of Leavenworth</i> —Perryville ch 50 cts; Le-compton ch 25 cts	75		
<i>Pby of Lafayette</i> —Warrensburg ch	3 25		
<i>Pby of Elizabethton</i> —Baskingridge ch 15; Wood-bridge ch 10; New Vernon ch 21 92	46 93		
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Ashbury ch 4; Oxford 1st ch 3	7 00		
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Hightstown ch 19 25; Trenton 2d ch 14 34	33 59		
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Poundridge ch 10; Red Mills ch 12	22 00		
<i>Pby of New York</i> —New York 1st ch	1,801 12		
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Little Brittain ch	10 00		
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Zion ch 13; Rock ch 13	26 00		

GEO. H. VAN GELDER,

Treasurer Trustees of General Assembly,

Office, No. 320 Walnut Street

Philadelphia, June 8th, 1868.

In remitting money to this Fund, the name of the Church and Presbytery to which it belongs should be distinctly stated, that it may be correctly acknowledged. And where checks or drafts are sent they should be drawn to the order of "GEO. H. VAN GELDER, Treasurer."

Letters received by the Committee from all parts of the Church, express increasing interest in the cause, and none evince more joy in its progress, than our missionaries, both foreign and domestic. It is no evidence of a want of zeal in these devoted men, nor of a proper trust in Providence, that in their remote fields of labour they revolve at times, with deep solicitude, the contingency of chronic disease, which may disable them in early life, or the imbecility of old age. They cannot so far divest themselves of humanity, as to leave these possible events wholly out of the account in deciding whether, in view of the manifold trials of missionary life, they will be able to *endure hardness as good soldiers*, in such an arduous warfare. The Committee are confident that nothing has served so much to allay their anxiety, and suppress inordinate fear, as the establishment of this fund. The support thus pledged by their brethren, is at once a token of their fraternal love, and of the care of a benignant Providence. The comfort imparted to many who are already *compassed about with the innumerable evils* that often attend penury, disease and age, is most gratefully acknowledged.—*Annual Report*, page 4.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

Rev. S. C. LOGAN, *Corresponding Secretary*, DAVID ROBINSON, Esq., *Treasurer*, Box 224, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 WM. MALIN, Esq., *Receiving Agent*, 907 Arch street, Philadelphia.

Solemn Purpose of the Assembly.

The General Assembly has declared its solemn purpose to prosecute the work among the freedmen as a permanent mission. The results of the efforts of the committee as exhibited in their report to the Assembly seemed to strike all minds with favour. All expressed surprise that with such limited means so much had been accomplished. The fact that three regularly organized Presbyteries were represented on the floor of the Assembly by coloured men, and two of these freedmen, gave reality to our missions, and the consistent Christian conduct and good sense manifested by these coloured brethren removed a vast amount of prejudice from the minds of many doubters. The Assembly erected a Synod—in which there is no white church—composed of ministers, one half of whom are of the African race, and bade the committee go forward in their great work.

But the time of trial has come. Every member of the Synod of Atlantic must be sustained by the committee or else leave the field. Every mission planted must be enlarged and receive additional labourers or the work done will fail. More ministers and teachers must be sent and sustained, as there is no hope of any one of these missions becoming self-sustaining this year. Houses for worship and schools begun must be completed. The wagon cannot be stopped half way up the hill without disaster. Not a third of our churches have so far done anything to help this mission, and the Assembly calls earnestly upon all. The committee now have not money enough to pay the salaries of the missionaries for the month of June, and these salaries will all be due by the 10th of July. Will pastors and Christian people consider the call of the Assembly, and the present necessities of the committee, with the devoted missionaries who must be sustained, and act as our holy religion demands, in order to carry out the solemn purpose of the Assembly.

God is with us still.

Rev. T. G. Murphey reports an interesting work of grace in Union Church at Freedmen's chapel, Amelia County, Virginia. He writes, "On the second Sabbath of May I received forty-five by baptism into the church, after a long and careful examination.

"At Big Oak church we received four members, making a total in May of forty-nine additions on examination. I was well pleased with the examinations. On the first Sabbath of June we are to have communion in the Russel Grove church where I expect to baptize and received several members. All these churches, need hymn books; will not the churches that have introduced the Hymnal supply them. The good teacher, Mrs. Neil, has purchased a pulpit Bible and Hymn book for Big Oak church: such gifts are needed in both the other churches."

How the Work is Conducted.

Ministers are appointed as Superintendents of these missions, with a general oversight of all parts of the work, in their immediate field, while the Committee

retains a direct ultimate control, of each missionary under commission, whether teacher or catechist. This control is modified, with regard to ministers, in subordination to the regular authority of Presbytery. Of these missions there are now twenty-two, which seem to be permanent and constantly enlarging. But few new fields have been entered by the missionaries in the last year, simply for lack of the means to support the labourers necessary to successful work. The enlargement and success of the work has been chiefly from the centres established last year. There are thousands of Presbyterian freed people, wandering as sheep without a shepherd, that the Committee have not been able to reach, either with the school, or gospel ordinances. Whole communities of them are seeking other folds, after waiting three years in the hope that the Church would come to their help.

Wherever the work has been properly begun, the organization of one church gives rise to other organizations in the same region, and the congregations increase rapidly, and almost without exception, manifestly improve the whole life and habits of the people.

The results of the year's work, when compared with those of last year, give decided grounds for encouragement. They show a healthy growth, and distinct advance in every department, as well as stamp the work with the promise of permanence. Eleven more stations have been occupied with schools, and the attendance of pupils is much more steady and uniform. Nineteen more Sabbath-schools have been established, and 1,300 children gathered for Sabbath instruction. Twenty-three churches have been planted during the year, and more than *two thousand* souls added to the communion. 1,200 of the people have received baptism at the hands of the missionaries, and the cases of discipline do not average one to a church.

DONATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN IN MAY, 1868.

<i>Pky of Atlantic</i> —Coloured sch, Sumter 3 75; Coloured sch, Charleston 10 00; Coloured sch, John's Island 2; Coloured sch, James Island 4 50; Coloured ch and sch, Wilmington 58	<i>Pky of Salisbury</i> —Plum Creek ch 19 80; Indi- ana ch 10 29 90
378 25	<i>Pky of St Clairsville</i> —Short Creek ch 8; Wheel- ing Valley ch 3 6 00
<i>Pky of Allegheny City</i> —Harrisville ch 10 00	<i>Pky of Washington</i> —New Cumberland ch 16 50; Buffalo ch 28 81 45 31
<i>Pky of Allegheny</i> —Pleasant Valley ch 9 37	<i>Pky of White Water</i> —1st ch Rushville 7 35
<i>Pky of Blairsville</i> —Johnstown, special, Biddle Institute 30; New Salem ch 18 91; Union ch 7 55 91	
<i>Pky of Catawba</i> —Coloured sch, White Hill 11 50; Coloured sch, Manson 2; Coloured sch, Poplar Tent 2 90; Coloured sch, Concord 20 cts; Coloured sch, Warrenton 16 20; Coloured sch, Lewisburg 4 75; Coloured sch, Statesville 2 80; Coloured sch, Salisbury 2 10; Coloured sch, Gold Hill 3; Coloured sch, Salisbury 1; Coloured sch, Mocksville ch 2 25 48 20	
<i>Pky of Cedar</i> —Linn Grove ch 4 00	
<i>Pky of Cincinnati</i> —Pleasant Ridge ch 17 00	
<i>Pky of Clarion</i> —Clarion ch 6 00	
<i>Pky of Carlisle</i> —Middletown ch 50 00	
<i>Pky of Connecticut</i> —Red Mills ch 9 60; Pound Ridge ch 10 19 60	
<i>Pky of Dubuque</i> —Liberty ch 8 25; Serrill's Mount ch 8 16 25	
<i>Pky of Erie</i> —Park ch, Erie, special 5 00	
<i>Pky of Lake</i> —Goshen 1st ch 25; Sab-sch 50 75 00	
<i>Pky of Luzerne</i> —Summit Hill ch 20 00	
<i>Pky of Leavenworth</i> —Lecompton ch 1 50; Perry- ville ch 2 50 4 00	
<i>Pky of Marion</i> —Pisgah ch 4 00	
<i>Pky of Northumberland</i> —McEwensville ch 7; Bald Eagle and Nittany chs 11 18 00	
<i>Pky of Livingston</i> —Yellow Creek ch 44 50; Liberty ch 2 20 46 70	
<i>Pky of New York</i> —Brick ch, N Y 374 28	
<i>Pky of Ralston</i> —Mrs M S Larimer 60; Mt Pleas- ant ch 8; New Providence ch 15 83 00	
<i>Pky of Richland</i> —Lexington ch 12; Savannah ch 20 33 00	
	MISCELLANEOUS.
	Witherspoon Coloured sch, Princeton, N J 13; George Wilson, Hammond, N Y 3 13; "Friends, in Illinois" 100; Miss Gould, Norfolk, Va., special 10; Miss Donovan, Norfolk, Va, special, 10; R Brown's Bible class, Cin, special 50; Coloured sch, Locust Grove, Va 15; Coloured sch, Pine Bluff, Arkansas 25; Board School Directors, Clarksville, Tenn 75; Coloured ch, Amelia C H, Va 20 08; Coloured sch, Columbia, Tenn 66 15; Coloured sch, Baltimore, Md 20; Rev T B Van Eman, Clintonville, Pa 1; Rent office 39 448 36
	Total receipts in May, \$1,514 36
	D. ROBINSON, Treasurer, No 78 Fourth Street, Pittsburgh.
	The Committee acknowledge the fol- lowing contributions:
	A communion service for "Russell Grove" ch Amelia C H, Va., from friends of Miss Russell, Danville, Pa.
	1 Package primers and cards for Franklinton sch, N. C. from Sab-sch of N P Kemp, Boston, Mass. Valued \$2. From same source "for the support of a school in the Wilds" \$25. Also from the children of South ch, St Johnsburg, Vt., for the same purpose \$30, from friends of Miss Giffellan.
	1 Box Sab-sch books from New Salem Free ch, Allegheny Presbytery.
	Pulpit Bible and Hymn Book for "Big Oak" ch, Amelia C H, Va., from Mrs Neil, teacher.

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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Resignation of Dr. Janeway.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Domestic Missions, held in their rooms, 907 Arch St., Philadelphia, the following papers were presented, and ordered to be published:

Dear Brethren,—I adhere to the determination expressed at the last annual meeting, that I should not be a candidate for re-election as Corresponding Secretary. It may be proper now more formally to tender my resignation, to take effect June 30th, next, when seven years of service shall have been completed. To detail special reasons for this step is hardly necessary—I have done what I could, to the measure of my feeble ability, for that period of seven years, four of them years of war, involving anxieties, responsibilities, and troubles, because of the anomalous condition of matters in the Border States. Through all the Master has led us, and the machinery of the Board works without friction and in its usual regularity. The Treasury is easy, and the debts have been escaped. By mercy, I leave the office without embarrassment, and doing as much as the liberality of the Church will allow.

I have felt for some time that a younger man might now, with great advantage to the cause, take hold of the work, and give it more active service. And though I cannot complain of the burden of years and the infirmities of age, yet there are duties which belong to younger life. Every year of my incumbency I have been West *once*, and when the Assembly met there, *twice*,—travelling long distances, involving great exposure and fatigue. I thought it best to do it, because it was somewhat clamorously demanded. A younger man may do it more easily. And yet, seven years of experience tell me that the care of the office is enough to occupy one man's time, without these distant and fatiguing journeys.

The magnitude of the work has so grown upon my view as to be painfully oppressive. These years of service and constant study of the field tell the story, and increase the sense of the responsibility. A new man may meet it more easily than I can. He will have advantages I have not had. He will have a country in peace, and the jarring elements in a great degree composed. It is my prayer that my successor may exceed all I could hope for, and enjoy a prosperity beyond any expectation I could cherish. In such success I will greatly rejoice. I retire, not because I love not the work,—God knoweth. Amid manifold infirmities I have laboured and toiled, and by God's help, endeavoured to act conscientiously. My

relations to the missionaries have been uniformly pleasant. In their success I have rejoiced, in their sorrows I have sympathized. For some time past I have received, in the quarterly reports, numerous and touching expressions of their regret at the prospect of my departure from the office, and hopes expressed that something might occur to prevent this step. I receive all this in my Master's name, as some proof of his approbation, expressed by his dear servants.

I avail myself of the opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to the members of the Board, for the kindness, courtesy, and respectful consideration given to my acts and suggestions. I recall no case of difficulty, no serious difference of opinion. To my short-comings you have been indulgent: and all my efforts you have encouraged and sustained. My prayer always shall be, that God will continue to you that same wisdom which you have hitherto so abundantly displayed in the management of the august interests committed to your care. To the Executive Committee I owe much. Their kind confidence; their respectful regard to my views; and their cheerful readiness to adopt my suggestions and sustain me in my work, have been uniform. No man could possibly labour with a body like them, and not feel how painful it will be to part from them. One has lately left us—earnest, kind and courteous—hard-working, wonderfully punctual in his attendance, and devoted to the cause. We have buried him in the faith and hopes of the gospel. To leave here will be to miss these pleasant meetings. It will be among my sorrows, and cause tender reminiscences. I pray God may bless them, and that they may stand by my successors as they have stood by me; and he will be a happy man indeed. And now my trust is, that God will bless the Board of Domestic Missions; enlarge its efficiency; make it dearer than ever to the churches; and enable it to overtake the swelling wants of this great land. The times are solemn—the work grows immensely: and it will require the whole strength of the Presbyterian Church to do its honoured part in this vast service. To that God whose we are and whom we serve, I commend these vast interests and this blessed cause. To have served this Board these past years is no mean honour—no mean privilege. My only regret is, that the service has not been more equal to the glories of the work.

In the hopes of the gospel, I am yours truly,

THOMAS L. JANEWAY.

Mission House, 907 Arch St., Philadelphia, May 11, '68.

The Committee to whom was referred the letter of Rev. T. L. Janeway, D.D., in which he resigns the office of Corresponding Secretary of this Board, present the following minute:

Resolved 1. That the Board, in accepting the resignation of Dr. Janeway, do so only in compliance with his own determination to retire from the service, expressed a year since, and now adhered to by him.

Resolved, 2. That in yielding to the necessity of parting with Dr. Janeway, the Board has great sorrow and regret. It has fallen to his lot to occupy his position in a most eventful time in the history of the nation and of the church. Difficulties and trials of a most unusual character have surrounded and beset him in the discharge of his duties. In the midst of them all, he has borne himself with great patience, and met the responsibilities of his post with large intelligence, kindness, firmness and fidelity. By the blessing of God, the operations of this department of the work of the church have been conducted under his direction with much less embarrassment, and with a measure of success which could not have been anticipated; and the present condition of the Board is such as presents encour-

agement in the future. In all this, the Board would record the sense of its obligation to the retiring Secretary.

Resolved 3. That the Board reciprocates most cordially the expressions in Dr. Janeway's letter, of brotherly confidence and regard; and will follow him, in his retirement from this service, with their earnest prayers for his personal and domestic happiness, and abundant usefulness in the church, in whatever sphere of labour Providence may assign him.

G. W. MUSGRAVE,
J. H. MASON KNOX,
J. ADDISON HENRY,
H. D. GREGORY,
ALFRED MARTIEN, } *Committee.*

Mission Work in Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir,—Yesterday was the last Sabbath of the quarter, a pleasant day on the whole, though with some reminders that I am on *missionary* ground. Morn—drove to H—, taking my portable melodeon for the sake of a sing with the Sabbath-school, for an instrument would tend to harmonize discordant voices, and perhaps it might give pleasure to the children—found the school waiting for their officers, who for some reason did not make their appearance. So we had our sing, and I preached—saddened by the departure of two girls, old enough to know better, who went out before the preaching, as I afterwards concluded, to *pick strawberries*!

Home—dinner—then on horseback across the hills to S—, where my little congregation seemed to have more of the spirit of devotion. I was refreshed, and encouraged by the evidence of progress—albeit there “remaineth very much land to be possessed.” They have started a Sabbath-school at S—, within the quarter now closing, which bids fair to be a means of great good to the children, as well as to the adults who take part in it. The Sabbath-school at H— wants a *Christian man* for superintendent, to say nothing of Christian teachers, but in all that neighbourhood the man does not seem to be found. Yet I do not despair of seeing fruit at H—, though the soil is exceedingly stony, and the climate cold. On alternate Sabbath I preached at

Elkton, in the new schoolhouse by the church, since 1st April, but efforts are now making, which I trust will be successful, to have the church finished this summer, and at Camp things go on as usual. The Sabbath-school are learning the Shorter Catechism, one question each Sabbath as a general exercise, and some (at least *one*) of the classes are learning the proof text in connection. In the Sabbath-School at E—, (though we have not a Presbyterian for superintendent,) the Catechism is also used. I wish the next generation may have that “form of sound words” in their memory, and not be so easily moved about by every wind of doctrine.

Four weeks ago Father W— assisted me at communion. An old man who had been suspended for intemperance was restored; a beloved sister was received on certificate; there were more present at the Lord's table than I have seen. Father W., who had not visited this county for two years, thought he could see some improvement in the region where he had laboured as a pioneer in the gospel for so many years, giving the field about one-fourth of his time.

I have just taken collections for Domestic Missions, the amount, seven dollars, is enclosed. The contributions of the people to my support this quarter have been quite encouraging. I hope by another year we shall not need so much help from the Board.

Very respectfully,
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Home Missions.

This is not only a great and good work, but it is a *constantly increasing* work. Every year adding hundreds of thousands to our population, must of necessity increase the demand for labourers and the *means of sustaining them*. This should be understood by the churches. In the successful prosecution of this great and constantly increasing work, we must expect to be called upon to make sacrifices. No enterprise having for its object the general good, can be carried forward vigorously and successfully without personal sacrifice; but whatever of sacrifice or effort we may make here will be in a noble cause; it

will be for the safety of our common country, and the salvation of our countrymen. A member of Congress once said to a friend, "I am a decided friend to the Home Missionary enterprise; it is *the hope of our country*. If our country is saved, it will be by *the spread of the Gospel*." It is even so, it is from a gospel influence alone, we can hope for good laws; and without such influence, even good laws would be of little avail. In such a cause, who that loves his country and the souls of men, will hesitate to make sacrifices? It is encouraging to know that this cause is taking firmer hold of the affections of the people.

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN JUNE, 1868.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Charlton ch, from Ladies Domestic Missionary Society, \$9 75; Saratoga Springs ch 66 90; Albany 1st ch 175 11. *Pby of Londonderry*—Newburyport 1st ch Sab-sch 17; Londonderry ch 40 75. *Pby of Troy*—Green Island ch 7 316 51

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Clinton ch 3 01; Pleasant Valley ch 10; Ebenezer ch 7. *Pby of Erie*—Franklin ch 20 40 01

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Annapolis ch 25. *Pby of Carlisle*—Frostburg ch 5; Harrisburg ch 48 40; Shippensburg ch Sab-sch \$7 53. *Pby of Leves*—Cool Spring ch 7; Black-water ch 9. *Pby of Potomac*—New York Avenue ch, Washington 73 01; Lewinsville and Falls Creek ch 6 201 03

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Ogdensburg*—Oswegatchie 1st ch 30. *Pby of Rochester City*—Webster ch 25; Wheatland ch 15 20 70 20

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Chicago*—Kankakee 1st ch 14 14 00

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Mrs M A S 25; Holland ch 12 50, of which 5 50 from the Mission Field 37 50

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Madison*—Vernon ch 5. *Pby of Vincennes*—Claiborne ch 2 7 00

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Neosho*—Bethel ch 2 00

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Palmyra*—Shelbyville ch 12; Clarence ch 8; Rev A Steed and wife 5. *Pby of Southwest Missouri*—Bolivar ch 3 27 00

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Monmouth*—Jameburg ch 25. *Pby of Passaic*—German ch, Paterson 8 33 00

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Hudson*—Monticello ch 8 79

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Crawfordsville*—Calvary ch 10; Covington ch 10. *Pby of Logansport*—Wea ch 3 23 00

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Wooster*—Clark ch 8 25. *Pby of Zanesville*—Madison ch 23; Muskingum ch 30 66 25

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of Benicia*—Tomales and Bodega chs 24. *Pby of California*—Contra Costa ch 12 25 36 25

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Huntingdon*—Hollidaysburg ch 48 04; Clearfield ch 8 11; Lower Tuscarora ch 120; Sinking and Spring Creek chs 153 80. *Pby of Northumberland*—Centralla ch 30. *Pby of Philadelphia*—South ch,

Missionary Society of Infant Sab-sch 25; Fifteenth ch, Philadelphia 40, of which 21 from Sab-sch. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Conshohocken ch Sab-sch 5; Falls of Schuylkill ch 13 462 73

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairville*—Blairville ch 15. *Pby of Clarion*—Clarion ch, add'l 7; Elkton ch 7. *Pby of Ohio*—Pisgah ch 30; Fairview ch 7 60; Miller's Run ch 35 39. *Pby of Red-stone*—Mrs Mary S Larimer 100. *Pby of Saltsburg*—Rayne ch 14 03; Children of Leechburg ch 8 60; Centre ch 3; Indiana ch 130; Pine Run ch 19 376 62

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Bethel ch 5 61. *Pby of Washington*—Crown Creek ch 98 06; Upper Buffalo ch, from Mrs Ann Danahey dec'd 25; Lower Ten Mile ch 17 25; Washington 1st ch 16; Wheeling 1st ch 50 60 211 52

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Milwaukee*—Deltafield ch 3 00

Total receipts from churches, \$1936 43

LEGACIES.—Estate of Samuel Garrett dec'd, late of Philadelphia, Pa 62 07

MISCELLANEOUS.—Property sold at Norristown, Pa, and rent 4960 20; "M A L R" Fannottsburg, Pa 10; Mission ch, Santa Fe, New Mexico 100; Mrs Mary Magill, Danville, Pa 3; Miss Walk 2 50; "A B K" 4 80; "A Friend" 10; Rev Peter Hassinger, Aviston, Ill 10; Miss Rebecca Benwick, Davenport, Iowa 125 5225 50

Total Receipts in June, \$7224 00

S. D. POWELL, Treasurer,
No. 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

CLOTHING.

8 boxes from Ladies Missionary Society of the 1st Pres ch, of Columbus, Ohio, valued at \$435 00

MISSION HOUSE.

No. 907 ARCH STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

Corresponding Secretary—

Treasurer—SAMUEL L. POWELL.

LETTERS relating to Missionary Appointments and other operations of the Board, should be addressed to the Corresponding Secretary, No. 907 Arch street, Philadelphia. Letters relating to the pecuniary affairs of the Board, or containing remittances of money, should be sent to S. D. Powell, Esq., Treasurer—same address.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTIFUL, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—*Matt. ix. 37, 38.*

Blessed is the man whom thou choosetest, and causet to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.—*Psa. lxxv: 4.*

Change in the Financial Year of the Board.

At the annual meeting of the Board, June 19th, it was determined to change the beginning of the financial year so as to commence April 1st, instead of May 1st. Hence that upon which we have now entered will contain but eleven months. This new arrangement will be more convenient for the students of many of our institutions, since it accords better with their vacations; and also for the officers of the Board in preparing their reports to the General Assembly.

It is desired that professors and teachers note this change, and send their quarterly reports of candidates each a month earlier—that is, so as to be presented at the meetings of the Executive Committee and Board on the first Fridays of January, April, July, and October.

The Uses of Summer for the Student.

Winter is the best time for in-door studies, but summer for those which bring us into intercourse with nature, to be for the time her disciples, and hear her speak to us with a living and powerful inspiration; which, though it be not the higher and more precious inspiration of David and Paul, yet utters to us the voice of a living and very present God, full of goodness, wisdom, love, and power. Those who hold much communion with God through nature, receiving her teaching as the best commentary upon his written word, possess nobler and happier ideas of his infinite greatness, his paternal character, his gentle and all-sufficient providence which equally cares for the greatest and the least of living things, and the faithfulness and justice of his government. The earnest Christian should open his inmost soul to these heavenly influences.

The day is thine, the night also is thine;

Thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

Thou hast set all the borders of the earth;

Thou hast made summer, and winter.—*Psa. lxxiv: 16, 17.*

“Believe me, (says the old abbot Bernard) upon my own experience, you will find more in the woods than in books. The streams and the rocks will teach you what you cannot learn of the greatest master.”

And the summer is most necessary to the student as a period of preparation for winter. “The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer.” And so students are a people not strong, who must prepare their bodies in the summer for the severe draughts of the winter upon the nervous system. Multitudes of preachers break down just for want of bodily health. The care of the body is a part of our religion, as well as the care of the soul. The employments of summer vacations should then be such as tend to enable us to glorify God with our bodies, as well as with our spirits, which are his. If you would do the greatest amount of good in the world, take heed in time to the claims of the body.

The Soldier of Christ.

The following is the story of a student formerly in the army. It exhibits the influence of many such amidst fearfully trying circumstances, and gives promise of their usefulness, energy and faithfulness in the conflict of the Church of Christ with the powers of earth and hell.

In September, 1861, I enlisted as a private, and went to camp, but before the regiment was organized I took the typhoid fever, on account of which I was obliged to return home, where I remained till my recovery, which required about six weeks. Soon after my return to camp the regiment was ordered to Kentucky, where we had some hard marching to do during the following winter. In the company to which I belonged there were some persons who were favorably disposed towards Christianity, and as far as possible, we tried to be together in one tent. There were ten of us who thus lived together, and were known throughout the entire regiment as the "happy family," on account of the course we pursued. The Testament was our daily companion, which was read by one of our number every morning and evening. It is somewhat remarkable that only two of this number now sleep in Southern graves, while the other eight, after having passed through many battles, have returned to the peaceful avocations of life. During the two years I remained in that regiment we frequently had social meetings for prayer, under the wide canopy of heaven; and although the interest in these meetings was not as great as was desirable, yet I believe they were not without some beneficial influence. The majority of the officers cared for none of these things, and the soldiers were not far behind them in wickedness as a general thing. When the order was issued for the organization of coloured troops, I went before the Examining Board and received the appointment of 1st lieutenant in the ——— regiment. Here my duties were of an entirely different nature, and I was surrounded by different associates. It was, indeed, a trying time, for nearly all of my brother officers yielded to the influence of the wine cup, and every kindred vice, and it was in vain for me to expostulate with them. After nine months service as lieutenant, I was made adjutant of the regiment, and was detailed as Acting

Assistant Adjutant General of the Brigade, which position I occupied till after the surrender of Lee's army, when I resigned. The coloured men made excellent soldiers, they were controlled with little trouble, and in the battle of Nashville they did splendid service. During the time I was in the army, I was with my command in every engagement in which they participated, among which, were the following: "Shiloh," "Stone River," "Chickamauga," and "Nashville," besides many other small battles. Was captured at Stone River but escaped. Never was wounded, nor so sick as to require hospital treatment after leaving home. In reviewing my life in the army I can say with truth, "saved by grace."

I had no sooner returned from the army, than I felt the obligation resting upon me, and in August, 1865, I again entered upon my studies, after a vacation of four long years. In all the trying scenes through which I passed, the words of the Psalmist were fresh at my memory, "A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it shall not come nigh thee," and their verity has been fully realized. By what assistance I may receive from the Board, and with what means I have saved from my services to the Government, I hope to be able by the blessing of God to complete my course of preparation without further interruption. I do not desire to become educated simply, but to be useful in winning others to Christ.—*Annual Report.*

What the Church owes to every Candidate.

Young men who purpose to enter the sacred office should, at an early day in their theological, if not of their collegiate, studies, to be taken under the affectionate and watchful care of the presbytery. There are hundreds in our literary institutions who cannot shut their eyes to the cry of perishing souls, and who resolve that they will, if Providence open the way, devote themselves to preaching to them the way of life. But wanting pious counsellors, pressed by their necessities, tempted by advantageous proposals of a worldly kind in other directions, or becoming lukewarm in spirit, they give up their high purpose. They might have been useful, happy, successful labourers in the service of Christ. But now their strength is comparatively, at

best, "spent for nought." It is important then that pastors and spiritual guides search out even the sons of wealthy families, whose hearts may be warm with the desires that should be the direct offspring of gratitude for their own salvation; kindly and wisely assist them in deciding in what course of life they may be useful in their Redeemer's kingdom; and, if they take up the call to the ministry, encourage them to take a hearty interest in good works, form the acquaintance of ministers and other active Christians, and place themselves early in connection with the presbytery—*Annual Report*.

Report of the Geneva Presbyterian Academy, Kansas.

We are now in the middle of our second term. Last term averaged a little over thirty-three in daily attendance.

This term about fifty are in daily attendance, with fifty-nine on the roll. The majority are under fifteen years of age. About twenty are over this age. The public school is taught in connection with the academy, as most of the academy scholars live in the bounds of the district. About fifteen are out of the district. There would be at least thirty scholars in the academy independent of the public school. For a country so new as this, where a majority of the people are just beginning life, our number is quite large.

With the blessing of God upon our labours here, great good can be done for the Church, for the community, and the world. Our influence is already beginning to be felt. Society is settling down, and becoming sober. Men who wish neither the gospel nor education are selling out, while their places are being filled with better and more substantial families.

There is no place in all Southern Kansas where so many and so good advantages are enjoyed as here. In the midst of a fertile region, and quite a thickly settled community, our prospects are as bright as could be desired. Every indication points to this as a centre of influence in the moral and intellectual world. Our Sabbath evening services are attended by an attentive audience—mostly of young people. The evening service is prepared especially for them. When I first came here, last September, many were very rude and boisterous—now all pay good

attention. I have every reason to believe God is hearing and answering our prayers. My position here as teacher and minister is a very trying and doubly responsible one. I am sometimes almost ready to cry out in despair, "Who is able for such duties?" Then, God is near, and I am content to persevere. I preach twice every other Sabbath.

There are some things we need very much to aid us here in the cause of Christ. We need a good select religious library. Our people are mostly poor, and our academy is not quite paid for yet. Could you do anything to secure us some good books. I mean to write to several of my friends East, and ask their aid. 2d, We need some good philosophical apparatus—this we are willing to do without till we can get a library. 3d, We very much need fifty or more Presbyterian hymn books. I verily believe, if we could get about so many *hymnals*, nearly all these young people, (who are nothing now), would come to be members of our church in a short time. Our congregation have but few books, while the young people love to sing. We have music morning and evening in school—it is one of our studies.

Yours in Christ,
S. M. IRWIN.

An Appeal for the French from a Frenchman.

One who is most anxious to see the Presbyterian Church do more for the French people of this country sends us the following stirring appeal to raise up more ministers for them, and interest our people in gathering them into the church. We are glad to have it to lay before our readers, as our school fund needs replenishing. We must not let the French, German, and other schools suffer. We ask pastors whose churches took up no collection for schools in February to call upon them in behalf of this department. We will be glad to receive help from any quarter.

Many of our French churches in this country have no pastors. Others have pastors; but, alas! what are they? Men who were laid aside in Europe for unsuitableness to the work or other similar causes. These churches, left as "sheep without a shepherd," are sometimes constrained to employ them. How can churches in such circumstances pro-

per? In some places the evil is in the congregation; in others, it is in the pastor. It is very desirable that such a state of affairs should be remedied. It seems to me if our beloved church would take the matter in hand, it could soon be accomplished. If our church would send good ministers among them, supporting them for some time, they could gather around them all the true Christians, who would form themselves into a church, and would almost certainly join us. For the French are, we may say, universally Calvinists. Let them know what Old School Presbyterianism is, and they will at once recognize it as their own convictions. As it is, many good Christians must abide with persons not evangelical. Because if they do not unite together they cannot have Divine ordinances, inasmuch as they are too weak by themselves.

Many think the French are comparatively insignificant in the United States. But let them examine the facts. Let them remember that the French population of New York alone is near fifty thousand. And yet there are but two French churches to accommodate them; and one of them is Episcopalian, a reli-

gion which is not at all calculated to take with the French. They leave Catholicism *entirely*, not to be half Roman Catholics, as the Episcopalians. The French population of Chicago is somewhere about thirty or forty thousand; yet I know of no French church in that great worldly city! And in Missouri, Louisiana and elsewhere there are many. Our church is the most adapted to occupy these fields. I am of the opinion that our church, by proper exertions, could soon gather many of these wandering sheep within her folds.

Twilight Prayer.

At a recent meeting of godly elders of the church it was resolved as follows: That we will unite in a twilight concert of secret prayer at the close of each day, for the revival of religion in all the churches, and for the spread of the gospel throughout the world.

Circulate the Record,

Says the General Assembly, by putting a copy of it in each pew of the church, and paying for it (25 cents a year each) by taking the amount from the contributions to the Boards.

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN JUNE, 1868.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Hamilton Union ch 8; Kingsborough ch 24 26	\$32 26
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Sharpsburg ch 33 64; Beacon Falls ch 30 63	64 26
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Clinton ch 5 17; Ebenezer ch 6 60; Mt. Nebo ch 5	13 67
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Union ch 7; Congruity ch 32 95; Salem ch 8; Murrayville ch 29 35 77 30	
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Pulaski ch 8 06; New Salem ch 8 50	16 56
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —First ch, Hartford 5; South East Centre ch 5; Bedford ch 47	57 00
<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Mrs M A S 25; North Fork ch 10 50; Cynthia ch 5; Marshall ch 5 50; Rocky Spring ch 6 45	52 45
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Big Spring ch	21 50
<i>Pby of Columbus</i> —Truro ch	6 06
<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Caledonia ch	4 00
<i>Pby of Crawfordville</i> —West Lebanon ch 1; Green Castle ch 6 10	7 10
<i>Pby of Dane</i> —Bellville ch 4; Lake View ch 3; Dayton ch 2	9 00
<i>Pby of Des Moines</i> —Whitebreast ch 1; Des Moines ch 6 25	7 25
<i>Pby of Huntington</i> —Kishacoquillas ch 18 30; Lower Tuscarora ch 64	82 30
<i>Pby of New Albany</i> —Bloomington ch 6; Sharon ch 4	10 00
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —First ch, Greenwich	35 69
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Alliance ch	30 00
<i>Pby of New York</i> —First ch, Nyack	7 00
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —North Branch ch 5 20; Mt Carmel ch 6; Lebanon ch 53; Hopewell ch 3 64; Mingo ch 20; Racoon ch 50; Fairview ch 8 25; Thos Kiddo 5; Bethany ch 59	219 02
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Chestnut Hill ch, of which 25 special, 275; Conshohocken ch 5	280 00
<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —New York Ave ch	44 97

<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Laurell Hill ch	13 30
<i>Pby of Raritan</i> —Arnwell 1st ch	15 00
<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Elders Ridge ch 8; West Lebanon ch 2 75; Kittanning ch, add 154 28; Washington ch 1 85; Harmony ch 14; East Union ch 6 95; Concord ch 15; Saltsburg ch 46 80	149 83
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Waynesburg and Bethlehem chs	14 00
<i>Pby of Winnebago</i> —Oxford ch 4 15; Robinsonville ch 8 35	12 50
<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —May's Landing 4; Tuckahoe ch 2 06	6 03
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Canal Fulton ch 4 20; Berlin ch 5; Jeromeville ch 5	14 20
<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Madison ch	16 00
	\$1318 14

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs Mary S Larimer, Redstone, Pa 60; A Friend, N Y 10; Mrs Mary Magill 2	72 00
	\$1390 74

II. FUND FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, &c.

<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Freeport, in part	26 00
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Hagerstown ch	36 00
	\$62 00
Total amount acknowledged,	\$1,452 14

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Recent Intelligence.

DEPARTURE OF MISSIONARIES.—The Rev. Thomas F. Wallace and his wife, on their return, and Miss Kate McFarren, embarked for the United States of Colombia, June 16th. Miss McFarren is a daughter of the Rev. S. McFarren, D.D., of the Presbytery of Blairsville. She is appointed as a teacher, to be associated with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace at Bogota. The Rev. J. M. Da Conceicao embarked for Brazil on the 23d of June, with health improved by his visit to this country. He preached in the Madeira Portuguese churches in Illinois, during his visit, and they were anxious to have him remain with them. The work before him in Brazil, however, is large and encouraging; we trust he will still be prospered in it.

CONVERTS ADMITTED TO THE CHURCH.—The Rev. J. R. Ramsay admitted three more converts to the church among the Seminoles in May. The Rev. F. J. C. Schneider reports two more converts admitted to the church of Rio de Janeiro on the first Sabbath of May. The Rev. J. J. Walsh mentions the admission on the first Sabbath in May, of a young Hindu to the church of Futtehpore, after having met with much opposition from his relatives. The Rev. C. Mateer reports the baptism of two more converts at Tungchow, March the 29th.

THEOLOGICAL CLASS AT FUTTEHGURH.—The Rev. J. F. Ullmann, May 4th, speaks with warm interest of a class of sixteen students, who have been under his instruction for several months. "More than half of them are very promising young men. They study with a will, and all of them are making progress. The practical exercise of preaching in the bazars and villages is combined with their regular studies, and I trust, with the Lord's blessing upon us, we shall obtain some able workmen, while even those of less ability will become better fitted for their work."

NATIVE LABOURERS FROM CORISCO.—The Rev. C. De Heer, April 16th, refers to a visit he had made to some of the mainland tribes. A Scripture reader of good promise was stationed among the Belingis, and one of the elders of the Corisco church was appointed on itinerant missionary service, "to visit the scattered tribes up the river"—the Muni, we suppose. He speaks of some of the tribes from the interior as now approaching the coast, where they will be more easily within reach of Missionaries.

CIVIL WAR IN JAPAN.—Our letters, dated to the 2d of June, refer to the war between the Mikado and the Taikun as still going on. The former has determined to enforce the law against the Japanese becoming Christians, but it was not likely this could be done. The Taikun's party is a powerful one, and one in the main favourable to progress. The foreign powers were not taking any part in the conflict, but they would insist on the fulfilment of the treaties favouring intercourse with foreign nations. Such intercourse is no doubt desired by many of the daimios or chiefs, as well as by the common people. In the end, a wide door of entrance will be set before the Church in this interesting country; and in the meantime our brethren are pressing forward in their various labours, in safety and peace at Yokohama.

LETTERS RECEIVED.—To July 13th, besides those referred to above, are from the Seminole Mission, to June 11th; Creek, to June 16th; San Francisco, June 5th, mentioning the return from China of one of the converts, and his being employed

as a colporteur among the Chinese emigrants, and also giving notices of the missionary's visit to some of the Chinese in the interior of the State, by whom he and the native assistant were listened to with much interest; Peking, May 9th; Tungchow, May 18th; Shanghai, May 25th; Hangchow, April 2nd; Ningpo, May 14th; Canton, May 21st; Allahabad, May 6th; Futtehghurh, May 4th; Mynpurie, April 27th; Dehra, May 12th; Lodiana, May 8th; Lahor, May 1st, mentioning the arrival of the Rev. Charles B. Newton at that station, and his having entered on his work; Corisco, April 16th; Benita, May 4th; Monrovia, May 15th; Rio de Janeiro, May 26th; Bogota, May 16th, in which the Rev. P. H. Pitkin mentions that four or five persons had expressed to him their desire to become connected to the Protestant Church.

Receipts in May and June.

	From Churches.	From Legacies.	From Miscellaneous.	Total.
1867,	\$10,110	\$5,146	\$14,892	\$30,149
1868,	12,944	1,763	3,613	18,320
Less in 1868,				\$11,828

Increase of Power in Missions.

If we could send out more good men and women to most of our missions, they would be stronger than they now are; and they need this kind of strength. What are three ministers of our Church, and perhaps an equal number from other churches, in the province of SHANTUNG, with its twenty-nine millions of inhabitants? And the same question may be asked concerning other missionary fields. If we had larger funds at command, we could add a certain kind of strength to the missions—in sending out new men, for instance, in training and employing native missionary labourers, in procuring houses for mission families in some places, chapels or schoolrooms in other places, &c. We hope for an increase of strength in our missions in both these respects; but it may take time to secure it; it is not the work of a day; and it is not after all chiefly in these respects that we most need an increase of power.

Given a certain number of good men and women in a missionary field, and it will not be difficult for a careful observer to say that some of them are much more efficient and useful than others. Wherefore? Not solely because they may possess greater talents or learning; in these, they may hardly equal some of their fellow-labourers. But they may have more faith, more love to Christ, more compassion for perishing souls; they may be less under the influence of temptations to live a life of ease, to lose time or strength in minor occupations, to seek comfort or position, or worldly advantage of some kind; they may be more like Brainerd, or Martyn, or Mrs. Winslow, or rather more like Paul the Apostle, yea, more like our blessed Lord, who went about doing good, who was meek and lowly in heart, who counted it as his meat and his drink to do his Father's will, and to finish his work. All good missionaries certainly do possess, in some measure, the spirit of Christ, but all are not equally Christ-like, any more than are all ministers of the churches at home.

We need not extend these remarks, however; they are not made, of course, with the slightest intention of disparaging any labourer on missionary ground; we are indeed grateful for all that is holy, and good, and useful among these labourers. But the purpose of these remarks will be answered, if they should call forth more

prayer in behalf of our missionary brethren. By prayer for them, their power may be largely increased—by prayer for their health, for the preservation of their lives, not only, but even more for their spiritual life and vigour, for their being endowed with large measures of Divine grace, and enabled to feel deeply the love of Christ constraining them to rise to the highest order of service. Twelve men once moved the world, by preaching the gospel to every creature. It was because they were endowed with power, as witnessed in the scenes of Pentecost; and that power was obtained in answer to the prayers of all the disciples—among them, of women, and of men whose names are unknown. Such thoughts as these may rebuke ourselves, here at home, suggesting that too many of us come far short in our duty to our fellow-men; but, nevertheless, let us seek to strengthen the hands and increase the efficiency of our missionary friends by such prayers as we may be able to offer. And let us do this with sympathy for them, as they live among the heathen, and as they are there living for the glory of our common Lord and Saviour. So may the humblest reader of these lines do much—no one can say how much—to increase the power of our missions. This may be done without delay, without waiting for the action of others, and with the great encouragement of knowing that our God is the hearer and the answerer of prayer.

Zenana Schools at Lahor.

In the *Record* of June and July interesting accounts have been given of our missionary work for Hindu women and girls. In most cases the scholars thus taught belong to the poorer classes: it is important to teach them, and their instruction will doubtless exert a great influence eventually on Hindu females of the wealthier families. Some of these may now be taught by missionary ladies, especially by the wives of missionaries, in Calcutta and other cities where many of the Hindus have learnt English. To some extent they may be taught in the interior districts, and they will come more and more to desire the benefits of education. At Lahor, one of our stations, a beginning has been made on a small scale in this good work, as shown by the following extracts from the report of the missions.

Only at this station have schools in Zenanas yet been attempted in our Mission; and the work here has been confined within very narrow limits. The following, from the pen of a Native Christian lady, who, however, is not an employee of the Mission, will show how interesting a field of labour it is: "You want to know something of the women amongst whom I have been privileged to labour. They are four in number,

and all natives of Bengal,—very intelligent and eager to learn. They are much in advance of other females of the country. They have thrown away caste prejudices, given up the worship of idols, and professed faith in the one living God. I thought they would be an interesting class of people to work among; and therefore opened communications with them in March last. I met with a warm reception, and felt encouraged to work. I commenced to teach them English and needle-work. They manifested great aptitude in acquiring these; and in less than four months made so much progress as to be able to read the First Book in English with considerable ease. I never attempted to give them any regular instruction in religion; but whenever opportunity offered, I always spoke to them of the blessed Saviour and his love to fallen man." This lady was obliged to leave Lahore about the middle of the summer on account of sickness in her family. Since then, her work has been carried on by Mrs. Bose. The deep interest shown by these women in the instruction received from their teacher, and the affectionate regard for her they seem to cherish, with the gratitude they have expressed for her pains-taking efforts to enlighten them, are signs of great promise, and would themselves be a rich reward for the labour bestowed on them, even if nothing further were to result from it.

Another Zenana has been the scene of a similar effort; but on a still smaller scale. The learner is the wife of a

Maulavi. He became a Christian last year; but she has never yet, formally, renounced Mohammedanism, though willing to be instructed in the principles of Christianity. She is learning to read Roman Urdu. The teacher is the Bible Woman referred to in another part of this Report.

Jim, a Zulu:

Before and after his Conversion.

We take the following article from the *Presbyterian Monthly* of July. It was written, we believe, by a lady who was a highly esteemed member of one of our churches in this city, and who with her lamented husband, would have been connected with our Corisco Mission, but for considerations of health. This truly remarkable narrative shows that the presence and grace of Christ are with his servant in South Africa. It shows also, we think, that the choice gifts and graces of the best social position and culture are by no means wasted in missionary life among the heathen. And we are sure the striking example which it gives of the duty and encouragement of prayer, will be highly prized by our readers:

I have written to you from time to time of Jim and his history, but as to-day seems a marked day to me in the long waited for answer to prayer in respect to him, I think I will write his history in one letter that you can show to others, and perhaps it may help them. The words which are in my heart to-day are these, "That men ought always to pray and not to faint."

While I have prayed and waited these long months I have sometimes nearly "fainted," and almost thought it was in vain, but to-day I stand still and see the salvation of God. It was the first week after Mr. L—— died that, in Sunday school one afternoon, I was astonished at the magnificent voice of some one in chapel. It was a voice that carried me back to New York and the concerts in the Academy of Music, when some great singer came from Europe. I listened in astonishment at such a voice *there*, and it almost made me fancy myself at home again. Looking to see whence it came, I saw a young man, perhaps twenty-five years old. His face was not as good-looking as

those of many of our natives, but his forehead was so large and full, that a stranger would say he must have more brains than most people, and altogether there was something striking in his appearance.

When we came out I inquired who he was, and they told me he was called Jim, and was a very hard-hearted person; or, as we should say in English, a wild, hard man.

The next day I called the young men to begin their school, and in the evening after nearly all the others had come in, the door opened and he appeared. I spoke to him and he seemed pleased, said he knew how to read and write, had taught himself, but he was anxious to learn arithmetic and many things. His home was three miles away, but as school was in the evening, he would come over every day, and stay with a friend at night, so as to attend. So night after night he came and advanced rapidly in whatever they were all learning.

I selected some of the best readers to form into a Bible class for Sabbath evenings, and when I was talking to some of the young men I casually said, Jim was one of those selected for this class. They began to laugh and said, "He won't come. Why, he knows the Bible from beginning to end, and there is not a person, Christian or even missionary, who can reason with him; he has too much brains to be good, and besides he does not think much of *women* for teachers."

Time passed on and I became more and more interested in my scholars, and saw them improve in every way. With Jim, however, I continued just in the place where I began. He was always at school, always interested, but I had no more influence over him than I have this moment over the Emperor of France. The universal opinion was that in religious matters, he was as learned as any white man, and was an intelligent, thoroughly studied and open skeptic, perhaps *infidel*.

At this time the religious interest appeared amongst us, and you know a very large proportion of the young men became Christians; all of his class within a few weeks of each other. With all my efforts to see him, I never could succeed in meeting him, excepting his regular attendance at school. I heard of his boasting to one of the people that if I were not a *woman*, he should like to reason with me, for he knew that he could prove to me from the Bible many

things, and that if it were not for making me feel badly, he should like to try.

One Sabbath evening in our Bible class the Spirit was very near us, it was at these times when one and another had come forward to ask the way of salvation. Of the ten, I had hope of eight as being Christians. On this Sabbath evening *Jim* came in for the first time. After the lesson was over, they began talking among themselves. As they sat in a circle the first spoke, and said, "This week I hope I am a Christian." The second also spoke, and so each in turn, the class showed deep feeling and there were many tears. The ninth that night expressed his love to Christ for the first time, and *Jim* was the tenth.

When it came to *Jim* I was standing near him, and I turned and said, "Jim what have you to say, you have heard the others speak?" He did not answer, so I began talking to him, and long and earnestly I pleaded with him. All his reply was, "I wish you would stop speaking, I do not love Christ nor believe in him, and I do not want to hear anything more about it." He spoke so that I was unable to keep my tears from flowing, and it was some time before I could become calm. Then once more I told him how he was doing, he who knew so perfectly the plan of salvation, and how the Spirit would be grieved away. I cannot tell all I said, but if I ever pleaded with a sinner it was then, and every one in the room was weeping except himself and me. I told him then I had said all that I could, all that there was to say, and that from that night, although he might see me daily, I never again should speak to him on this subject until he spoke first, that there was not anything to say, he knew it all, and he need not fear to meet me again, as these were my last words, but if he died or I died, he was to remember that I had been faithful with him, and in God's sight. He did not reply except by saying, "I am going home," and he rose and left the room.

The remaining scholars seemed perfectly thunderstruck, and almost heart-broken that he should have grieved me so, and then we joined in prayer for him, and then separated. When I reached my room I could not sleep, but after thinking of it I saw but one help, that was to pray for him, for except in God there was no power to turn him. Then and there I resolved to pray, and so prayed earnestly, and then I felt quiet,

and could sleep. The next evening, he was at the school as usual, and appeared as though nothing had happened. Still, as I watched him, it seemed as if he were becoming more and more hardened. During the chapel services he paid no attention in prayer, did not seem to listen to the services, and would not sing, unless at a time he particularly liked. To Sunday-school he would not come, but came sometimes to the vestibule and sat reading his Bible outside. In all the various interests of the young men he took no part, and kept as far from me as possible. He was constantly having discussions with the Christians at the station, and always defeated them, and from the Bible he could so reason against what the missionaries said, that if a man listened to him he could almost make him believe like himself. It was true what they said of him, that he knew the Bible in all parts, chapter and verse, and there was not a doctrine or a fact he had not read, and made up his mind what it meant.

About this time one of the young men fell into great sin, and *Jim* led him on deeper by his power of reasoning and proving, till he well nigh made shipwreck of the man whose mind was less strong than his, so that he was unable to cope with him. My heart was very much discouraged for him at this time, and my prayer was well nigh "fainting." But a few weeks after I needed some one to build my school house, and being away, I wrote to him, asking him to take charge of it. He wrote me such a pleasant letter in reply, that it seemed to encourage and help me. He seemed so unlike all the others in this one thing, the caring for me; all the others had by degrees, some sooner, some later, come under my influence. They would listen to my slightest wish about everything, and all their concerns were known to me. He laughed at them for it, and when they were kind to me, or did as I said, or told me their troubles, &c., it was sure to bring a word of irony or ridicule from him. Many of them were very careless at first regarding their clothes, as to cleanliness or rags, but soon this vanished. I could not bear to see *Jim* so, and did everything to persuade him to alter; but he said, "Oh, it is good enough; I like it, and that is enough; much obliged to you, but I do not wish it otherwise."

As I said, I asked him to build, and on my return, as I was obliged to go to the place, I saw more of him, and more

and more was I impressed with the wonderful power he might exert for good or evil. I found then for the first time that I was beginning to have the least bit of his regard. One day, when, in speaking of a verse, I took the Greek and referred to it, he seemed to think if I was a woman I knew something. All these months he had not been to Bible class, but continued regularly at evening school. When I found he was becoming less distant, I suggested his learning to sing by note, as he had such a fine voice, and when he had learned, which was very soon, I gave him charge of the bass to teach the others at our evening singings. I think it was soon after this that he came again to Bible class one evening, but as he said something which offended one of the others, he told me the next day he should never come again.

It is not easy for me to tell how the change began. I think the first indications were more attention to his dress. I no longer had to feel sorry to see one who really was so superior, looking worse than those who were not fit to be his associates. As he did my work, I kept throwing responsibility on him, and making him feel that I did not think him so hardened as others did, and I consulted him a great deal about many things. He began to come regularly to the Bible class, and often when subjects came up he would come to me during the week and talk about them. I saw, too, by degrees his tone changed. He no longer tried to dispute everything, to argue that prayer was of no use, that everybody would be saved, and dozens of other such ideas.

In our frequent talks on religious subjects, I never spoke to him of himself, and only from his general remarks could I see the change in his thoughts and feelings. I heard also from a boy living in the same house that "Jim had prayers with them all every night," and I heard of his praying elsewhere. I saw his conduct in chapel so different, and his coming into Sunday-School and every other meeting, which before he never regarded. As these changes took place in his relations to others, with myself he became the most thoughtful and docile of all my pupils. I could not say "I wish" about anything, but it was done, and he never would do the smallest thing without asking me, beginning then to say "mother," which the others had called me for many months. I began to hear the people talk of "the great change in Jim."

Now, if any one disputed a part of the Bible, he reasoned and convinced them, and now, any word against the Bible or in favour of evil was taken up by him, and the objector silenced. I asked him if he would take my Sunday noon Bible class of young men, and the next Sunday with his Bible he came, and since then I have no words to tell you all the good he has accomplished with that class.

I began by degrees to depend on him to help me everywhere, and no one dared say anything out of the way when he was near. You may smile, but all this time he was becoming the neatest person to be seen anywhere. In our talks of the Bible he never said "I am so," but in remarks such as, "we find when we pray," or other words, I could see his rapid growth in Christian life from week to week.

About this time the girl to whom he was engaged, a noble Christian girl, came to me one day and in talking said, "You cannot know the wonderful change in Jim; perhaps you remember the night at Bible class so long ago, when you spoke to him of himself. He came home early, I was stopping at John's, where he lived. He came in and threw himself down. We said, 'Where is John?' 'At school,' he answered. 'Why did you come home first?' 'Hush,' he called out, so we waited until John came. He said Jim had talked badly to you and broken your heart. The next day, Jim said 'You had talked to him and he could overthrow your arguments, but he would not because you were a woman, and you asked him if he did not believe; you spoke to him because you loved him and wanted him to be saved, and he said he would not be talked to so, he did not believe in Christian love at all.'" "To-day," added she, "I was in my garden, and he came out, sat down and said, 'Do you remember that night?' I said 'Yes.' Then he added, 'Zita, to-day I am a little child. The first thing that conquered me was our mother's love. I learned to see her love in giving up her home to come to me; from that I learned the love of Christ. God helping me I am her child till death, and my Saviour's through eternity.'" "The girl was speaking with tears when she said, 'I always loved my husband for his greatness, but thank God through you now I can love him for everything'"

Since Jim began to teach, the people ask for him to teach them, as "he

knows how so much better than others," and his time has been much occupied in such work. Last evening, Unbyana, one of our native missionaries, came and preached from the text, "Come over and help us," a very powerful sermon and full of earnestness. This morning I was writing in the school house when Jim came in. It is such an every day thing, his coming now to see if there is anything for him to do to help me, that I thought nothing of it. He sat down and we talked of one thing and another. He soon said, "What a splendid sermon we had last night, I could sit all day and listen and it stirs me so." I said, half smiling, "Why, Jim, why don't you go if you like such words?" He replied, "I shall if I live a few months longer." I looked up in surprise and said, "Are you in earnest?" "Yes, mother." "But I heard you say sometime ago, nothing would induce you to be a missionary." "Yes, you have heard me say a good many other things. I speak first now, so you cannot say you recalled your words of that Sunday night so long ago, I came to tell you of my heart, how it loves the Saviour." I said, "I have known that a long time." "Yes, but I speak first and from to-day let us talk much, and as I said, I wait to prove myself, for my heart was very bad, and if God gives me power, before long I shall be far away among the heathen. I know

I have power, I know I am wise in the Bible and in its truths, and if I have a gift from God I shall be able to bring many to love Him. And now while I live, I pray for power to work here and that they may be fitted for great good in this world."

It is useless to tell you all the words we spoke, or how when he sat down he began writing off the music of a chant, and asked me to try it with him, his voice was true and clear, while mine trembled with the great joy I had found this day. And now while he is doing his work among the sick and ignorant, who was almost a Saul in evil, and will be a Paul to his nation in good, I thank my God for not having fainted, and if I could speak to those who pray long and almost faint I would say: "Men ought always to pray and not to faint."

How can the heathen be saved when they do not even know that there is a heaven where there is nothing but happiness, and a hell where there is nothing but woe? Besides, even if they knew this, they do not know how the one is to be gained, or the other avoided; for they have never heard that Jesus Christ died to save sinners. Ought not something to be done immediately to teach them? Will not *you* try to do something for them?
M. S. C.

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From the prairies of Northwestern Iowa a colporteur writes as follows:

"I stated in my last that I was going northeast. I travelled in that direction as far as I could, and I found the roads in such a condition that I could go no farther. I got into a very bad place and mired my horse and buggy in mud and water not less than four feet deep. While I was reaching forward to free my horse, my watch became unhooked and fell into the mud. As soon as I got the horse on *terra firma* I returned to search for the watch, and this search occupied the remainder of the day. I plunged in and found the watch after a long and diligent search. I then led my horse some distance around the slough, hitched him to the rear of the buggy, drew it out and changed my course to the southwest. Since then I have travelled over entirely new ground, where neither minister nor colporteur has ever been. Ninty per cent. of the people I have met have minds as dark as a starless midnight. No ray from the Sun of Righteousness has ever shone upon them. Many of them are willing to read, but have no means with which to purchase books or papers. Under such circumstances I have given away more, perhaps, than I should have done. But I could not help it.

"Last night I reached a house at dark, where I found the husband and wife had been members of our church in the East. For *eleven years* they had not heard a Presbyterian sermon. How glad they were to see me! This man has just told me of two more Presbyterian families living some nine miles west. These I hope to see to-day. In the same settlement are a number of others who know not Christ. I don't expect to sell them many books, but possibly I may do them some good by conversation, prayer, and the distribution of suitable tracts.

"I have not time to write the half I would like.

J. S. L."

A Good Gift for Missionaries.

The Board has continued to send copies of "*Hodge on the Atonement*" to our missionaries, as far as gifts of money were received for the purpose. The following is an acknowledgment from one of them.

———, Minnesota.

My Dear Brother,—"*Hodge on the Atonement*" has just been received

by mail. I have desired to possess this work from its first appearance, and I desire to render my heartfelt thanks to the kind donor thereof. No more suitable publication could be forwarded to the missionaries of our church than this, and it comes to cheer them amid their toils, and remind them that they are not forgotten by those who are able to send these gleams of sunshine into their homes and hearts. I trust all our missionaries will receive a copy of this most excellent work. K.

The Power of Tracts.

"God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty."
—1 Cor. i: 27.

"It is my conviction," says a popular writer, "that more will have to be done through the press. . . . Tracts can go everywhere. Tracts know no fear. Tracts never tire. Tracts never die. Tracts can be multiplied without end by the press. Tracts can travel at little expense. They run up and down like the angels of God, blessing all, giving to all, and asking no gift in return. They can talk to one as well as to a multitude; and to a multitude as well as to one. They require no public room to tell their story in. They can tell it in the kitchen or the shop, the parlor or the closet, in the railway carriage or in the omnibus, on the broad highway or in the footpath through the fields. They take no note of scoffs, or jeers, or taunts. No one can betray them into hasty or random expressions. Though they will not always answer questions, they will tell their story twice, or thrice, or four times over, if you wish them. And they can be made to speak on every subject, and on every subject they may be made to speak wisely and well. They can, in short, be made vehicles of all truth; the teachers of all classes; the benefactors of all lands."

Christian reader, what are you doing for the Lord in this promising field of happy service? You profess to love Him. If your profession be truthful, will it not lead you to work for Him? You cannot say you can do nothing. Every one can do something: and God can use the weakest things to accomplish the most glorious results. A tract handed to a neighbour may be, through God's grace, a richer gift to him than the wealth of the world. Work, then, wherever and whenever you can, and pray for a blessing on every messenger of glad tidings that you scatter.—*Selected.*

Sabbath-school Books Blessed.

A correspondent of the *Presbyterian* recently communicated the following interesting paragraph:

The little missionary church organized about a year ago at Oquawka Junction, Illinois, is experiencing a very refreshing work of grace. Not less than twelve persons profess to have found the Saviour during the series of meetings commencing with the week of prayer. Six have already united with the church, and several others expect to do so at the next communion. The interest still continues. The pastor of this church is the Rev. William Keiry, recently a member of our Northwestern Seminary,

and formerly an efficient colporteur of our Board of Publication. If an allusion to any one of our Boards can be allowed, I will say that Mr. Keiry tells me, in his letter, that he finds that part of his education which was received in the colportage work of the Board, of great advantage to him in his present field of labour. It is both an interesting and suggestive incident that, among the recent converts to Christ, is a Sabbath-school scholar whose conversion can be traced directly to the reading of the books in a "second-hand," but well preserved Sabbath-school library, which was donated to the school. These books were part of about five hundred volumes which at the suggestion of the Rev. Dr. Richardson, were placed at the disposal of your correspondent by the Sabbath-school of the First church of Newburyport, Massachusetts, and were distributed among our poor and destitute schools in the North-West. With such an incentive before them, will not other schools preserve their books, and make a similar disposition of them?

A Grant acknowledged.

A missionary in the extreme southwestern portion of Missouri, to whose Sabbath-school a library was recently granted by the Board, speaks of its reception as follows:

"Dear Brother:—The books have come and many thanks for them. I wish you could be present at one of the sessions of our school. I know you would be delighted if you could peep into our 'upper room,' on the Sabbath at 3 P. M., and see the number of little ones gathered in to learn from our lips the precious story of the Cross. We have now over one hundred members of our school, and our brethren seem determined by the blessing of God, to make it a nursery of truth and piety. Your timely donation will make a good beginning for our library. Additional books we must soon have. In our Bible classes there are not less than thirty young persons just now of an age when it is important to put into their hearts good wholesome reading matter. How to supply this want, and procure papers for the whole school, taxes our ingenuity. As yet the way is not clear. Our pecuniary resources are quite limited. Out of these a hall has to be rented, and fitted up for services, and the pastor's salary raised. It will therefore, as you see, require some head working as well as heart-moving to obtain the funds necessary to make our school a success.

J. W. P."

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<i>Pby of Louisville</i> —Chestnut Street ch, Louisville	91 55	<i>Pby of Warren</i> —Prairie ch 5; Galeburg ch 1	6 00
<i>Pby of Madison</i> —Donaldson ch	2 00	<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Cross Roads ch 7; Fairview ch 4 63; Wheeling 1st ch 24 60	36 23
<i>Pby of Marion</i> —York ch 2; Marysville ch 9; Milford Centre ch 5 55	16 55	<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Fislerville ch 16 30; May's Landing ch 3 07; Tuckalooe ch 1	20 37
<i>Pby of Maumee</i> —Hicksville ch. 3 50; Union ch 3 10	5 60	<i>Pby of West Virginia</i> —Hugh's River ch 10 35; Fairmount ch 5; Grafton ch 7	22 35
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Gettysburg ch 11 05; Springfield 2d ch 38; Dayton 1st and 3d chs 49 58	98 63	<i>Pby of White Water</i> —Ebenezer ch	4 57
<i>Pby of Michigan</i> —Woodhull ch	2 25	<i>Pby of Winnebago</i> —Winneconne ch 4; Portage City ch 8; Depere ch 13; Robinsonville ch 9 55	34 55
<i>Pby of Milwaukee</i> —Port Washington ch	2 50	<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Madison ch 20; McConnelleville ch 7; Coshocton ch 13 53	40 23
<i>Pby of Missouri River</i> —Iberia ch	10 50		
<i>Pby of Mohawk</i> —Park Central ch 40 22; Oswego 1st ch 132	172 22		
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Squan Village ch	5 00		

MISCELLANEOUS.

D M Fair 4 40; "A Friend" 10; "A Friend of Christ" 1 50; "C" of New York 5; Rev W S Steele 20; Mrs Mary M McGill, Danville 2; "G M," New York 3; "A S" 3; Hattie A Birchard 75 cts; Mrs M E B and Daughters 100; By J M Barriek, Miss E G 1 50; Mrs. F G Lewis 4 50; V L M 1 50

\$3,364 30

WINTHROP SARGENT, Treasurer.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Corresponding Secretary, Rev. H. L. Cox.

Treasurer, DAVID KEITH, St. Louis, Mo.

A Cheap Church.

By special request we republish the following article which appeared some years ago in the *Record*.

In these troublous times many feeble churches are at their wits' end to secure a place of worship. Their diminished resources, at home and abroad, forbid the erection of the humblest sanctuary of ordinary construction. To such, the subjoined reply to an inquiry addressed to the Rev. Dr. Lord, of Buffalo, New York, may be useful. It is far better for churches to try the rude, though comfortable shelter therein described, than to disband, or be driven from place to place, or strive with others for the occasional use of some public building ill suited to their wants. The scarcity of timber, and consequent high price of lumber in the broad prairie regions of the West, may render the course pursued by the Central Church impracticable in a few cases. In such exceptional instances, the church may imitate the hardy pioneer, and construct a very temporary shelter of the earth itself and the grass that waves so luxuriantly on its surface. A church so housed, does indeed labour at the greatest disadvantage, but almost anything is better than entire destitution, or a burdensome debt. We need scarcely add, that sawdust, charcoal, or even dry sand, may fill the place of tan-bark in the structure described by Dr. Lord, and concerning which he says, "At the organization of the Central Presbyterian Church in the year 1835, a building was commenced for temporary use, and occupied for a year or two, of the following dimensions and description. About 25 feet front, by 70 or 75 deep. Frame of joist and scantling, boarded inside and outside with rough unplanned hemlock boards, having a vacancy between the boarding the width of the scantling, say 4 inches. The vacancy was filled in with tan-bark before putting on the roof, making the audience room cool in summer and warm in winter. The roof entirely plain shingled, and without any ceiling. A front door, and the necessary number of plain windows; a single aisle, and moveable seats on each side. This cheap edifice seated from 300 to 400 people, was filled at once, and gave excellent satisfaction. It cost about \$300, and I think, where lumber is cheap, it might be constructed for \$250. The lumber, the main expense, is uninjured, so that when the building is taken down, it is worth as much as when used in the erection of it. Our building externally, had something of the aspect of a huge blacksmith's shop, but was nevertheless popular and as well attended by what are called fashionable people, as other churches. It is my opinion that a building of this kind, without any pretension whatever, only made convenient and comfortable, is more attractive than a half unfinished shell of a church. Such a building might be used several years without decay, and until the congregation was strong enough to erect a permanent and graceful edifice."

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION IN JUNE, 1868.

<i>Pby of Vinton</i> —Salem ch	\$15 00	<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Centre ch	52 00
<i>Pby of Huntington</i> —Fruit Hill ch	10 00	<i>Pby of Rollstone</i> —George's Creek ch	8 00
<i>Pby of North River</i> —Calvary ch	5 00	<i>Pby of Saltburg</i> —Plum Creek ch 24 28; Wash- ington ch 5 80	30 08
<i>Pby of Salina</i> —Friendsville ch	4 00	<i>Received at Philadelphia.</i>	
<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Oakland ch 11 50; West Point ch 5; Pilot Grove ch 1 50	18 00	<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Seventh ch Sab-schs	27 02
<i>Pby of St. Clairville</i> —Kirkwood ch	12 00	<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Deerfield ch	16 30
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Newton ch	6 00	<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Madison ch	13 00
<i>Pby of Scubenville</i> —East Springfield ch	9 00	Total receipts for May \$310 75	
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —First ch Lebanon	36 25	DAVID KEITH, Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo.	
<i>Pby of Muncie</i> —Union ch 5; Hartford ch 3	8 00		
<i>Pby of Encheater City</i> —Port Byron ch	34 75		
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Livermore ch	12 35		

FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS, AND THE NEEDY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

The following amounts have been received since last report, viz:

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Albany 1st ch 246 26; Schenectady ch 77 71	\$323 97
<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Mrs M A S	25 00
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Somerset ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Hamilton ch	1 00
<i>Pby of Vincennes</i> —Scaffold Prairie ch	1 00
<i>Pby of White Water</i> —Rushville 1st ch	5 15
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Rye ch	30 88
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Brooklyn 1st ch 112 28; Brooklyn Central ch 55 17; Newtown ch 30 54; Lawrence ch 15	212 99
<i>Pby of New York</i> —Brick ch	366 76
<i>Pby of Marion</i> —Pisgah ch 2; Radnor ch 3	4 00
<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Madison ch	19 50
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —East Kishacoquillas ch	18 30
<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Lewisburg ch	41 00
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Temperanceville ch	15 00
<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Caledonia ch	4 00
<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Union ch	6 50

<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Unity ch	\$5 20
"L S I," of Rockford, Ill	1,085 25
"C," of New York	5 00
A Friend	10 00
Interest on Permanent Fund	10 00
	85 60
	\$1,195 75

GEO. H. VAN GELDER,

Treasurer Trustees of General Assembly,

Office, No. 320 Walnut Street.

Philadelphia, July 6th, 1868.

In remitting money to this Fund, the name of the Church and Presbytery to which it belongs should be distinctly stated, that it may be correctly acknowledged. And where checks or drafts are sent they should be drawn to the order of "GEO. H. VAN GELDER, Treasurer."

The usefulness of this fund is attested by communications to the Committee, too numerous to be reported. A clerical friend writes concerning a venerable Christian lady: "I wish that you could converse with her, if but for one half hour. You would be deeply impressed with the excellency of both her head and her heart. Language cannot exaggerate the value to her of your annual remittances. They are always welcome, always needed, and the Committee may be assured, that they are economically and prudently used."

One of the forms in which the fund proves eminently helpful, is in meeting severe, and sometimes sudden emergencies, by the giving of temporary relief; or, such as is needed only for a time. A young mother, the widow of a missionary in the West, was commended to the Committee for help. By a judicious use of two or three annual appropriations, she has become qualified for a position in a literary institution, where she is able to support herself. In other instances, ministers have been disabled by excessive anxiety and overwork. A morbid condition of both body and mind, has made them desponding, incapable of labour, and almost bereft of reason, while pondering over their own suffering, and the wants of a helpless family. The relief of mind afforded by the fund has wrought a happy change in their health, which could not be effected by the physician. "Our suffering brother," writes a stated clerk, "has so far recovered, that he is able to resume his labours, and will not ask for another remittance. His condition was so alarming as to cause serious apprehensions about the result. I verily believe, that the efficient remedy in his case was administered through your Committee. Your appropriation, under God, appears to have been the means of saving his life." Two years ago, one of our young ministers was arrested in his labours by the state of his throat and chest. He is submissive and hopeful, trusting in a gracious Providence, to restore him to health, which he thinks, is improving. Should his expectation be realized, he will not need nor ask further aid.—*Report, p. 4.*

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

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 WM. MAIN, Esq., *Receiving Agent*, 907 Arch street, Philadelphia.

"How shall they Hear without a Preacher."

The work among the Freedmen is greatly hindered, from the inability of the Committee to sustain a sufficient number of ministers to feed the flocks gathered. For the sixty churches reported on the 1st of May, there were but twenty-six ministers and four licentiates. The number of organizations is constantly increasing, while the missionaries are bending all their energies toward building up the churches already established. The congregations are longing for instruction. They grow weary of the worship when piety is sought to be nourished by ignorant devotion. The uneducated exhorters soon wear out, however much the people may be attached to them. Thus Presbyterian congregations must have pastors who can instruct the people. Multitudes have learned to read the word of God, and they need some one to "give the sense." We beg the followers of the Lord to recall his direction to his disciples, "when he saw the multitudes; and was moved with compassion on them because they fainted, and were scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd." "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

In the meantime, while we labour to instruct and prepare workmen who need not be ashamed, the feeble churches must not be neglected, and our female teachers, with a true missionary spirit, are doing what they can to build up the churches, and maintain the Sabbath assemblage. The following extract from a letter just received from one of these devoted helpers, gives us a view of their efforts which ought to interest us more earnestly in the work. This lady and her associate, have in charge a large congregation, with a church membership of more than one hundred and fifty. These people have been able to have preaching but once in two weeks during the winter, and, the missionary having been compelled to leave from ill-health, they are now without preaching. With great importunity they beg for a pastor, and the Committee have the prospect of soon relieving these excellent ladies.

The letter is as follows:—

"LOG CABIN, July 2d, 1868."

"Dear Sir,—It becomes my duty at the close of another month, to report the progress and prospects. But in the beginning allow me to say that it is not my intention to worry you with importunate appeals although the 'awful necessities' of our case have not been attended to. 'Uncle Henry' does the best he can, but he does not seem acceptable to the people. Very few come out to hear him. He told me last Sabbath, that he was very much discouraged, but he says, by the help of the Lord I will try to keep the people together, until some one comes to take my place.' Our Sabbath-school is very interesting, and we are much encouraged with it. There is a great deal of deep serious feeling among the older scholars, some have expressed a hope since last communion, and others are feeling that it is almost time to seek the Lord. As we have no preaching, on Sabbath evening we have the people meet to sing. Owing to the heat, we get together only about an hour before sunset. We teach them to sing hymns, Miss B. plays the melodeon, and I *line out*. Last Sabbath evening we sang until their dusky faces looked like shadows in the moonlight, and I could but think that perhaps God was as well pleased with the worship of that lowly group as with that ascending through the gilded dome of a splendid cathedral.

"Those long-looked-for books, 'Worship in the Schoolroom,' arrived last week, and this evening a box and bundle came from the express office. When opened, we found they contained a beautiful communion service. Can you tell us where it came from? The bundle had books of various kinds, catechisms, papers, etc. Our hearts were made glad with all these timely gifts.

"We had both set our hearts on staying through the summer, for our vacation comes just when the young men and women can get a little spare time. But

illness at home, and the advice of many as to the necessity of rest and recreation have decided us to go home for a short time. Mr. M— started for home last week quite sick, and we are feeling anxious for his safe arrival among friends who can take care of him. Pray for us, and for our people. 'Uncle Henry' prays that we may not have *short patience*, and no doubt we need that sort of prayer.

"Yours truly,
R. M—."

News from the Field.

Rev. J. A. Chresfield reports an interesting work of grace in Mocksville. The church is under the ministrations of Mr. W. J. Williams, a licentiate, who is sick. Mr. C— administered the sacraments for him, and found a most interesting state of things. He ordained an elder, and received fifteen members by examination.

The church building at Greensboro, N. C., is completed, and a large school has been opened under charge of Messrs. Thompson and Noco, students of Lincoln University. These young brethren, who are labouring without salary, give promise of a noble work and good success. Mr. T. writes: "We are discussing the question: How can we labour so as to accomplish the greatest amount in the shortest time. My happiness will be greatly increased when a hundred God-fearing, pious men, sent from Lincoln University shall devise some plan for ameliorating the spiritual condition of these despairing sons of Ham. We have determined to try to do the work of our Master if we return without a cent. I do not know how I shall pay my board; but I have put it in the account-book of Him who says, 'The gold and the silver are mine.'"

The work goes on in Amelia Co., Va. Mr. Murphey sends most cheering reports from all his churches. Every service finds sinners enquiring what they must do.

The Committee at its last meeting determined to convert the school in Charleston, S. C., into an academy. This they were enabled to do by the generous help of Mrs. E. G. Wallingford, of Pittsburgh. The Committee have named this school *The Wallingford Academy*, as a memorial of the late husband of its generous patron. Rev. J. H. Bates, of the Presbytery of Londonderry, has taken charge of this mission, and hopes soon to be on the ground.

A Word from Home.

The Committee on Freedmen have an empty treasury, and are a thousand dollars in debt. What will the churches do?

DONATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN IN JUNE, 1868.

<i>Pky of Albany</i> —Kingston ch \$35; Carlisle ch, special 10; Amsterdam Village 34 15; Infant sch, Saratoga Springs 3 75	\$82 80
<i>Pky of Catawba</i> —Coloured sch, Lexington 1 50; Coloured sch, Gold Hill 2 75	4 25
<i>Pky of Connecticut</i> —South Salem, A Friend 50 00	50 00
<i>Pky of Chirothe</i> —Mrs M A S	50 00
<i>Pky of Madison</i> —Hanover ch, Miss Logan's Sab-sch class	1 00
<i>Pky of Newton</i> —First ch, Newton 95; 1st ch Bloomsbury 5 40	100 40
<i>Pky of Nassau</i> —Walabout ch	18 43
<i>Pky of New York</i> —Potts Memorial Sab-sch 10 00	10 00
<i>Pky of Ohio</i> —Central ch, Pittsburgh 25; 1st ch Pittsburgh, from Mrs E G Wallingford, special 950	975 00
<i>Pky of St Louis</i> —Second ch, St Louis	250 00
<i>Pky of Schuyler</i> —Camp Creek ch	14 50
<i>Pky of Steubenville</i> —Waynesburg and Bethlehem chs 8; Unity ch, Youngstown 17	25 00
<i>Pky of Troy</i> —Second ch, Troy	41 65
<i>Pky of Washington</i> —First ch, Washington, special 50 00	50 00
<i>Pky of Zanesville</i> —Madison ch	22 50
<i>Pky of Western Reserve</i> —Cleveland, Westminster ch Sab-sch	5 60

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs M Ramsey, Salem, N J 5; Friends at Albany, special 100; H S B and wife, N Y 5; Bryan, O

special 5; Soldiers' orphans at Philipsburg, Pa 5; Rev W G Taylor and wife, Philipsburg Pa 10; Mr Lukens, McKeesport, Pa 5; Mr Plumer, McKeesport, Pa 1; Miss L G Sanford, Erie, Pa 10; Rev S C Logan, Pittsburgh 2; "A C McClelland, Pittsburgh" 1; M W Jacobus D.D. 25; David McKinney 25; Geo A Berry Esq, Pittsburgh 50; W McClintock Esq, Pittsburgh 25; H Walters 2; J Mc I; M Laird, Wheeling 3 50; T H Newton 1; Wm. Wray 1; Susan A Rose, Rockdale Mills 1; H H Patten, Princeton, Ind 5; John Anderson, Anderson's Mills Pa 1; J M— Anderson's Mills Pa 100

Total receipts in May, \$2,051 73
D. ROBINSON, Treasurer.
No 78 Fourth Street, Pittsburgh.

The Committee acknowledge the following contributions received during the month:—

Package Testaments from Mrs. Jane Stewart Allegheny City.
From Glade Run ch, Pa., through Rev. G. W. Mehlis, \$20.
From Plumville ch, Pa., through Rev. Prof. J. M. Jones \$13. friends of Mrs. S. J. Neil, for the purchase of Hymn Books for "Big Oak" ch. Va.

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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

TABLE

SHOWING THE AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS FROM MARCH 1, 1867 TO MARCH 1, 1868, BY SYNODS AND PRESBYTERIES, AND THE AMOUNT DUE OR PAID IN RETURN TO THEM, DURING THE SAME PERIOD, FOR THE SUPPORT OF THEIR MISSIONARIES.

SYNODS.	PRESBYTERIES.	No. of Ministers.	No. of Churches.	No. of Church Members.	Contributed to the Board.	Received from the Board.
ALBANY.....	Albany.....	85	36	5701	\$1990 14	\$258 33
	Londonderry.....	29	11	1619	249 04	416 67
	Mohawk.....	8	7	858	379 50	26 00
	Troy.....	17	15	2662	883 11	372 08
			89	69	10840	\$3501 79	$1072 08
ALLEGHENY.....	Allegheny.....	28	34	3885	\$429 29	.....
	Allegheny City.....	25	20	3179	1100 41	\$925 00
	Beaver.....	19	19	3182	514 65	.....
	Erie.....	20	34	3188	592 49	1037 50
			87	107	13484	\$2636 84	$1962 50
BALTIMORE.....	Baltimore.....	29	31	3874	\$2620 62	\$1543 05
	Carlisle.....	34	54	5481	1873 48	602 08
	Catawba.....	8	33	1603	9 50	3412 50
	Lewes.....	9	19	834	112 25	91 67
	Potomac.....	13	11	1247	612 62	1058 34
			93	146	13039	\$5228 42	$6707 64
BUFFALO.....	Buffalo City.....	12	8	726	\$368 70	\$120 17
	Genesee River.....	16	12	1351	286 54	275 00
	Ogdensburg.....	7	7	864	123 98	179 17
	Rochester City.....	14	11	2310	572 91	466 66
		49	38	5251	\$1347 13	\$1050 00
CHICAGO.....	Bureau.....	21	22	1295	\$120 15	\$969 42
	Chicago.....	43	31	2438	480 30	2427 48
	Rock River.....	20	28	1625	356 16	1684 78
	Schuyler.....	17	19	1890	267 35	667 43
	Warren.....	14	18	1427	149 05	363 61
	Synodical.....	...	...	.....	15 70	.....
			115	113	8173	\$1393 71	$6092 72
CINCINNATI.....	Chillicothe.....	18	30	2825	\$382 01	\$583 25
	Cincinnati.....	30	28	2702	597 14	208 25
	Miami.....	26	22	2803	602 15	.....
	Oxford.....	17	16	1416	380 82	89 58
	Sidney.....	13	21	1937	382 21	883 84
	Synodical.....	...	...	.....	79 68	.....
		104	117	11683	\$2428 96	\$1264 42

TABLE—Continued.

SYNODS.	PRESBYTERIES.	No. of Ministers.	No. of Churches.	No. of Church Members.	Contributed to the Board.	Received from the Board.	
ILLINOIS.....	Bloomington.....	29	33	1946	\$256 51	\$1638 95	
	Kaskaskia.....	22	24	1483	216 25	389 02	
	Palestine.....	11	22	1394	102 90	747 75	
	Peoria.....	23	20	2070	479 10	448 10	
	Saline.....	18	26	1011	234 51	1201 93	
	Sangamon.....	26	26	2172	594 15	256 25	
			123	151	10076	\$1882 42	\$4752 00
INDIANA.....	Indianapolis.....	16	14	1908	\$180 50	\$225 00	
	Madison.....	10	15	1079	149 55	823 96	
	New Albany.....	12	24	1485	206 40	377 08	
	Vincennes.....	16	18	1290	240 45	257 06	
	White Water.....	13	19	1581	353 66	.....
	Synodical.....	...	...	...	56 34	.....
			67	90	7213	\$1246 90	\$1183 12
IOWA.....	Cedar.....	17	30	1819	\$410 00	\$1016 31	
	*Dubuque.....	26	38	1582	218 40	2291 17	
	Fort Dodge.....	6	9	187	39 03	1470 40	
	Vinton.....	10	24	1033	160 25	2105 42	
			59	101	4621	\$627 68	\$6883 30
KANSAS.....	Highland.....	7	7	303	\$47 50	\$1008 95	
	Leavenworth.....	9	13	591	175 35	2366 66	
	Topeka.....	10	15	356	61 95	238 19	
			26	35	1250	\$284 80	\$5683 80
KENTUCKY.....	Ebenezer.....	11	33	1727	\$35 00	\$291 67	
	Louisville.....	13	28	1398	150 23	166 67	
	Muhlenburg.....	9	23	834	10 00	400 00	
	Paducah.....	4	11	626	.....	328 61
	Transylvania.....	13	30	1886	9 15	900 00	
	West Lexington.....	5	33	440	126 00	666 67	
	Synodical.....	...	...	.....	4440 14	2950 00
			55	158	9811	\$4769 52	\$5703 62
MISSOURI.....	Lafayette.....	10	10	286	\$75 50	\$2126 33	
	Palmira.....	9	33	1342	65 66	2437 70	
	Potosi.....	6	15	803	41 05	175 00	
	St. Louis.....	26	39	3041	317 90	4424 72	
	S. W. Missouri.....	5	9	256	62 65	1204 87	
	Upper Missouri.....	8	30	729	206 71	1501 45	
			64	136	6457	\$768 36	\$12,230 07
NASHVILLE.....	Holston.....	6	5	393	\$45 00	\$1540 63	
	Nashville.....	4	2	118	7 20	537 50	
	New Orleans.....	5	3	195	118 00	2695 25	
			15	10	706	\$170 20	\$4114 58
NEW JERSEY.....	Burlington.....	13	14	1099	\$238 77	\$632 64	
	Corisco.....	4	2	88	16 00	.....
	Elizabethtown.....	31	16	3225	1090 35	.....
	Luzerne.....	29	30	2845	1413 89	1538 92	
	Monmouth.....	14	13	1750	376 63	545 83	
	Newton.....	30	27	4440	1166 80	303 05	
	New Brunswick.....	44	22	5390	1615 53	373 47	
	Passaic.....	28	17	3265	1677 87	237 50	
	Raritan.....	12	18	2211	482 05	116 67	
	Susquehanna.....	14	21	1183	264 99	395 25	
	West Jersey.....	21	26	2095	1192 92	2930 77	
			240	206	28140	\$9535 80	\$5997 10
	NEW YORK.....	Connecticut.....	26	20	2018	\$1087 85	\$238 51
Hudson.....		26	22	2365	366 71	214 58	
Long Island.....		21	21	2894	346 63	410 42	
Nassau.....		35	22	3917	679 04	716 67	
New York.....		58	32	6126	15594 82	3748 04	
New York 2d.....		22	15	2361	849 34	200 00	
North River.....		19	15	2037	625 30	41 11	
		207	147	21718	\$19,549 89	\$6569 33	

* Includes Frankville Pres.

† Includes Neosho Pres.

TABLE—Continued.

SYNODS.	PRESBYTERIES.	No. of Ministers.	No. of Churches.	No of Church Members.	Contrib-uted to the Board.	Received from the Board.
NORTHERN INDIANA.	Crawfordsville.....	13	18	1522	\$204 60	\$96 00
	Fort Wayne.....	18	29	1436	349 03	1350 69
	Lake.....	11	15	1112	168 08	772 10
	Logansport.....	10	22	1489	257 91	264 60
	Muncie.....	13	15	876	100 68	442 93
	Synodical.....	...	...	...	56 33	.....
			66	99	6485	\$1135 48	$2925 32
OHIO.....	Columbus.....	15	20	1700	\$384 90	\$75 00
	Hocking.....	6	14	688	55 35	468 76
	Marion.....	17	31	1916	192 63	312 80
	Richland.....	22	29	2606	360 97	137 60
	Wooster.....	19	22	2066	389 08	.....
	Zanesville.....	27	29	2965	284 61	237 60
	Synodical.....	...	...	.....	55 20	.....
			106	145	11941	\$1722 64	$1231 08
PACIFIC.....	Benecia.....	18	9	251	\$80 75	\$1770 68
	California.....	15	6	996	222 77	1787 50
	Oregon.....	7	10	309	99 40	2047 92
	Puget Sound.....	...	...	.....	.....	400 00
	Stockton.....	8	9	278	20 00	757 77
	Synodical.....	...	...	.....	123 34	.....
			43	34	1834	\$546 26	$6764 02
PHILADELPHIA.....	Donegal.....	23	27	3515	\$998 11	\$307 29
	Huntingdon.....	43	52	6763	1819 67	1101 05
	New Castle.....	29	27	4287	996 04	479 17
	Northumberland.....	31	44	4009	1039 46	614 24
	Philadelphia.....	35	21	5184	1451 52	427 60
	Philadelphia Central.....	34	18	3074	3409 33	754 17
	Philadelphia Second.....	39	30	8723	2482 69	928 64
	Shanghai.....	3	1	47	29 28	.....
			237	230	31502	\$12,225 90	$1621 96
PITTSBURGH.....	Blairsville.....	26	24	3434	\$660 62	\$108 33
	Clarion.....	11	29	2540	249 36	594 17
	Ohio.....	38	37	6079	5019 95	180 00
	Red-stone.....	18	26	2927	679 75	205 00
	Saltsburg.....	24	37	4585	1814 87	293 16
	Synodical.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....
			117	152	19565	\$7924 54	$1340 65
ST. PAUL.....	Chippewa.....	10	15	501	\$141 75	\$2533 30
	St. Paul.....	22	22	699	473 76	4254 72
	Southern Minnesota.....	14	19	494	185 68	3011 79
	Synodical.....	...	...	.....	29 08	.....
			46	56	1694	\$830 27	$10,398 81
SANDUSKY.....	Findlay.....	14	26	1741	\$65 65	\$992 50
	Maumee.....	12	14	740	69 77	1316 35
	Michigan.....	11	12	690	175 57	1052 16
	Western Reserve.....	6	8	513	125 16	175 00
			43	60	3690	\$466 15	$3206 00
SOUTHERN IOWA.....	Des Moines.....	10	18	1030	\$116 40	\$1498 51
	Fairfield.....	16	24	1329	130 76	1028 82
	Iowa.....	19	19	1447	119 50	1163 34
	Missouri River.....	14	15	659	126 90	2563 88
			59	76	4465	\$493 56	$6192 55
WHEELING.....	New Lisbon.....	14	31	2996	\$426 79	\$285 66
	Steubenville.....	28	41	4264	1156 85	479 45
	St. Clairsville.....	22	31	3852	377 71	200 14
	Washington.....	33	36	5635	1621 72	682 61
	West Virginia.....	8	21	1192	99 24	1737 50
			105	160	17939	\$3082 31	$3445 26
WISCONSIN.....	Dane.....	13	21	997	\$190 26	\$1415 41
	Milwaukee.....	12	12	1166	383 02	447 92
	Winnebago.....	20	21	1046	148 25	2492 23
			45	54	3109	\$721 53	$4855 56

From a Missionary in Wisconsin.

July, 1868.

Dear Brethren.—Some part of my time during the last quarter was spent in the discharge of my duties as a commissioner from my Presbytery to the General Assembly.

My missionary labours during the hot weather are very prostrating. The last Sabbath, after preaching at W—in the morning, I rode fourteen miles with the thermometer one hundred in the shade, on a road several miles of which are so infested with swarms of stinging bees and flies, that they seemed most actively engaged to devour both the horse and his rider; nor could you prevent being several times stung by them in the face. After preaching, I returned under the same oppressive heat, and the same annoyance of flies. These are serious difficulties which the missionaries must meet and endure or relinquish a part of his labours, and leave many entirely destitute of the preached gospel.

But this is not all, or the most trying thing connected with his labours. It is painful, while thus labouring, to be obliged to be in debt, not for the luxuries, but for the necessaries of life. While my credit is good, I can get trusted for flour, &c. But I dislike very much to live on credit. This I doubt not is the condition of many Home Missionaries. For this state of things in the Presbyterian Church, neither is the Board, nor any of its officers, to blame. They do the the best they can with the means in their hands. But is there not an enormous evil somewhere? Is it right that Domestic Missionaries, labouring as earnestly and faithfully as any class of men on earth, should after using rigid economy, be anxious in regard to the temporal support of themselves and their families. Both our Methodist brethren, and the Church of Scotland, have set us noble examples on this subject. It is my heart's desire and prayer to God, that in this we may soon follow them.

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN JULY, 1868.

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Beaver*—Beaver Falls ch Sab-sch \$10 10

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Westminster ch Sab-sch, Balt 207 61, of which 13 from the Mission School. *Pby of Atlantic*—Edisto ch 1 40; *Wadmelaw* ch 1; *St Andrews* 1 10 211 11

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Buffalo City*—Tonawanda ch 9 50. *Pby of Genesee River*—Sparta 1st ch 10. *Pby of Rochester City*—Calvary ch Roches-24 70 44 20

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Chicago*—Lynn and Hebron ch 21 45

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Palestine*—Darwin ch 0; *Pleasant Prairie* ch 15, of which 1 50 from Mrs McDonald; *Arcola* ch 10 31 00

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Madison*—Madison 1st ch 84 75. *Pby of Vincennes*—Washington ch 9 93 75

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Frankville*—Mount Hope ch 5 10

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Leavenworth*—Elm Grove ch \$ 50

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Transylvania*—Harrodsburg ch 65; *Lancaster* ch 25 90 00

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Lafayette*—High Point ch 7 75. *Pby of Upper Missouri*—Fillmore ch 30 15; *Salem* ch 13 50 90

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Newton*—Mansfield 1st ch 52. *Pby of West Jersey*—Woodbury ch 31 40 83 40

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—Port Chester ch 20; *South East Sab-sch* 83. *Pby of New York*—Scotch ch, Jersey City 22. *Pby of New York 2d*—First Hamden ch 10; *South Greenburg* ch 100 48 153 31

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Wooster*—Dalton ch 60. *Pby of Zanesville*—Pleasant Hill ch 9 60 69 60

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of Oregon*—Eugene City ch 12. *Pby of Puget Sound*—Stoilacoon ch 4 16 00

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Chanceford ch 60 75. *Pby of Huntingdon*—Altoona ch 50; *Bethel* ch 19. *Pby of New Castle*—Newark ch 16; *Wilmington 1st ch Sab-sch*. add'l 8. *Pby of Northumberland*—Brier Creek ch. from "J T" 10; *Hartleton* ch 6. *Pby of Philadelphia*—Woodland ch, from "A Friend" 75; 7th ch, Phila 218 81 457 56

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairville*—New

Salem ch 53 73. *Pby of Ohio*—Mt Washington ch 5. *Pby of Salzburg*—Glade Run ch 32; *Indiana ch Sab-sch*, for Santa Fe, New Mexico 60 150 73

SYNOD OF ST PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—Galesville ch 5. *Pby of S Minnesota*—Preston ch 5 10 00

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Findlay*—Patterson ch 5 40; *Blanchard ch* 3 20. *Pby of Maumee*—Mt Salem ch 12. *Pby of Western Reserve*—Lafayette ch 11 31 60

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Fairfield*—Crawfordsville ch 7 25

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of West Virginia*—Kingwood ch 14; *Stewart's Run* ch 11 25 00

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Winnebago*—Mayville ch 5 60

Total receipts from churches, \$1570 56

MISCELLANEOUS.—W H. "A Fourth of July offering" 5; *Jacob Leyenberger*, Oxford, Iowa 5; "Friends in Ill" 100; *Mrs Helen Lowry*, Derry, Pa 5; "D," interior of Pa 5; "Interest" 6 58; "Domestic Missions," Portage City, Wis 10; "A Friend of Missions" 40; "Sundry contributions" through A Martien, Esq 200 11; "Dr Jno S Crane," Goshen, N Y 35; "A Friend" 50; "H S B and wife" 5 466 60

Total Receipts in July, \$2087 25
S. D. POWEL, Treasurer,
No. 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

CLOTHING.

1 box from the Ladies Missionary Sewing Society of Lawrenceville, N J, valued at \$328 47; 1 box from an unknown source, value not given.

MISSION HOUSE.

No. 907 ARCH STREET, PHILADELPHIA.
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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTIFUL, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him: therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD.

And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the LORD and also with men.

And the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the LORD. And the word of Samuel came to all Israel.—1 SAM. ii. and iii. chaps.

Moses and Aaron among his priests,
And Samuel among them that call upon his name;
They called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar:
They kept his testimonies,
And the ordinances that he gave them.—Ps. xcix.

The Foes of One's Own Household.

It is a terrible thing to be an enemy to one's own child. But we may be so. And we are so in fact if we do it evil instead of good. We are its greatest enemy, its enemy in proportion to the love we bear it, if we come between it and its heavenly Father, the salvation of its soul, and the service on earth which will secure it riches in heaven.

Our enmity may consist in leading children to sin by our conversation or example; by our light esteem of what is right and good, by the inculcation of bad principles, by indulgence in bad habits, by our neglect of God's ordinances, by not professing his name before men.

But we are enemies of our children also if we do not teach and train them to do their duty to God. If we neglect to store their memory with God's blessed word, and with those precious summaries of divine truth, the catechisms with which the church has furnished us; if we do not teach them to pray, and ever carry their wants to God as a loving and pitiful father; if we do not educate their mind and tastes to love and to enjoy what is truly useful and good; if we do not train them in the right uses of time, and money, and earthly goods; then, too, we are enemies to them, preparing them for future sorrow.

And sometimes a dear son has his heart turned to the Lord. He is capable of being greatly useful. He hears a voice which calls him to preach the gospel to the perishing. Shall we set the love of a father or a mother in opposition to his love, to Christ? Not long ago a theological student, one of the most promising in his class, called the writer of this article into his room, and told him in confidence, while his countenance was filled with sorrow, that it was the wish of his heart, and had been so for years, to go as a foreign missionary. But he was an only son, and in truth the idol of his parents. "And (said he) my father and mother say they will *never* consent. It is of no use to ask them." Were not this man's foes they of his own household? Jesus who came, as his great mission, to send peace on earth, often sends not peace but a sword. A sword that separates kindred. Woe unto those whom the sword of his just indignation shall pierce.

How different the spirit of the honoured father and mother of a missionary who is now among the heathen. They had a darling boy. They laid their hands on

him, carrying out in full the spirit of the vow which they made at his baptism, in hearty and acknowledged consecration to the work of preaching Jesus to the dying myriads in China. "My son, (it was often said by them to him), this study, or that study, will aid you to labour in China." "You should not do this or that, you should not go here or there—it may hinder your going to China." Thus the dear boy came to regard the telling the love of Jesus to the people in China as "the chief end" for which he was born and educated, and to spend his whole life. And he became a Christian while many of his school-mates remained unbelievers and children of the devil; he studied theology, though he saw many companions choose lucrative, and to the world, more honourable employments; and he went as a missionary, to the surprise of many who thought his talents would have graced some of the large congregations of our land. All just as naturally as a seed becomes a germ, and a germ becomes a stalk, and a stalk becomes a tree, in the branches of which the birds of the air come and lodge, and by the sweet fruit whereof they and their young are fed. Here was a man whose "household" were his friends. His father and mother accepted the cross which his Saviour laid upon him. And they will share his recompense, and be partakers of his eternal joy.

Two Good Books.

The recent volume of Prof. John S. Hart, Principal of the New Jersey State Normal School, entitled "In the School-room.—Chapters in the Philosophy of Education," is worthy of general and thoughtful perusal. It is not a mere compilation, but the sum of long, varied, and successful experience. Its author is not a shallow manufacturer of books for the market, but a gentleman eminent for scholarship, judgment and refined culture. It is not prepared in the interest of the sordid, sensual, aimless materialism which depraves much of the popular educational writing of the day—science which, as it ignores God's government, Christ's atonement, and the true sources of intellectual advancement and spiritual peace, is "falsely so called;" which forms principles at best like the chaff which the wind in the hour of weakness or sorrow driveth away. The aim of this book is to plant the tree of knowledge by the river of life, and so to water it thence that it shall bring forth its fruit in its season, and its leaf shall not wither. We heartily commend it as one full of valuable thoughts and suggestions to teachers of the young, who seek to be wise and skillful in a work in which sound wisdom and delicate skill are needed beyond what they are in almost any other on earth.

Our Presbyterian Board of Publication has issued a new edition of a book most welcome to the ministry and students for the ministry, and which will we trust do much good in the church. We refer to that earnest and effective volume of the Rev. John Angell James, designated "An Earnest Ministry the Want of the Times." It has an introduction by the Rev. Dr. J. B. Condit. The book was written to draw the attention of thinking men "to a renewed consideration of that *most vital point*, OUR MINISTRY." Its leading subjects are, "The apostolic ministry;" "The nature of earnestness;" "Specimens of earnestness, from various authors;" "Earnestness in delivery;" "Earnestness in the pastorate;" "Examples of earnestness;" "Motives to earnestness;" "Means to obtain an earnest ministry;" and "The necessity of divine influence." It seems to want one more chapter, on "The scope for earnestness," presenting the wants of this age of the world, so unprecedented, so vast, so urgent, as a powerful incentive to the dedication of the greatest energy, the most patient self-denial, the brightest gifts of intellect, and the highest accomplishments, to the building of the temple of

the Lord with a glory that shall fill the earth. We see this evident deficiency now more than was done twenty years ago when the author, who was so eminent an example of the spirit which he urged, wrote the book. As it is, let us try to catch that spirit; the application may be supplied from the general information of our day. A copy of the book ought be in the hands of every man who is called to be a herald of what an apostle styles "THE GLORIOUS GOSPEL."

A Truthful and Kind Letter.

The following letter, which we take the privilege of inserting for the good of many others, is from a German pastor in the West, accompanied with *seven* dollars—more than some rich churches give in the Lord's eye:

This sum, I hope, we will increase before the close of the year—as the day appointed for our collection was very unfavourable. This is the first money our poor and small church has forwarded to your excellent Board, and it is with feelings of profound gratitude to the Lord that I send it. We are a feeble mission church, yet the "love of Christ constraineth us," to do all we can. We *must* have an interest in *all* the different departments of the benevolent work of our beloved church, so that we can enjoy her triumphs. And how much better I can pray, "Thy kingdom come," when I show by my works that I am in earnest. There was a time when I could not plead so well for a blessing upon my work here, for a soft gentle voice whispered, "Work and pray;" my eye was directed to the empty columns in our General Assembly's Report, and I resolved at once to try. We have now made up our minds to fill those columns opposite the name of our church, be the sum ever so small. Now I feel that I have a right to expect the Lord's blessing, and can approach the throne of grace with so much more confidence.

I was much pleased with the remarks in the *Record* touching upon the work of the Board of Education among the Foreign Population. It is almost impossible for us to labour successfully in the ministry without the aid of these schools. Infidels and rationalists have their large schools in this country, to say nothing of Romanism, and if we expect to labour with success we must fight them. *Similia similibus*. It was, I believe, the good Dr. Tholuck who remarked: "Aus den kinderstuben wird die welt regiert." *The world is governed from the nursery-room*; and

again, "Aus der familie in die schule, aus der schule in die kirche, aus der kirche in den himmel." *From the nursery to school, from school to the church, from church to heaven*. Could some one give you a few items about the German infidel schools in Cincinnati, St. Louis, &c., the figures would astonish the church. Since we have no parochial school here, I have spent the greater part of the winter among the little ones, instructing them in the bible and catechism; and rather than neglect this, have made my missionary and pastoral calls at night—often till ten o'clock.

May the Lord bless you.

An Appeal from a Roman Catholic Region.

Will brethren whose churches have made no contribution this year to the School Fund (on the Day of Prayer for Schools, &c.,) kindly consider the appeal of the following letter? It is one of several of the same kind. We must help these beloved brethren. The Board cannot refuse to do it. The church is pledged to it; we are almost without means, and now lay before you the case and ask you to do what you can.

We have now a church organized. The prospect for increase is good. It is situated, however, in the midst of a Roman Catholic community. Three years ago but one Protestant family lived in the place, now our attendance promises from seventy-five to one hundred, and some are contemplating connecting with the church as soon as we occupy our church edifice, which will be finished shortly. Our great want, next to the divine service, is the educational. The Roman Catholics control everything in the district. There are public schools, it is true, but they are under Catholic influence, and taught by Catholic teachers. And the seminary taught by the sisters is of course exclusively so. And some Protestants seem so reckless

of the future welfare of their children that they commit them to these institutions to be trained in the rudiments of science, which training must partake more or less of the character of those set to teach. In connection with these schools we hence hear constantly of one and another becoming proselytes to their exclusive faith. Their engagement to interfere with the religious faith of their pupils is, as you know, of the character of their principle not to keep faith with the heretics. Most of my people therefore suffer no connection with their schools. Some have therefore been in the district for three years with large families, and have had no opportunity for schooling during the time. Having an eye to this in the erection of our church edifice, we provided a lower story, of two comfortable sized rooms, for school purposes. As soon as we can occupy them we expect a school of some forty scholars, to increase with the increase of Protestant population, and as we may furnish inducements for those around us, and from a distance, to intrust their children to our care. I know of no way so effectually to frustrate the designs of this exclusive, soul-destroying body, as to afford equal facilities for those seeking it, to train up their children in knowledge and science. Could we accomplish this, it would meet the utmost of my wishes on the subject. As we are deprived of the school fund, unless we commit our children to their control, we are dependant entirely upon our own pecu-

niary ability to support a school of any description. Our people are mostly day-labourers. It is, indeed, almost all they can do, to afford their families a comfortable livelihood. We have needed assistance from without us to erect our house of worship, which has been generously afforded. We now need outside assistance to start our school. I venture, therefore, to ask you whether we cannot obtain that assistance from our Board of Education? I know of no point in this region where a benevolence of the kind would be more appreciated and accomplish more good.

Training the Young Right.

One of the most successful teachers of our country sends the Board of Education the first contribution, (a liberal one), made in the institution of which he is the head, upon the scriptural principles of *weekly gifts* "as the Lord hath prospered." The plan is the best to obtain money; for it springs from Divine wisdom. The youth are the best class with whom to commence in establishing it. Covetousness grows with the bones. "How hardly" is it rooted out when men get old and rich! His letter says:

At my suggestion our boarding pupils and teachers have resolved to contribute a small sum weekly to Christ's cause. This is our first gathering. Though small we trust it will not be unacceptable to your Board, to which we delight to make our first contribution.

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN JULY, 1868.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pty of Albany</i> —Saratoga Springs ch 27 32; Balltown Spa ch 12 54	\$39 86
<i>Pty of Baltimore</i> —Harmony ch	46 00
<i>Pty of Blairsville</i> —Alexander ch 40; Blairsville ch 47 36	87 36
<i>Pty of Carlisle</i> —Middletown ch 21 11; Fayetteville ch 17 55	38 66
<i>Pty of Donegal</i> —Chanceford ch 31 08; Strasburg ch 43. of which for this fund 23	54 08
<i>Pty of Elizabethtown</i> —Lamington ch 20; Baskinridge ch 25	45 00
<i>Pty of Genesee River</i> —Sparta 1st ch	6 00
<i>Pty of Indianapolis</i> —Acton ch	3 00
<i>Pty of Iowa</i> —Middletown ch	10 00
<i>Pty of Marion</i> —York ch	8 00
<i>Pty of Monmouth</i> —Jamesburg ch	13 00
<i>Pty of Newton</i> —Pleasant Grove ch 8; Newton ch 61	69 00
<i>Pty of New Brunswick</i> —Cranberry ch	49 00
<i>Pty of Ohio</i> —Mt Washington ch	5 00
<i>Pty of Philadelphia</i> —First ch Chester	15 00
<i>Pty of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Abington ch 80 45; 1st ch Germantown 266 29	346 77
<i>Pty of Inasac</i> —Rutherford Park ch	18 62
<i>Pty of Saltsburg</i> —Gilgal ch	7 85
<i>Pty of Steubenville</i> —Big Spring ch	5 00
<i>Pty of Washington</i> —Burgetstown ch 17 90; Cross Creek ch 30 45	48 35
<i>Pty of West Lexington</i> —First ch, Lexington	6 00
<i>Pty of Winnebago</i> —Mayville Ger ch	3 00

<i>Pty of Zanesville</i> —Pleasant Hill ch 2 50; Beulah ch 4 85	7 35
	<u>\$31 70</u>

MISCELLANEOUS

Sale of lot donation of Robert Conover, Hendricks, Ind 160, less expense 139 15; Temple Hill Benevolent Socy of Genesee Academy, N Y 12; "Friends in Ill" 100; Interest 183; A Friend of Missions 10; Columbus Grove, Ohio 5; M 20; A Friend 30	499 15
	<u>\$1,430 85</u>

II. FUND FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, &c.

<i>Pty of Carlisle</i> —Barton and Lenoconing chs 9 21	
<i>Pty of Allegheny</i> —Cullenburg ch 12; Concord ch 6	18 00
<i>Pty of Donegal</i> —Strasburg ch	10 00
<i>Pty of New Albany</i> —Jackson Co Ger ch	7 00
	<u>\$41 21</u>

Total amount acknowledged, \$1,475 06

WILLIAM MAIN, Treasurer.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

ROOMS: No. 907 ARCH ST., PHILADELPHIA.
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Treasurer—WM. MAIN, Esq.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Recent Intelligence.

MISSIONARIES EMBARKED.—On the 25th of July Mrs. Walsh and two of her daughters embarked at New York, on their return to Allahabad, Miss Emma Walsh going out under the appointment of the Board as a teacher. On the 1st of August, the Rev. George Chamberlain and his wife embarked at Baltimore for Rio de Janeiro, Mr. Chamberlain returning to his work in Brazil. We may mention here that the Rev. John B. Pinney, LL.D., Secretary of the New York Colonization Society, recently embarked for Monrovia, on a visit to the various towns and settlements of Liberia. Dr. Pinney's visit, we understand, is made at the request of the Board of Managers of the society aboved named, with reference to its interests; but from his former connection with our missionary work in Liberia, and his interest in this work, we hope his visit will be of much benefit to our missions in that country.

ADDED TO THE CHURCH.—The Rev. W. F. Johnson reports the admission to the church at Futtchgurh, June 21st, of a Hindu woman. She is the mother of a convert lately received, and her religious convictions are traced to her son's exemplary life; the father is "also awaiting baptism." The Rev. F. J. C. Schneider reports the admission of another convert to the church of Rio de Janeiro, also on the 21st of June; and the Rev. R. Lenington, at Sao Paulo, June 19th, mentions that the church session had received two persons on examination for the communion on the next Sabbath. The Rev. E. N. Pirez had returned to Sao Paulo from an interesting missionary journey, and he writes of having met with several persons at one of the towns who wished to be organized as a church. Mr. Pirez thinks their request should be granted at an early day. The Rev. P. H. Pitkin, writing at Bogota, June 15th, refers to the continued interest of several persons in religious matters; some of them will probably be soon admitted to the church.

"EXEGETICAL NOTES" IN CHINESE.—Dr. B. McCartee, writing at Ningpo, June 4th, says, "I am collecting and having copied all the Exegetical Notes taken down by the candidates for the ministry from the lips of their missionary instructors. They comprise notes, in Chinese, on the Pentateuch, most of the Prophets, the Psalms, the Gospels, several of the Epistles, and the Apocalypse, and I purpose, D. V., to do my best towards supplying what is wanting for a complete Commentary on the Holy Scriptures in Chinese. . . . I intend to complete the work and have a fair copy made, to be kept in the care of the Presbytery of Ningpo for the benefit of students for the ministry. The manuscripts were scattered among the former students, and in a few years more it would have been impossible to collect them." This measure may well receive consideration, we should think, in other missions besides that of Ningpo.

A MAGAZINE for the use of native Christians is referred to by several of the missionaries in India as an object of much interest. The first number has been published at Allahabad. The Rev. A. Broadhead says, "The preparation of matter for this work will be no small tax upon the members of the [Furrukhabad] Mission, but we think that in this Magazine we shall have an an agency, which will repay any amount of labour expended upon it."

THE CREEK SCHOOL Examination, the Rev. W. S. Robertson, writes on the 13th of July, "passed off very pleasantly, and those present, especially our former pupils,

expressed great satisfaction at the appearance and improvement of the pupils. I feel great cause to be thankful, that we have been so prospered."

LETTERS RECEIVED to August 15th inclusive, besides those referred to in the foregoing notices: from the Omaha Mission, to August 1st; Seminole, July 9th; San Francisco, July 2d—in which the Rev. A. W. Loomis mentions the arrival of the Rev. J. S. McIlvaine on his way to China, and his leaving next day on the steamer; Peking, May 9th; Cheefoo, May 19th; Bangkok, April 28th; Futtehgurh, July 1st; Mynpurie, June 24th; Landour, June 3d—mentioning the improved health of the Rev. J. M. Alexander; Dharamsala, June 4th; Lahor, June 23d; Corisco, May 19th; Stations in Liberia, to July 8th—from which we learn with regret the death of Mr. F. A. Melville on the 12th of June, after long illness, but supported to the last by a good hope through grace; Santa Martha, June 29th—mentioning the safe arrival there of the Rev. T. F. Wallace and his company, all in good health.

Receipts of Three Months.

May, June, and July.

	From Churches.	From Legacies.	From Miscellaneous.	Total.
1867,	\$18,559	\$6,186	\$35,177	\$59,922
1868,	17,576	2,140	4,859	24,576
Less in 1868,				\$35,346

Missions in Papal Europe.

Since 1845 the Board has each year sent pecuniary aid to our Protestant brethren in Europe—at Brussels, Paris, Geneva, and to the Vaudois or Waldensian Synod, to further their missionary work amongst their Romanist countrymen. In all about \$130,000 have been thus remitted, and undoubtedly this money has been well invested. Latterly the remittances have been very small in amount—only \$1,000 having been sent last year, excluding the interest of the Waldensian Fund. The large, relatively large, expense of the Missions among Roman Catholics in South America, may partly account for the small amount appropriated to the same purpose in Europe—nearly \$28,000 having been expended last year on the missions in the United States of Colombia and Brazil. But we may well ask whether a much more liberal sum should not have been furnished to our friends in Europe, even as in former years? Their work is of the greatest importance, and we much regret to see that in nearly all cases it is restricted and embarrassed by the want of funds. During the current year, however, two of these European Committees of evangelization will probably receive aid from this country by means of collections made by their representatives; for the others, we hope the Board may be able to send increased remittances.

To show the great and solid work already in progress in one of these countries, and the one which in 1845 was regarded as above all others beyond the reach of Gospel influences, we translate the greater part of an address, which was made in June at Geneva, Switzerland, by M. Lantaret, Moderator of the Waldensian Synod, concerning the missionary labours of the Synod in Italy. After referring to the aid extended at Geneva to Waldensian refugees in former ages, he said:—

Is it not the school of Theology of Geneva which has prepared about one-third of the ministers now in active service in our church, namely, a professor of theology, two professors in the college, three evangelists, and seven pastors? A dead church cannot spread the Gospel, and it is in awakening by divers means life in the bosom of this little church that God fits it for the work which he had pre-

pared for it, and for which he had miraculously preserved it. And what work? The evangelization of this Italy, which has groaned for three centuries under the double yoke of the papacy and of political despotism, and which to human view had become, more than any other nation, inaccessible to the Gospel. The instrument being in nothing proportioned to the work to be done, it is to the Lord—one must be blind not to see it—that all the praise and glory of the success obtained should be given.

The higher class Voltairian or bigotted, the middle class unbelieving and materialistic, the working class detached in general from the papacy but following only material gratification, the cultivators of the soil superstitious and ignorant, the clergy in power almost everywhere, the moral sense nearly annihilated though the people are gifted with intelligence, twenty-five millions of inhabitants, of whom eighteen millions absolutely unable to read—such is the field which was opened to the Vaudois church the next day after its emancipation! The Lord said to it, "Go with the small strength which I have put in thee, fear not, believe only, and thou shalt see the glory of God." One need not be surprised that it should take up the work trembling and as pressed from without and from on high by an irresistible force. In 1850, it had one soldier at its service for this good war, and it placed him at Turin itself, then the centre, more than ever, of the liberal and intellectual movement of the peninsula, because that city contained in its bosom a considerable number of emigrants, while it was the seat of the Parliament.

The march of the work has been slow but onward without any interruption. In seventeen years from this humble beginning, the Italian mission of the Vaudois church counts 26 stations with 19 ministers and 13 lay evangelists, 46 teachers or teacheresses. The attendance on public worship is over 3,000; the communicants, 1,846; the scholars, 1,458—of whom 978 are of Evangelical families: the Sabbath-school pupils, 814.

This is the answer which the Vaudois church gives to such as are ill disposed, or who, more timid than itself, thinks it is not fitted for this work, that it should rejoice in its acquired liberty and not take an aggressive position in the face of the religion of the State, or that the Italians would never agree to have the Gospel preached to them by those whom they considered somewhat as foreigners. Nothing is more eloquent than success, when it is obtained openly and by means which the Word of God approves and loves. The statistics given represent but imperfectly the results obtained, for it is by dozens, if not by hundreds of thousands, that one may reckon the persons in Italy who have been brought under the influence of the Gospel, or at least brought in contact with it. Antipathies and prejudices have in many cases disappeared, and henceforth the great obstacle to the advancement of the kingdom of God, as everywhere, is the natural unbelief of the human heart and the materialism which rules with special power in the South. Liberty of conscience, of worship, and even of spreading religion, is acquired in Italy; and if the inferior officials sometimes hinder its exercise, the Government itself and its immediate representation compel them to respect it.

[Mr. Lantaret then made a respectful and cordial reference to the missionary work of the Italian free churches and other Christian labours, rejoicing that in every way Christ is preached, and closed by appealing to the brethren at Geneva for their sympathy, and prayers, and further aid in men and the means of their support.]

Rebellion in North China.

The newspapers for some time have been giving us rumours of rebellion in the province of which Peking is the chief city. The Rev. W. A. P. Martin, D.D., refers to the subject in a letter of May 9th—as follows:

Those rumours are too sadly true; but the great road to the sea is still open and safe. The rebellion is nothing new, but like many diseases it thrives on low diet; and as famine generates

pestilence, it either creates or aggravates political trouble. The dearth of last year was only short of a famine, and though the spring rains of this year have ensured the coming harvest, there is great distress among the people.

To return to the rebellion. It is not a rebellion, but an enormous corn riot, or rather a gigantic system of open *thuggee*. Driven by want and allured by lust, unawed by any display of government force, and tempted by the weakness of the people, these wretches

run riot through the land. No words can describe their barbarities. They are not, as you are aware, at all connected with the old Taipings, who were a very respectable body of insurgents. These are mere robbers, who could not behave worse if they fought under the black flag of piracy.

The danger to the government is not immediate. The enemy is destitute of organization, and a little energy would restore order; but a continuance of this state of things must operate disastrously. It is probable that the government will be compelled to employ foreign officers, and a corps of foreign troops—the wisest thing they could do in their present circumstances.

The Boys' School at Tungchow, China.

The Rev. C. W. Mateer, writes as follows, under date of February 7th, 1868.

I will now give you a short sketch of the year's work. First, I have to record the goodness of God in that not only our own lives have been spared but the lives of all our boys. During the year there has been an extraordinary amount of sickness and death all around, which makes our preservation the greater cause of thankfulness.

Scholars Received and Dismissed.

During the year we have taken seven new boys and dismissed two of the old ones. One was dismissed for persistent bad conduct. We had not lost all hope of him by any means, but felt it was better to dismiss him than to run the risk of ruining the others by his evil example. His father is a Christian though not a member of the church in Tungchow, and we hope the good seed sown in the boy's heart will yet bring forth fruit. The other boy left the school by our advice and consent, to take a place in which he could earn his living by working with his hands. He was a good boy, but his mind was not of the kind that would make a scholar. Most of the new scholars we have taken but recently—viz: since we moved into the new house.

Progress in learning—Debating Class—A regretted loss.

Throughout the year the boys have been for the most part diligent and studious and have made a very fair measure of progress. I have been training some of the larger boys in debating, and their abilities and progress are cer-

tainly encouraging. Debating is altogether a new feature in a Chinese school and was at first looked upon by some of them as of doubtful utility. The performance of the boys on examination day elicited a general and hearty approval. It has been very much against the school that throughout the whole year Mrs. Mateer has been prevented by sickness from giving any considerable attention to the school. The want of her care and attention has been very much felt both in the boys' studies and in their general deportment. She is very anxious if God gives her health to give more attention to them this year.

Scholars professing Christ—Proposed Enlargement.

During the year three of the largest have made a profession of religion, and trust they are indeed the true followers of Christ. In their conversion we have special cause of thankfulness. We feel that God has answered our prayers and has blessed us beyond our deserving. We are greatly encouraged to go forward and trust him confidently for the future. Since we have moved into the new house the school premises are greatly enlarged, and we propose to enlarge the school accordingly.

Encouragement and Discouragement in the Lodianna Mission.

Some of these have been incidentally mentioned already, and need not be repeated. They are of so varied a nature that it is difficult to classify them. Among them however distinct mention will be made of inquirers and converts. Beyond this we shall content ourselves with the record of a few noteworthy facts, and the reproduction of a few passages from the Station Reports—serving to show how these things strike different minds.

Inquirers.

Lodianna.—"At this station there have been several inquirers in the course of the year. Some have come apparently convinced that the doctrine that we preach is true. They have assured us that if we could save them from persecution, they would at once confess Christ. Others have come evidently with the expectation of receiving something to better their worldly condition. Others, it was discovered, had got into family broils or other difficulties, and expected either to give annoyance to their adversaries, or to save themselves from annoyance by becom-

ing Christians. One such came all the way from Jalandhar, but was sent back as he came. Another came from the city here, declaring himself to be a pandit and a Christian, and implored our help. Others, having come with pure motives, remain firm in their profession and give evidence of grace in their hearts. Of these different classes we can call to mind more than a score."

Jalandhar.—"There were nine inquirers, who offered themselves, one after another, to be received into the Church. We entertained them in our Dharmasala, to enable them to learn more about the religion they professed a desire to embrace; but none of them remained long enough to receive baptism. I have heard, however, that almost all of them have received baptism at different Mission Stations in the Panjab."

Rawal Pindi.—"The number of mercenary inquirers increases rather than diminishes. Some eight or ten persons might have been received into the Church during the year; but it would have been only adding so many to the number of Christians of human manufacture. Some have been quite refused; and some have been kept back conditionally. Itinerant begging Christians also abound; and this state of things must continue so long as inquirers are baptized in haste, without sufficient trial and scrutiny."

Dehra.—"Several inquirers have from time to time been met with at this station. Of these some are hopeful; while others seem to ask questions more to satisfy an idle curiosity than from any real desire to know the truth."

From the other stations there is no report on this subject.

Converts.

Lodiana.—"During the year under review eleven persons have been received at this station, into the fellowship of the Church, on profession of their faith in Christ. Of these, five men and two women had been living on the Mission premises a longer or shorter period, as inquirers; and four were pupils in the Orphan Girls' School."

Sabathu.—"The wife of a Native Christian, who had been educated in the Lodiana Orphan School, was baptized, on profession of faith, by Mr. Rudolph, on occasion of his visiting this station, in the early part of the summer."

Jalandhar.—"We have had the

privilege of receiving only three individuals into the Church, by baptism, during the year. Two were Brahmans by birth; and the third was a poor blind inmate of the Poor House."

Ambala City.—Besides the seven from the Blind and Leper Asylum, before referred to, three persons have been admitted to the communion of the Church. One of them was of the Native Christian community; and the others were an Udasi devotee and his wife."

Lahore.—"At this place only one convert from heathenism has been baptized. This was the case of a young man from the Una Valley, who had been living for some time at Lahore, and who at the time of his baptism was a servant of Mr. Chatterjee."

Dehra.—"At Dehra four adult converts have been baptized. Of these two have been connected with the schools of the Mission. One has been brought into the Church through means of the Bible Woman, Margaret; and the last has been chiefly influenced in his inquiries after the truth by another Native Christian, not in the service of the Mission, but a member of the Dehra Church employed in the service of Government. This last mentioned convert is an educated Bengali, formerly a student in a Government College. He has been for about three years examining the claims of Christianity upon his allegiance."

Additional Facts and Reflections.

Lodiana.—Mr. Rudolph, referring to their itinerations, says, "The following problems might very appropriately be laid before the Christian Churches, (1.) How many years will it be, before a Christian nation becomes Heathen, supposing every individual to have an opportunity of hearing a preacher once in ten years? (2.) How many years will it be before a Heathen nation becomes Christian, supposing every individual to have an opportunity of hearing a preacher once in ten years? Let those who say Missions do no good—Missions are no success, work out these problems; but in doing so, let them take into account the powerful influence of a Christian literature in the first case, and the almost total want of such an influence in the second."

"But we are neither discouraged nor dismayed by considerations like these. The very fact, that the villagers so readily flock to our services on the

Sabbath, and take such an interest in our religious exercises in the tent on week-days, shows that they are not totally indifferent to matters of so much moment. So we take courage and go forward. The Lord can accomplish his purpose with few or with many—by feeble instruments, or by powerful ones, just as he pleases. He may order Gideon forward with his three hundred men, and through them overthrow the camp of the Midianites and the Amalekites, and all the children of the East, that lie in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude; or he may order Joshua to take all the people of war with him to smite the little town of Ai. Only let the churches be sure that in the warfare against Heathenism they act up to the commandment of the Lord."

Jalandhar.—"We do not know how long we shall have to labour and wait before seeing the conversion of this people. Our unbelief suggests the idea that the whole will be a failure—that the Hindus will never give up their religion for Christianity; but our faith, assisted by our experience, leads us to believe that the field is white unto harvest. It is true we do not see any outward movement toward Christianity, but the signs of the times indicate that they are really drawing towards it. Twenty years ago we could hardly count an individual who was favourably impressed by the teachings of the Gospel, now we meet with men in almost every place who listen to these teachings as something worthy of their serious attention. There are men—young and old—among both high and low caste Hindus, who fearlessly advocate the truth of Christianity before their countrymen.

"In June last a very respectable Hindu, about forty years of age, died of fever. Of him it was reported to me that he died avowing his faith in Christ's intercession for salvation. His death was lamented by many persons of Nur Mahal, where he lived; because he was kind and benevolent to all around him. They esteemed his moral conduct; but the Brahmans of course hated him for his conversation with the people in favour of Christ and his religion. I entertained very great hopes of this man at one time, that he would come forward, receive baptism, and join the people of Christ—whom he loved; but he lacked courage. He was not prepared to make that sacrifice to his convictions which a man having no caste prejudices would do without

hesitation. There are many now who attend on public worship, and converse with us freely on religious subjects, who most scrupulously avoid every step which might involve them in a loss of caste."

Again in reference to the influence of schools it is said: "We hope we are making progress: but to understand the nature of that progress it is necessary to know the ex-pupils of former days, and the boys of the present time. They are learning to believe in true history and geography, and to disbelieve the legends which speak of the ten-headed and twenty-armed Rawan, and the production of the Moon by the churning of the ocean. Thus the darkness of superstition is being imperceptibly removed by the light of western knowledge. The emancipation of our young countrymen from the thralldom of sin and Satan, it is true, has not yet been gained; but it is astonishing to observe how much our young friends have unlearned, since they began to attend our school, the vices they learned in their earlier youth."

Lahore.—Mr. Morrison, speaking of the cholera, says: "One promising lad in our school fell a victim to it. He had given up all faith in the false prophet, but had not given up his heart to the true and just One; though he had been thinking and praying on that subject. One of the young men in our College Department, who was his room-mate, and knew his views, and was himself of one mind with him, was much affected by his death, and deeply regretted not being with him in his last moments, that he might know whether he died in the faith of Christ or not."

Rawal Pindi.—The missionary of this station says: "The fact becomes more and more patent, that it is not caste, nor false systems of religion, which present the chief obstacles to the spread of Christianity; but the native corruption and deceitfulness of the heart." This opinion is derived from the fact that so many are ready to profess Christianity, when they think their worldly interests can be promoted by it.

There is perhaps no real discrepancy between this view and that presented in the report from Jalandhar; since both opinions may be true, and doubtless are so—but not altogether in reference to the same classes of people. The chief obstacle every where to the spread of Christianity is the depravity of the human heart: yet it cannot be doubted

that caste often has an influence in keeping men back from a Christian profession, who nevertheless have strong convictions of the truth.—[*From the last Report of the Mission.*]

A Visit to "Ibia's Place."

Our readers may recollect seeing the name of Ibia as a licentiate preacher, in connection with the Corisco Mission. He is endeavouring to form a Christian settlement for his own people on the main land, nearly opposite Corisco. Some misgivings were felt by some of the missionaries at first concerning this measure. The following extract from a letter of the Rev. John Menaul, of May 16th, presents an encouraging view of its progress :

I made a visit to the main land last week, Ibia's place, and was very much pleased with their progress there. It is quite an encouragement to the man who toils for Africa to see even the least sign of life or vigour. Here, where everything is so dead, so degraded, men so lazy and often so stupid, to find here a few active in industry and religion gives no small hope for the future prospect of Africa. Ibia's place, as you know, is something like a model school, of course, in Africa, which is intended to be self-sustaining. They are building good substantial houses of bambu, and raised about four feet from the ground, floored with native boards, with piazzas of the same. This is a great improvement on the old system. They are also fencing around their houses, &c. They are clearing and planting different kinds of crops. Eaver [one of the native Christians,] has some sugar cane. He is depending on me to get up a machine to press it, and also to show him how to evaporate it without singing. Ibia is much engaged in getting native boards hewn out of the log. All this is very encouraging, for it is more than we can expect to make Christians, and maintain Christianity, and have the people live like heathens. They must be civilized as well as Christianized.

Three things could be done here at present, three for which the people are ready, but which would be on a small scale for a few years.

1st. And most needed is the making of boards, both for mission and people. We all need boards, but have none,

though we have whole forests of magnificent wood of many varieties.

2d. We want an apparatus for pressing sugar cane, and a condenser to evaporate the sap, (mavule). Sugar cane grows well on the main land.

3d. We want a machine to grate starch, or rather grate mevonda for starch. I have superintended the making of one. It does very well, but I had not proper material or tools to make it out of. I do not know what you think of such work, but I know that you would think far less of it if you knew the kind of men we try to teach. But I think if you were on the ground as we are, and saw the general want as we do, you would say, You must teach these men the first principles of everything you know or can teach them. At least, this is how I feel. I do not know whether they will thank me for my trouble, nor whether they will not put it to a bad use, or whether for my trouble they will not take my life. I only try to do my duty, and would do but my duty if I definitely knew it. I trust God will own and bless what of it is his work, and give me grace and strength faithfully to do his work.

Thoughts of a New Missionary.

"'Trust in the Lord, and he shall bring it to pass.' We are now, through our heavenly Father's goodness, really in China. . . . Oh, that I could express to you the deep feelings of my heart on reaching this land, and more especially on entering an idol temple, and seeing for the first time my poor fellow-creature, bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh, made by the same loving God, possessing a living and deathless soul, bowing down to wood and clay formed into a hideous image; my heart melted within me, and I had again to thank my God for his great love to me, and for the Christian privileges which I hitherto have been allowed to enjoy. I do pray that he will give me grace to forget the trifling, worthless, mean things of this world, and to work for him, with him, to him, with an earnest, untiring zeal, and with a heart *full* of love to this poor benighted, perishing people. Oh, for more of the Spirit of our loving Master, who gave up all that he might do good to those who loved him not. I do feel that there is no time for trifling now. Souls are perishing day by day; hell's eternal gulf is yawning; the men of this world are

actively engaged in the things of time and sense; and shall we—the servants of the living God, ambassadors of our heavenly King—shall we be laggards in

the work which he has given us to do? God forbid!—*Mr. Cordon, of the "China Inland Mission," Hangchow, Jan. 3d, 1868.*

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Total received from churches \$4,632 22

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The minutes of the last General Assembly have been issued, and a copy sent to all those known to be entitled to one. Any person desiring to procure a copy can have one by mailing the price—75 cents—to George H. Van Gelder, Esq., Treasurer, No. 320 Walnut St., or to Mr. Peter Walker, No. 821 Chestnut St.

A Colporteur's Work.

Our Colporteur in the destitute regions of Northwestern Iowa again writes as follows:

I am just in from the prairie, where I hope some good has been done. I found persons who had been members of our church in the East and who received me as an old friend. One good old lady, who was formerly a member of Dr. Cumming's church, London, had not heard a Presbyterian minister for fourteen years.

I have concluded, for the present, to work eastward and get away from the grasshoppers, which are destroying everything where I have been. The result is *that*, though the people are anxious to read, and think our books just the best published, they have not the means to buy. I cannot go away and leave these souls hungering for the Bread of Life, and have, therefore, donated more than I otherwise would.

I must now go back a few days to where I spent a night, and tell you of a conversation I had with a lady of another branch of the church. The dialogue was held after supper and ran as follows:

Lady.—You are a Presbyterian, are you?

Colpt.—Yes, ma'am.

Lady.—Dyed in the wool, are you?

Colpt.—No, ma'am. I never was dyed. It's my natural colour. I was born a Presbyterian.

Lady.—Do you believe in the doctrine of Election?

Colpt.—Yes, ma'am.

Lady.—Who are the elect?

Colpt.—All who truly believe.

Lady.—But what if some of the elect refuse to believe?

Colpt.—No fear of that. "As many as were ordained to eternal life believe," Acts xiii. 48. "Whom He did predestinate, them He also called." Rom. viii. 30.

Lady.—Then do you believe all the elect will be saved?

Colpt.—Certainly. "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life: and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." John x. 27, 28.

Lady.—But will the elect be saved if they live in sin?

Colpt.—But they will not live in sin. "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." Gal. v. 24. "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Eph. ii. 10.

Lady.—Was Judas a good man?

Colpt.—"Have I not chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?" John vi. 70.

Lady.—But you have not told me what *you* think on any of these points.

Colpt.—I believe that all the passages I have quoted are true.

Lady.—Dear me! you are the queerest man I ever saw, no one can get up an argument with you.

Colpt.—All my weapons in an argument are very formidable, being pointed with a "thus saith the Lord."

Yesterday I called at the house of an Irish Catholic, got into conversation with the family and found them rather intelligent. I told them of the love of Jesus, that He was the only Saviour of sinners, and gave them a few tracts. The man wished to know if I gave them to make Presbyterians. I told him no, but that I gave them hoping to make him a better man, and to lead him to that Saviour who alone could absolve him from his sins. I then gave them *Baxter's Call*, prayed with them and left, promising to leave a Bible the next time I came. The man says he will read it, whatever the "*praste*" says.

J. S. L.

A Valuable Tract.

One of the best of the minor publications of the Board, is the 18mo tract, "Advice to a young communicant, by a Pastor, with Questions and Counsel. By Ashbel Green, D.D." It is capitally adapted to young converts. Its questions for self-examination cover the essentials of religious experience, and show the inquirer what the real evidences of a saving change are, while their silence on some points which are made prominent in an unsound practical theology removes stumbling-blocks out of the way. Pastors can scarcely place a better guide in the hands of young communicants, and of persons who are seriously pondering the question of coming to the Lord's table. One of our Philadelphia Pastors has from the beginning of his ministry made it a rule, to give a copy of it to every person whom he has admitted to sealing ordinances. Recently he gave one

to a lady on her reception into the church. She read it herself time and again, with the deepest interest. In her enthusiasm over it, she loaned her copy to one and another; and finally, desiring to extend its influence still further, she went to the Pastor with the request that he would procure her seventy-five or one hundred copies of it, and handed him the money for them. She said that she thought not only the members of the church who had been recently received, but those of longer standing, should have it, and she desired to aid in its circulation. When her Pastor procured them for her, she retained half the number to circulate as she might have the opportunity, and left the rest with him, with the remark that she did not think he should out of his own pocket bear the expense of the distribution to new members.

We would earnestly urge our Pastors to keep on hand a supply of this little tract. Its price is only 3 cents. We would also commend the example of the lady to whom we have referred, as worthy of imitation by other earnest-minded Christians. Pastors should have a stock of our Board's tracts for distribution, and also some of the larger publications, to place in the hands of members of their congregations for reading, as necessity may arise. Their salaries, however, will not always enable them to do this to the extent they would desire. It would be well for some member of their charges from time to time to supply them with funds for this special purpose.

A PASTOR.

Usefulness of Colportage.

Messrs. Editors—Doubtless, those of us who are in warmest sympathy with the colportage work do not fully appreciate its importance. The humble colporteur, or tract distributor, passes so quietly by our homes, and scatters so silently the good seed of truth, that we soon lose sight of him and of his work. But by-and-by we gather the precious harvest. In conversation with a ministerial friend, some time ago, I referred to this subject. He responded in warm and earnest terms. Some of his statements impressed me deeply. Said he:—"Years ago I organized a church, on the very outskirts of civilization. There was no evangelical minister in the regions beyond me. A moral waste seemed to stretch away to the distant mountains. But it was soon known that a church had been established in our little village, and people came long distances to attend our services. We had accessions to our number of members on several consecutive communion seasons. The most of those whom I received during the first year, when asked how they were brought to Christ, referred their conversion to the reading of some pungent tract, or small religious book, left in their homes by a godly colporteur who passed that way, and was never seen again." This is not an isolated case. In its main features it is a representative of thousands.

Dear reader, let me suggest, very kindly, that you make a liberal contribution to the Colportage and Distribution Fund of our Board of Publication, and repeat it often. If your means are limited, send at least

one dollar *to-day*, to aid in a work which demands the sympathies, prayers, and contributions of the church. Often have I longed for a bundle of tracts, or a package of small, earnest books, to scatter among the unconverted thousands in this far western city. A PASTOR IN MINNESOTA.

The Hymnal.

Messrs. Editors—A United States Senator, at Washington, writes to the Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Publication as follows:

"I read the Hymnal daily in regular course, and am always impressed with its pre-eminent excellence as a book of sacred song. I have no idea that it has an equal in our language. It would, I am sure, elevate the spirituality of any one who would make it his companion as a book to be read."

A very similar testimony was recently given by a pious and eminent lawyer in one of the North-western States, who made it a book for daily devotional reading. We wish that every member of the Presbyterian Church in the length and breadth of the land would try the experiment of reading it through in this way. Great blessings might be confidently expected to follow.

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<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Sparta 1st ch	7 00
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<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Pine Run ch 9 11; Centre ch 6 16; Bethel and Jacksonville chs 15	30 27
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A Friend	30 00
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GEO. H. VAN GELDER,

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Office, No. 320 Walnut Street.

Philadelphia, August 6th, 1886.

In remitting money to this Fund, the name of the Church and Presbytery to which it belongs should be distinctly stated, that it may be correctly acknowledged. And where checks or drafts are sent they should be drawn to the order of "GEO. H. VAN GELDER, Treasurer."

"Not unlike the case narrated in the August No. is that of a missionary, still in early life, who after a severe struggle with threatening pulmonary disease, has resigned his commission. In his retirement he writes, 'by the blessing of God, I am slowly recovering; and I hope soon to be restored to the delightful work of preaching the Gospel. It was with much diffidence that I applied through the Presbytery for assistance. My services in the church have been of so short duration, that I did not think myself entitled to aid. I feel that it ought rather to be given to others in similar need, but more worthy than myself. And yet, what would have been my condition without it? And now let me express my heartfelt thanks for this timely assistance. I cannot tell you how grateful I feel to the church, and to the God of our Zion, that I am so kindly remembered and cared for, in the hour of my affliction. It has removed a great burden from my heart, and has reminded me of many precious promises of God to his children, even to the most unworthy.'

"Another minister in middle life, hopelessly crippled by some chronic complaint, was obliged to resign his pastoral charge. Though possessed of some land, he wanted the means to enrich, and hire labourers to till it. Having little knowledge of farming, and with strength only to hobble about with difficulty, he was constrained to ask through the Presbytery, temporary assistance from the fund. A letter was received from this afflicted brother, giving an account of the efforts of himself and family, to maintain themselves. When I was no longer able to preach, he says, and we were compelled to look to our farm for support, we all went to work to the extent of our ability, and even beyond it. My wife attended to her household duties in the morning by the light of a candle, and then spent twelve hours in out-door labours. I have gone to the field on my two crutches, left one in the corner of the field, and with the other in my hand or under my arm, I have dropped corn, or pulled weeds, till my strength was exhausted. My children, of course, helped as far as they were able, the oldest of whom, at that time, was but ten. The youngest has since been removed by death. The others, if spared, will render more assistance in future; and we hope, that under God, we shall be able hereafter to maintain ourselves. We feel truly thankful, that thus far, we have received so promptly all that the Presbytery have asked."—*Report*, pp. 5, 6.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

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Can we go Back in the Work ?

The Committee have retrenched, and cut off from the expenses of the work among the freedmen as far as it is possible for them to go, unless they consent to give up some of the churches organized and fields occupied. And in looking over these we find none where God has not given signal tokens of his favour.

The salaries of the missionaries cannot be cut down. The self-denial of these labourers already is such as to cry out against the church. We are forced now to consider the question, which of the lights enkindled shall be put out? Which of the fields where the Spirit of God works with converting and sanctifying power shall have its labourer recalled? The Committee have no money in the treasury, while ministers with families in "destitute circumstances" call for their July salaries. We ask our brethren to read the following letter from one of the most laborious and successful ministers. Within a year he has built three houses of worship, and a parsonage. He has organized three churches in a field where thousands of the freedmen are destitute of gospel privileges, and has taught a day and night school during the greater part of the year with the help of his excellent wife. The letter is as follows:—

"July 27, 1868.

"*Dear Brother*,—Five weeks of constant travelling on foot to fill my appointments, and ill health have for the last week confined me to my room, and most of the time to my bed, unfitting me for any business.

"I have recently heard from brothers L. and J. (These are young men from Lincoln University who are labouring through their vacation without salaries), and I am greatly pleased with their work. Mr. J. has had trouble with his field, but he has taken a good Christian course and God has been with him and the difficulties have vanished. Now I ask you one earnest question. What shall we do when these men return to their studies? The work is too much for me; I cannot possibly do it. G— and M— congregations ought each to have constant labourers in their midst. L— and vicinity will be just as much as I can rightly attend. These people must be looked after constantly, and talked with in their families. Their sense of honour, and the deadness of their consciences are really shocking to me. No one knows the real state of affairs in this country if they have not visited the families and personally and plainly talked with the people.

"My time has been so much occupied that I have not made any notes of the little I have done in the way of visiting the people, but what I have done has satisfied me that untold blessings will follow the labours of any one who will visit the people in a Christ-like spirit. Oh for more help! The weeds, have overgrown the corn! I earnestly beg and pray that some arrangement may be made to keep these workmen already in the harvest. I know your willingness, and I know all that is on the way of the Committee is the lack of funds. We must be wicked and un-consecrated, otherwise God would give us of his gold and silver more abundantly.

I look forward to the day when such will be the case. I know God will never leave us nor forsake us, although sometimes I exceedingly fear and quake.

"Just at this time I am in trouble about a little money to live on; we have not a *single cent* of our own. I have already told you that we sacrificed all we could in order to have the house built; we could not live without the parsonage. I see now that we have run ourselves too closely. My salary is due August 1st, but I have held back my report hoping we could make out until after our communion season in all the churches. This would bring us to the last of the month, but we cannot stand it so long. God seems to be with us in a remarkable manner, but I shall not be able to do much till my health is restored.

"Please pray for us that we may be made able and *willing* to do and suffer the whole will of God. I remain yours in Christ, J. A. C."

Is there no church or Presbytery that will undertake to sustain one assistant for this earnest worker; six hundred dollars will sustain such a labourer for a year. Almost every minister in the field is calling for help with the same earnestness. The whole plea is, God has given us success in winning souls; the work grows daily; we must have help else abandon points already held. We leave the question with pastors and churches, can we go backward in this work of the Lord?

Rev. JOSEPH WILLIAMS, on his return from the General Assembly, administered the sacraments in two churches in his field, and received forty-one members by examination, and three by certificate, and baptized twenty-seven infants. The old man walks eighteen miles to fill his Sabbath appointments.

Rev. N. H. DOWNING and wife have been transferred from the Raleigh to the Sumter mission. Mr. D. has entered upon his work in Sumter district with good hope of success. His address is changed from Franklinton, N. C., to Sumter, S. C.

The churches that took no collections last year for the Committee on Freedmen would greatly aid the good work by making their contributions just now, as the Committee have nothing in the treasury, and the missionaries cannot wait for their salaries.

Owing to the absence of Mr. Robinson there is no report of Receipts this month. The Receipts for July and August will be given together next month. The Receipts in these months, so far, are extremely small.

The Committee acknowledge the following contributions received during the month:—

200 volumes Sabbath-school books from the Presbyterian Sabbath-school of Wyandot, Ohio.
1 Communion Service and Hymn books for Ebenezer Church from Miss Le Moyne and friends of Miss Bauman.

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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Appointment of Corresponding Secretary pro tem.

At the stated meeting of the Board of Domestic Missions, held on Monday, the 14th Sept., information was received of the refusal of the Presbytery of Baltimore to dismiss the Rev. Dr. Dickson, who had been elected Corresponding Secretary of the Board, whereupon the following action was taken by the Board, viz :

“A communication from the Presbytery of Baltimore, giving reasons for refusing to dismiss the Rev. Dr. Dickson, was read, after which the Rev. Dr. Musgrave, who had been appointed by the Board to prosecute the call of the Board before the Presbytery of Baltimore, made his report ; whereupon it was

“*Resolved*, That the Board return their sincere thanks to Dr. Musgrave for the fidelity with which he discharged the duty assigned him, and that the Board express their regret that the Presbytery of Baltimore did not deem it their duty to dismiss Dr. Dickson.

“On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Musgrave be requested to act as Corresponding Secretary of this Board, *pro tem.*; and that a committee be appointed to make inquiry for a suitable person to fill the office of Corresponding Secretary.

“In pursuance with the above resolution, the following persons were appointed said committee:—Rev. G. W. Musgrave, D.D., Rev. J. M. Crowell, D.D., Rev. J. H. M. Knox, D.D., Rev. Alexander Reed, D.D.”

As the selection of a permanent Secretary is of the very highest importance, the Committee of Inquiry would respectfully invite suggestions on the subject from any of the brethren who feel an interest in it.

Treasury Exhausted.

We regret to be obliged to inform our readers that the Treasury of the Board of Domestic Missions is not only exhausted but that the Board is considerably in debt, and is becoming every day more and more involved. In this state of things, the Executive Committee have not only been under the painful *necessity* of reducing the appropriations to the poorly paid missionaries, but are obliged to decline many new appointments. This will be sad news to our beloved missionaries and to all the friends of Home Missions. We earnestly entreat all who have the ability, to come to the aid of the Board in this time of need. Will not our pastors

and ruling elders present this subject to their people, and endeavour to induce them to supply promptly the necessary means, for sustaining and carrying forward this important work? The Board is utterly powerless without the co-operation of the churches; and the responsibility of continued retrenchment, and of the failure to occupy new and promising fields, must rest upon them.

Brethren, in behalf of our suffering missionaries and their dependent families, and the pressing wants of many weak and struggling congregations—the welfare of our country and the glory of God, we beg you to respond promptly and liberally to this appeal.

Home Missions.

“That intelligent foreigner, De Tocqueville, says of us, ‘America is a land of wonders, in which everything is in constant motion. No natural boundary seems to be there set to the efforts of man; and what is not yet done, is only what he has not attempted to do.’ One of the great features of our social organization also, is that so widely diffused are the means of knowledge, and so unembarrassed and abundant the opportunities and incentives to personal advancement, that nowhere on the face of the globe has individual man the position which he here holds, and nowhere is he less indebted to other men, or, under God, more to himself. It is an intricate, if not a perplexing problem; to say the least, it is a problem of prodigious interest to our descendants, to the Christian statesman, to the Church of God, and the world—What will be the character and influence of the American Republic one hundred years hence?

“The answer to this question rests, in no small degree, with the present generation of Christian men. We do not doubt that this nation is destined to exert great influence on the nations of the earth. She has already done so. When our forefathers left Europe, like the companions of Joshua, the high priest, when delivered from Babylon, ‘they were men wondered at.’ When they proclaimed their independence of the British crown, the wonder was increased. Europe was startled by the high resolve, the buoyant hope, the iron will of a handful of men who had determined at every hazard to maintain, in the sight of the nations, ‘a conscience void of offence towards God and towards man.’ The consequences of this bold procedure agitated the profoundest statesmen, and threw the courts of despots into confusion. ‘The probable influence of the New World upon the Old, was a prize question at Paris, but not one of the writers divined the true answer. The elder Pitt was provoked to intimate it on the floor of Parliament; and long after this it was boldly announced from the British press, ‘that the success of the American Independence has been the torch that has lighted the world for the last fifty years.’ No nation ever had so fair an opportunity of proving to the world that she has intelligence and moral virtue to be free.

“Yet it is not liberty that can disenthral enslaved nations; give them liberty without religion, and they will still clank their chains. And here we would give emphasis to the truth that *civil* liberty holds but a secondary place in national advancement. A people may have civil without religious liberty, and because they may not be religious, they cannot be free. What the nations of the earth most want at the present day, is *religious liberty*. Men and churches of otherwise large and liberal views, have been slow in perceiving the place which this single doctrine of religious liberty holds in national character and influence. I need not say that it is abjured by the Greek and Latin Churches. Protestantism itself has not always understood it. The Church of England never understood it, nor does she understand it now. Prussia does not understand it; Sweden and

Denmark do not. Hungary was its strongest fortress, and its forlorn hope on the continent of Europe; but Hungary did not understand it. And strange to say, for a long series of years, Presbyterianism and Independency did not understand it. Calvin himself did not. Cromwell, though he did more for it than any other man, did not. John Knox did not. The Puritans of New England, with the exceptions of Sir Harry Vane and Gurdon Saltenstal, did not understand it. Even the State of Rhode Island, escaping as she did from the intolerance of Massachusetts in order to enjoy and proclaim it, did not understand it: for, notwithstanding their liberal charter from Charles II., 'in the oldest printed copy of their laws now extant, Roman Catholics were excluded from the unembarrassed enjoyment of their religion.' It remained for the founders of the American Republic to proclaim universal liberty of conscience. In the language of Bancroft, 'It was not priestcraft in any form that came to this New World; nothing came but a free people.' And though they had been so long disciplined and drilled in the school of intolerance that it was not easy for them to slough off the gangrene which preyed upon the body politic, they came with the spirit of Wickliffe, Huss, Jerome, and Luther; it was the spirit which led this great Reformer, 'when tyrants ordered the German peasantry to give up the New Testament, to reply, No; not a single leaf!' The Constitution of these States tolerates everything but a persecuting power; this is the great political and moral element of our national influence and destiny.

"As we occupy this high vantage-ground, it seems to us a simple matter to solve the problem which the enlightened statesmen of the Old World could not solve. We point to the great enterprise of Home Missions in this land, and tell the world that the solution is there. It is as plain as the letters of the alphabet, that Christianity alone, placed on its proper basis—protected, but unaided by the civil power—supported by its own evidence, by the lives of its professors, and the almighty care of its Divine Author—disseminated through the land—is the great agency by which the hopes and destiny of this Republic can be realized. If, as our vast territory is extended and filling up, we may trace the equal progress of pure and undefiled religion, our destiny is such an one as the world has not seen. We shall not only present the noblest exemplification of 'a Church without a bishop, and a State without a king,' but the noblest proof that religion can flourish without State patronage; that 'knowledge, with strength of salvation, is the stability of our times;' and that the religion of the Bible is alone fitted to be the universal religion. Give Christianity a fair chance in this land, and it will be the glory of all lands; these States will be bound together by zones of light and love, till from sea to sea they will become in the highest sense 'the torch that lights the world.' This was Paul's argument for Home Missions, and it is ours. Though the souls of men are no more valuable here than elsewhere, and though men can no more afford to struggle with everlasting burnings who were born in Hindostan or China, than those who are born among ourselves, it is still possible that this land may have paramount claims. Give us Christianity at home, and we will not be backward in sending it abroad. It would be short-sighted policy indeed, for Foreign Missions, to curtail the home field. No small part of the aid to be furnished in the work of evangelizing the heathen, is to be drawn from the very field to which the effort of Home Missions are to be directed. The stream cannot rise higher than its fountain; cut off or diminish our home resources and efforts, and Foreign Missions must die—and the world may weep. The truth is deeply engraven on my own mind, that the progress of truth and holiness, of liberty, of peace, and human happiness in our world, stand abreast

with the progress of Christianity in this land. Woe be to us, and a greater woe to our children, if by criminal negligence, and supineness, and parsimony, we throw off this burden, or shrink from this responsibility!"—*Dr. Spring.*

Correction.

In the table published in the last number of the *Record*, there is a typographical error. West Jersey Pres. is represented as receiving last year \$2950 77. This should have been \$952 77. It is one of those unfortunate slips of type, which will sometimes occur in the best regulated printing offices. The copy and proof were both correct, and no error is chargeable on the office of the Board of Domestic Missions.

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN AUGUST, 1868.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Carlisle ch 15. *Pby of Mohawk*—Oneida ch Sab-ach 20 70
\$35 70

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny City*—Pine Creek ch 7. *Pby of Erie*—Park ch, Erie, Pa 120; Franklin ch 25; Mercer 1st ch 85 242 00

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Carlisle*—Green Hill ch 5. *Pby of Potomac*—New York Avenue ch, Washington, D C 57 43 62 43

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Chicago*—Harvard ch 2 55. *Pby of Rock River*—Galena South ch 49 87 52 42

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Miami*—Miami City 1st ch 50 00

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Palestine*—Pleasant Prairie ch, from Mrs McDonald 5 50. *Pby of Saline*—Shawneetown ch 10; Odin ch 5 65 19 15

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Indianapolis*—Georgetown ch 2. *Pby of Madison*—Hopewell ch 9 45 11 45

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Dubuque*—Grove Hill German ch 8 70. *Pby of Vinton*—Vinton ch 12 75 21 45

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Louisville*—Shelbyville ch 37 50; New Castle ch 20; Balance of collection by Rev J B McDonald 6 63 50

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Lafayette*—Linn Creek ch 12 25

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Burlington*—Alentown ch 22 95. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—Rev Wm Scribner 10; 1st Metuchen ch 11 60. *Pby of Luzerne*—Kingston ch 21 43. *Pby of Monmouth*—Red Bank ch 25. *Pby of Newton*—Blairstown ch mo col 14. *Pby of Passaic*—Mt Olive ch 20; Elizabeth 2d ch 34 164 98

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—Gilead ch 21 10; Rye ch 83 05. *Pby of Long Island*—Speonk ch 7. *Pby of Nassau*—Astoria ch 50; Springfield ch 11 62. *Pby of New York*—Palisades ch 72 80. *Pby of New York 2d*—Sing Sing ch 400 645 07

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Lake*—Valparaiso ch, from a Lady 1 00

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Wooster*—East Hope-well ch 24 75; Jackson ch 15. *Pby of Zanes-ville*—Coshocton ch 26 65 76

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of Stockton*—Visalia ch, Vandalia congregation 13 00

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Lee-ock ch 28 26; Little Britain ch 29. *Pby of Hur-tington*—Little Valley ch 27. *Pby of Northumber-land*—Warrior Run ch 37. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Chestnut Hill ch 250; Holmesburg ch 27 398 26

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—A

member of West Lebanon ch 5. *Pby of Clarion*—Greenville ch 11 50. *Pby of Ohio*—Central ch, Pitts-burgh 38 37. *Pby of Redstone*—Indian Creek and Harmony chs 4 50. *Pby of Saltsburg*—Gilgal ch 8 45 67 82

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Fairfield*—Eddyville ch 3. *Pby of Missouri River*—Glen-wood ch 4 50 7 50

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of St Clairsville*—Crab Apple ch 30 50; Antrim ch 8; Grandview ch 2; Wood-field ch 3; New Castle ch 7; Buchanan ch 3. *Pby of New Lisbon*—Poland ch 115. *Pby of Staubenville*—Monroville ch 5. *Pby of Wash-ington*—Wheeling 2d ch 100; Canonsburgh ch 15. *Pby of West Virginia*—Pennboro ch 2 290 50

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Winnebago*—Robin-sonville ch 6 05; Portage 1st ch 27 25; Oxford ch 4 50 37 80

From churches, \$2264 04

LEGACIES.—Legacy of Jas Mungun, dec'd, late of Ohio 50; Estate of Benj I Blythe, dec'd, late of Indianapolis, Ind 250; Legacy of Mrs E H Horn-beck, dec'd, late of Scotchtown, N Y, less tax 188 485 00

MISCELLANEOUS.—H B C, Princeton, N J 1; Rent of Mission House 1012 78; Mrs E Hamilton 10; Miss C Hamilton 10; A Friend, Plainfield, N J 10; S J V C, South Amboy, N J 20; Mr Jas McVieker, White Hall, Pa 60; Mantorville, Minn, from Mrs C M Cushman 5, Little Susie Cushman 1, Little Kate Cushman 1 = 7; Mrs Mary L Duncan and sons, Ohio 15; Rev R D S 5; E B 5 1154 78

Total Receipts in August, \$3907 82
S. D. POWELL, Treasurer,
No. 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

CLOTHING.

1 box from Ladies Missionary Society of New York Avenue, Washington, D C, valued at \$188 50.

MISSION HOUSE.

No. 907 ARCH STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

Ctr. Sec. pro tem—Rev. G. W. MUGGRAVE, D.D.

Treasurer—SAMUEL D. POWELL.

LETTERS relating to Missionary Appointments and other operations of the Board, should be ad-dressed to the Corresponding Secretary, No. 907 Arch street, Philadelphia. Letters relating to the pecuniary affairs of the Board, or containing re-mittances of money, should be sent to S. D. POWELL, Esq., Treasurer—same address.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTY, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba;
Prayer also shall be made for him continually;
And daily shall he be praised.
He shall judge the poor of the people,
He shall save the children of the needy,
And shall break in pieces the oppressor.—Ps. lxxii.

George Paull.

We ask attention to the words of a young gentleman who had within his reach all that earth has to grant. He was possessed of a noble person, most winning manners, a good education and influential friends, and opportunities of wealth and distinction. Few persons of his age in our land were so sincerely loved and trusted. But it was not of any of these things separately, nay, nor of all of them combined in his case, that George Paull said, "Is not this high honour?"

Perhaps *your* estimate differs from his. *Your* highest earthly aspiration might be the life of the farmer reigning generously over his fertile principality, or the merchant whitening distant seas with his fleets, or the man of science cutting his name high and deep on the monument of the benefactors of humanity, or the orator of the pulpit, or the senate-chamber sounding his fervent sentences from the Atlantic to the Pacific shore. No! my friend, no! Any of these is honour. Many sell heaven to win them. But he coveted, and he attained, honour far loftier. What was it? It was to go to the darkest continent of the globe; to penetrate the tropical interior beyond the islands fanned by the cool sea-wind; to brave its deadly pestilence; to fix his abode among black, ignorant, filthy beings called human, but scarce a degree higher in their fallen nature than the beasts that swarm in the same forests. It was amidst those awful scenes of degradation, wretchedness, and superstition, to sound the trumpet of the year of redemption, to call the slaves of Satan, of lust, and of man, to everlasting freedom; the ruined and lost to an inheritance among the children of God. "To go and live among the mainland tribes, and declare among them the gospel—is not this high honour?" Such were his words.

Was he mistaken? No! The Church has placed his name among those most honoured in her ministry. A brief biographical sketch of him says:

"Of a portly and commanding presence, with a deep, full, and wonderfully persuasive voice, fervent and eloquent in sentiment, logical and forcible in argument, natural and striking in his illustrations, and withal so filled with devotion to Christ, and the salvation of souls, he never failed to enstamp his burning thoughts on the hearts of his audience and win souls to the fold of the blessed Redeemer. Who that heard his sermons on Christian missions can ever forget their ardent spirit of devotion to Christ, and self-abnegation for the perishing heathen. He verified that tender of personal agency, 'Here am I, send me.'

"His brethren in the missionary work honoured him. To lay on the continent in Africa foundations where no man had yet laid them was his apostolic ambition. The devoted James L. Mackey wrote of him: 'Mr. Paull reached Corisco in May, 1864, and entered on his missionary work. He was appointed by the mission to take charge of the station at Evangasimba, during my absence, as I was

compelled to seek a change of climate on account of my broken down health. The work at that station is laborious, and attended with much responsibility, and few men could be found, perhaps, who could have entered on the work there and conducted it with as much discretion and good judgment as he did. Immediately after my return in December, 1864, Mr. Paull expressed a desire to go to the mainland to enter on the work of building up a new station. He had made several trips to the mainland out-stations, and knew well the kind of work that would devolve on him there. He was not unapprised of the danger to which he would be exposed in undertaking such a work alone; but his faith was strong and his zeal ardent: and he urged upon the mission to give him an appointment to Bonita, a point on the continent about fifty miles north of Corisco.' He was permitted to found a new mission there.

"The people of the country honoured him. They seemed strangely moved to come and thank him, and to yield to all his wishes in regard to a site for mission buildings. The king and several head men came to see him. They said they were 'very glad to have some one to live among them and teach them about God and how to be good, for some of the people are very bad.' At Bonita he laboured but four months. He went over to Corisco to die among the Christian families there. Dr. Nassau says, 'I was told that when the news of Mr. Paull's death reached Bonita, the people "trembled"—the native word means to be agitated exceedingly—and that actual wailing was heard through all the towns, as when a great man of their own tribe dies. You have already been informed of the deep religious interest resulting from his preaching. I found that he had obtained a deep and firm hold on the people's affections. Those who were seeking Christ, mournfully told me of their sorrow for their missionary's death, and wistfully asked whether another would come.'

"God honoured him. He gave him all the desires of his heart. He filled it with 'joy fuller than it could hold.' Mr. Paull wrote to a friend in the following words:

"To go and live among the mainland tribes and declare unto them the gospel, is not this high honour? For some time I have had charge of the out-stations (four in number) extending along the coasts for about fifty miles, and I have visited them by boat; but now I go to live among them and give my time wholly to the work. If ever I wished to live it is now, when my heart has hope that I might yet do something for God and something for Africa; a peculiar confidence has gradually been growing stronger within me that God will yet give me grace to do something that shall be for his glory. Thus God is gradually opening up for me the way along which I have so much desire to go, and I count it goodness and mercy in him which is beyond comparison. For years I have besought the Lord for just the thing he seems to be giving me now, and he has led me to it along a path, in many respects different from my expectations. His faithfulness hitherto has made me strong in the confidence that by his grace he will keep me from falling unto the end. My darkness and my temptations which pressed so sorely upon me for many months have passed away, and I cannot doubt that they have left me stronger in the Lord and have introduced me more fully into the precious and abiding love of Christ. If I be not deceived there seems to be growing within me a firmer and steadier resolve to glorify God and to be unreservedly given to him. His character has been daily growing more beautiful to me, and thoughts of his exalted purity and infinite excellence fill my heart at times with joy fuller than it can hold.'

"God wonderfully answered his prayers, and 'from the very commencement' of his labours among these poor bestialized people, poured out mightily his Holy Spirit upon his preaching of Christ to them. How soon would all the world be converted if every herald of mercy to men so wrought with the power of Omnipotence to give effect to his words. Mr. Mackey says: 'From the very commencement his work was attended with the deepest interest. Though he had not gained command of the language so as to preach without an interpreter, multitudes were deeply interested, numbers asked to be taught how to pray to the true God, and how to seek the way of eternal life, and in a very short time some professed to have found that Saviour whom he preached to them.' His own journal sustains this. 'I invited those who wished to ask any questions or talk about Christ to come into my room. Five followed me. Two of them, Bomain and Busaha, had never spoken with me before; the other three had. All the young men in town seem to be praying. They are heard at midnight lifting up their voices to God in prayer. Almost every one who has come to me has made this remark: "We heard from the scripture

reader before about God and heaven and hell, and our hearts did not trouble us; but since you told us about *Christ* we feel trouble in our hearts." One noble young fellow, whom I have noticed apparently much interested heretofore, came last night and said with much earnestness, "Tell me how to pray." To-night he came again with every indication of deepest earnestness and said, "I come to ask you how to love Christ?" My heart keeps saying, "*Love Christ, Love Christ!*"—tell me how to love him? The deep sincerity of this young man is most interesting. "I came to tell you before that my heart was in trouble, but now it troubles me more and more. It did not trouble me until I heard the things you told us about Christ."

"Soon God said to him, come up higher. He called him from this distant province to the palace. The faithful servant felt that his time was short, and worked with all his might. 'Jesus seems to help one wonderfully when he walks in the path of duty. I have never in my life seemed to be enabled to make the way of salvation so plain as since I came among the people of Africa. Every day almost my heart is whispering, 'Hasten! hasten! hasten! do not lose a day!' You know that life in Africa is short, and there is much to be done. Do not let your time be taken up with any trifles, but hasten on the main work, *preach the gospel.*'"

The tenth attack of the fatal fever seized him. He was taken away amidst racking pains, and a clouded mind, such as fevers often bring with them, but he whispered at midnight before the Sabbath morning which transported him to the eternal Sabbath,

"Jesus can make a dying bed
Feel soft as downy pillows are."

And one of his last breathings, before the spirit departed, was, "I wish to lay myself at the feet of Jesus, and to feel that Jesus is my *all.*" And it was but a little until "he touched the hem of His garment," and was for ever "made whole."

Was not all this "*high honour*?"

Reader, have you given your heart to Christ? Are you animated by such motives as those of George Paul? You may win "honour" in any occupation or duty to which the Master calls you. Are you striving for it, and a crown at His appearing?

Young professor of religion, are you possessed of the qualifications needful to teach perishing souls? It is "honour" to give money, and to spend time and strength in serving Christ. But there is no such "honour" as that of the man or woman who goes to seek and to save that which was lost. And there is no such "high honour" as to follow the Leader in the forefront of the fight, and bear forever in your glorified body, "the marks of the Lord Jesus."

An Admirable Plan for Presbyteries.

The Presbytery of Warren, in the Synod of Chicago, has adopted a set of "standing rules," which if carried out must make its meetings most delightful and profitable to the members of it, and to the churches where it meets; and must greatly increase its efficiency throughout all its congregations.

Devotional exercises are made prominent. Each morning session will be commenced with half an hour spent thus; and each evening preaching or some other meeting for the spiritual benefit of those present, will be appointed. Thus each Presbyterian meeting becomes a "convention for prayer." To bring down the Divine blessing, to secure the powerful aid of the Spirit of all power and might, is, with the practical wisdom which selects the greatest and surest means to accomplish the most important and difficult designs, made the chief object of the brethren assembled.

To accomplish the great Missionary end of the Presbyterian church, as a church of the Lord Jesus, the following admirable rules have been adopted. What an

impulse must be given to the work of the church in each congregation where such exercises are held with becoming spirit!

IX. Ministers and sessions are required to afford to their congregations an opportunity of contributing to all the Boards and benevolent funds of the church. [Suitable information, it is to be supposed, will be given as the object and want of each of them; and the time appointed by the General Assembly for presenting them to be observed.]

XII. A conference shall also be held, at some time during each stated meeting, about the mission and benevolent enterprises of the church, and means of increasing the interest of our churches in them. And at such conferences a short address shall be delivered on behalf of each Board by some one appointed for that purpose at a previous meeting.

XV. *Candidates*, licentiates, and ministers without charge, shall report in person, or by letter, at every stated Spring meeting, their location, employment, &c.

Religion in Colleges.

Replies to the Circular of the Society of Religious Inquiry of the Western Theological Seminary were received from forty-eight of the leading colleges in this country, concerning the state of religion. The result is as follows: The whole number of students in attendance at the forty-eight colleges reporting, is 10,513, of whom 4,782 are professors of religion; and of these, 1,347 are candidates for the ministry, of whom 66 are expecting to engage in the missionary work. There are reported 491 conversions during the year. A comparison of the above numbers shows that forty-five per cent of these students are professors of religion, and that twenty-eight per cent. of the whole number of professors have the ministry in view.

By comparing the above statistics with those of the report of two years ago, we find a greatly increased attendance on our colleges. In the twenty-three then reported, the average atten-

dance was 132. The average attendance in the forty-eight colleges embraced in this report is 219. This increased ratio arises partly from including the preparatory department in more of the reports than was the case two years ago. The ratio of professors of religion to the whole number of students, it is gratifying to notice, is much larger now. Then it was thirty-five per cent. now it is forty-five per cent.

A less ratio, however, of the professors of religion have decided to enter the ministry. Then there were thirty-nine per cent. of the whole number of professors looking forward to the ministry; now they are only twenty-eight per cent. The reason assigned above as partly the cause of the increased number of students in average attendance on our colleges, will partly and wholly account for the diminished ratio of religious students expecting to enter the ministry.—*Banner*.

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN AUGUST, 1868.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Pine Creek ch	\$7 00
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Mt Pleasant ch 11 26; Newport ch 8; Little Beaver ch 5 20	24 45
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Calvary ch	8 75
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Elkton ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —White Plains ch 10 17; South East ch 5	15 17
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Park ch, Erie	50 00
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Holidaysburg ch	40 00
<i>Pby of Highland</i> —Acheson ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Indianapolis</i> —Bethany ch	7 70
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Keanet's Square ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Warrior Run ch	27 00
<i>Pby of North River</i> —New Hamburg ch	16 60
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Fourth ch, Pittsburgh	22 65
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Mt Olive ch 10; Springfield ch 10	20 00
<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —New York Avenue ch, add'l	6 64
<i>Pby of Radstone</i> —Rahoboth ch	81 55
<i>Pby of Salisbury</i> —Plum Creek ch 20; Mahoning ch 4	24 00

<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —West Liberty ch	\$5 77
<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Monroeton ch	6 00
<i>Pby of Stuebenville</i> —Centre ch	4 00
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Holmesville ch 7; Orrville ch 1	8 00
	<u>\$345 17</u>

LEGACY.

Estate of J Blythe, dec'd, Indianapolis, Ind, per J M Ray, Esq, add'l	250 00
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Alexander Grey, M D, Oxford, Ohio 60, special ^d	
Spring Valley Sab-sch, Monmouth Co, N J 3	63 00
	<u>\$658 17</u>

Total amount acknowledged, \$658 17
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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Case as it now Stands.

1. The last year of the Board ended on the 30th of April with a debt of \$27,139, with the Missions generally prospering and some of them earnestly calling for re-enforcement, and with eight new missionaries under appointment and expecting to go out to their respective fields of labour early in the present mission year, besides four missionaries expecting to return to their stations. In this state of the case earnest consideration was given to the question, whether these new and returning missionaries should be sent out, in the face of the debt, and of the larger sum required this year than was necessary last year for the support of the missions. This question was considered not only by the Executive Committee, but by the Standing Committee of the General Assembly with much care, and afterwards it was considered in the Assembly itself, and the Board was directed "to go forward, trusting in the favour and blessing of God, and the ability and liberality of the Church."

2. Acting under this direction the Committee have sent out since the 1st of May, a missionary and his wife to Japan, a missionary to China, a missionary and his wife to Siam, an unmarried lady with her mother returning to India, a missionary to one of the Indian tribes, a missionary and his wife returning and an unmarried lady to Bogota, and a missionary and his wife returning to Brazil. Arrangements for sending out others are nearly completed, and in a few weeks a missionary and his wife returning and an unmarried lady expect to go out to China, besides another missionary to the same country a month or two later, a missionary and his wife to Siam, a missionary and his wife returning to India, a missionary and his wife to Brazil, and a missionary and his wife to another Indian tribe. The outfit arrangements of nearly all of these labourers are completed, and they may be considered as waiting for word as to the time of saying the last farewells to beloved friends and setting out for their various fields of labour. It is in answer to the prayers of the churches, that this goodly company is willing and waiting to go. The overworked brethren abroad are anxiously expecting them. The heathen are still in perishing need of them. May we not believe that it is the Lord who is sending them forth?

3. Yet the Board has not the means of sending them out; *neither has it the means of meeting the current expenses of the Missions.* Indeed the financial condition is by no means encouraging. The receipts of four months, from all sources, are \$34,910, a sum not differing much from the regular receipts of the same months last year, but less than was received last year in view of the special appeal made to the children of the Church and other friends.

It was not considered expedient to make another special appeal for pecuniary help, but rather to rest this cause on the piety of the Church as manifested in the usual collections, with the hope that these would be largely increased. Thus far this hope has not been generally fulfilled, though in some cases it has been even exceeded. And it is now certain that nothing will save this cause from deplorable embarrassment but the earnest and liberal support of the churches generally, during the remaining months of the year. As far the greater number of the churches make their annual collections in these months, all that is needed to free

this cause from deep difficulties is that the sessions of the churches, and especially the pastors, should lay this state of things to heart themselves, and then see to it that the people understand it and have the opportunity of giving their offerings for this object.

Neither the state of the treasury, nor the prospect of its receiving all needed aid, need be viewed with alarm. It has, indeed, been necessary to borrow funds of late to the amount of about \$17,000. The outstanding liabilities of the treasury, moreover, chiefly in the form of bills sent out but not yet matured, are unusually large. It has too often been the case in former years that the receipts of the earlier months of the mission year were not sufficient to defray the monthly current expenses of the missions; but the liabilities of the treasury extend over a period of several months, and usually before the time comes round for paying them, the collections of the churches prove so liberal as to provide for their payment. So it will be this year, undoubtedly, if the earnest and prompt attention of the churches can be gained in behalf of this object. But it must not be forgotten that without increased gifts, this cause will surely end the year in deep waters. Not only must last year's debt be paid off, but the current expenses of this year are considerably larger than in any former year, owing mainly to the growth of the work, though in part to the greater cost of living in some countries. The loss by exchange continues to be very heavy, and is indeed one of the main causes of the embarrassment of the treasury; it is one of those things, however, which is beyond control. Still, a general and cordial support of the cause by the churches will supply in ample measure all its pecuniary need. Let the hearts of the people of God devise liberal things for this work.

4. On all sides, the missions are prospering. Open doors are set before the Church in Africa, India, Siam, China, Japan, South America, among the Chinese in California, and among the Indian tribes. The labours of the missionary brethren are meeting, in most of these countries, with unusual encouragement. Remarkable cases of conversion attest the presence of the Holy Spirit in most of the missions. Native missionary labourers, the main hope of the churches in all lands, are coming forward. Let our Christian people thank God for his blessing on the work of their hands, and let them be earnest in prayer for more labourers in the great harvest, and for the more abundant outpouring of the Spirit on the nations of the earth. The missionaries earnestly desire to be remembered in the prayers of the churches, and so do all connected with the executive work of the Board, especially in the present exigency of its financial interests.

Recent Intelligence.

CONVERTS ADMITTED TO THE CHURCH.—In the letters received during the last month, we find notices of several converts received in China, viz: three at Shanghai on the first Sabbath of July, four at Hangchow on the same day, and one at one of the out-stations, and two at Bao-ko-tah near Ningpo. One of the latter is a young woman, who had to meet with reproaches and even severe beating from her family, but who was enabled to witness a good confession for Christ. At Shanghai, twenty-five are on the list of inquirers, some of whom will probably soon be admitted to the Church, and also three persons at Suchow, where Mr. Schmidt is stationed. At Corisco, no converts were received at the July communion, but two backsliding members were restored; and several persons were under instruction as inquirers. At Benita two persons were admitted to the church on the last Sabbath of June; thirty persons are in the catechumen class at that station. In Brasil six persons were received as members. See notice on next page.

MORE MISSIONARIES CALLED FOR.—The brethren at Corisco under date of July 14th, have sent an earnest plea for more missionaries. It was not received in time for insertion in the publications of this month. We trust that their request will meet with a favourable and speedy answer. More men are greatly needed both at Corisco and Benita.

MISSION TO THE LAOS.—Accounts from Chieng-mai, to April 24th, are quite favourable. Some discouragements referred to in former letters had been removed, and the brethren seemed to have favour given to them both with the rulers and the people. It was very gratifying to them to find that the spoken language of the Laos could be readily used by them from its similarity to the Siamese, but its written character is so different that books and tracts from our press at Bangkok cannot be used. It will be necessary to prepare type for printing the Scriptures in the language, and in the meantime to use a lithographic press for printing parts of the Bible. A request is made for such a press for this purpose.

NEW CHURCH IN BRAZIL.—A church was organized in May at Lorena, a town about one hundred and ninety miles south of Rio de Janeiro, and six persons were received as members. Mr. Blackford, in the *Foreign Missionary*, gives interesting accounts of some of these members, and pleads for a missionary to be stationed at Lorena, and for means to employ two more colporteurs in Rio. Mr. Pires also gives an encouraging report of his labours on a tour in the province of Minas.

A MISSION TO THE WINNEBAGOES has been contemplated for some time, as readers of the *Annual Reports* of 1865, and 1866, may remember, but various causes stood in the way of beginning it. In May last, the Rev. Joseph M. Wilson, a graduate of the Chicago Theological Seminary, and a member of the Presbytery of Saline, visited this tribe under an appointment as a Missionary of the Board. He was kindly received by the Indian Agent and other friends, and was aided by the experience of the Rev. William Hamilton, of the Omaha Mission; the Winnebagoes are settled on lands purchased from the Omaha reservation. Mr. Wilson will continue for the present, to seek the religious welfare of this interesting tribe of Indians, and we trust in answer to prayer that it will be found practicable and expedient to form a permanent mission among them.

"IN PERILS."—The letters of the last month bring us accounts of dangers of a serious nature to which some of the brethren had been exposed. At Benita a party of heathens attacked the house of the missionary. They had attempted to extort high prices for some articles of food; failing in this, they laid a charm on the well used by the mission, and threatened the vengeance of "Ukuk" against any one who should take water from it; on this threat being disregarded, they rushed upon the house with hideous yells and rage, but the native Christians had rallied to the defence of the missionaries, and after a short conflict the assailants were driven off; soon afterwards the trouble was ended by a palaver or council. The conduct of the native Christians evinced unexpected courage and attachment to the mission family, and Mr. Nassau and the ladies were kept not only in safety, but in peace. They afterwards devised suitable means of showing their gratitude to their defenders. Another example occurred in Siam. The missionary at Petchaburi, Mr. McFarland, on his return home from holding a night meeting in the neighbourhood, was attacked with stones and clubs thrown by two men, but they missed their aim and retreated in the darkness. And the third instance was the narrow escape from death of Dr. House, from an attack by an elephant, which had been placed at his service by a native chief for the overland part of his journey from Bangkok to Chieng-mai. He was seriously wounded, and it was wonderful that he was not killed, but after some weeks he was able to resume his journey, and at the last advices he had returned to Bangkok and was quite well again. We are grateful for the spared lives of all these brethren.

MOVEMENTS OF MISSIONARIES.—The arrival of the Rev. J. M. da Conceicao is reported at Rio de Janeiro, July 20th; of the Rev. T. F. Wallace and his party at

Bogota, July 15th; of the Rev. E. Cornes and his wife at Yokohama, June 27th; of the Rev. J. Wilson and his family from Bangkok at Chieng-mai, February 15th; and of the Rev. A. Folsom and his family from Canton at this port, New York, September 12th, returning on account of Mrs. Folsom's health, which we are glad to learn is much improved.

LETTERS RECEIVED.—To September 14th, from the Chippewa mission August 24th, in which the Rev. P. Dougherty says, "There is nothing new with our little church and people; all are quiet and orderly." Omaha mission, August 31st; Creek mission, September 1st; San Francisco, August 1st; Yokohama, July 25th; Peking, June 9th; Tungchow, July 1st; Chefoo, June 18th; Shanghai, July 14th; Hangchow, July 7th; Ningpo, July 13th; Canton, July 13th; Bangkok, July 9th; Petchaburi, May 12th; Chieng-mai, April 24th; Futtehguh, July 1st; Dehra, June 30th; Lodiana, July 7th; Rawal Pindi, July 18th; Corisco, July 17th; stations in Liberia, to August 3d; Rio de Janeiro, July 25th; Sao Paulo, July 18th; Bogota, August 16th.

Missionary Work in Shantung.

A Chinese Inn—Conversation with a traveller—Interesting communion service—A native Christian doing good.

KEAN TAN, May 22d, 1868.—I am spending this rainy day at a Chinese Inn, in a small village more than one hundred miles from any white person. The building I occupy is without floor, has walls of mud-brick, and a thatched roof. Within is a small rickety table, on which stands a lamp consisting of an earthen pot containing oil and wick—(whether the table or lamp contains the most oil is a question)—a coffin of sufficient size to contain separate bodies, a wine-press, fuel of corn stacks and grass, old boxes, crocks, and a variety of articles which have no English name. The room has one small window with paper instead of glass. Under the window is the bed built of brick or clay. On this I am now writing, to get the benefit of the light. The door is kept shut by placing a large stone against it. I had hoped to spend to-morrow (Sabbath) at a large town twenty miles south of this but the rain prevented. A traveller is stopping at the same inn. He has just left my room much interested apparently in the truth. I tried to preach to him last evening, but his mind was too much occupied with other things to give attention. He had intended leaving this morning at daylight, I trust it was God's plan thus to detain him. During the week, the villages of Messrs. Yii and Lering, the old men who united with the church last year, were visited. They live about two miles apart. Yii went with us to the house of Lering. After preaching on the street to the people of the village, a service was held in the room of Lering and the Lord's Supper administered. Two native helpers, a

Christian servant and the old men were the communicants. In this little room without floor or furniture we enjoyed a most precious season. I never before so well understood Paul's meaning, where he says, "Dearly beloved and longed for. My joy and crown." I asked Yii what he thought of Jesus now. He replied, I think of him all the time, I am always praying to him. I love him more and more. Lering, now in his seventy-ninth year, spends all his time in studying the Scriptures and in reading Christian books. On account of weakness of the chest he has difficulty of talking, he has therefore written a number of short sermons. The walls of his room are covered with them. When any one calls to see him he asks them to read. When he goes on the street he invariably takes a sermon with him and requests some one to read it aloud that others may hear. On his door posts, the walls of his house, on the gates and the trees in his court are written in large characters such sentences as, "The living and true God alone gives true happiness." "Jesus is the Saviour of the soul." "Jesus' love is truly great." "Jesus help," &c. Thus literally obeying the injunction Deut. xi. 18, 20. This man is physically failing, but his mind is most vigorous, and what is better his soul is firmly staid on Jesus. He presented me with the family idols he used to worship, saying he had no need for them now, but rejoiced that he had found the true God. His parting words were, "Will you not ask God's people in your native land to pray for me and the people of China?"

Cities and towns visited—Touching inquiries of aged men—"Why does no missionary come?"

CHEFOO, June 18th.—Have returned

from an itinerating circuit of about four hundred miles. Four walled cities and upwards of two hundred towns and villages were visited. Portions of Scripture and tracts were distributed wherever persons were found able to read or were willing to receive them. Fifteen thousand copper cash,* equal in value to fifteen dollars, was received for books sold at the public market.

At one of the villages visited, a man named Chong in his seventy-second year, listened for more than an hour with the greatest apparent interest. He asked many questions which showed his desire to know the truth. He said, I have never heard nor thought of such doctrine, my heart tells me it is true. I believe it, I want to be saved, I am now an old man and must soon die. He seemed reluctant to have us leave, escorted us a long distance. He said he wanted to know more about the truth, but feared his trembling limbs would not carry him to Chefoo. I trust that he will yet find Christ precious to his soul. He seemed much encouraged when told that two men older than himself were members of the church. Several days afterwards at another village, a man in his seventieth year listened with fixed attention. He asked where is Jesus, saying I want to worship him, I will bow down to him and pour incense at once. Upon which he rose to his feet to carry out his intention. He inquired again and again how is Jesus to be worshipped. He was told he must love Jesus, I will love him he replied. When told he must no longer worship idols, he said, then I will worship them no more. If Jesus will save my soul, it is enough for me, I have always had but little faith in idols, but I knew of nothing better. I never met a Chinaman so impulsive, nor one apparently so much in earnest. He did not wish us to leave him. His parting words were, if I go to your home will you teach me to worship Jesus; what shall I take with me. At another town a middle aged man listened with great attention. He said, you bring us good news, I am glad you have come. He called his son, a young man, to listen that he might help him to remember. I want to be saved, said he, but I know not the way.

No words can express the joy that such instances bring to our hearts. Often for days and weeks, of the hundreds who hear the gospel message, not one manifests the least interest, nor

seems to feel that he has any concern in understanding it. The meeting of any who desire to know the truth makes us forget our weariness, and the evil names we so often hear applied to ourselves. Several days were spent at the city of Lai Yang, when I was permitted to see the first fruit of my missionary labour, in the conversion of Mr. Wang, our native preacher. One evening ten or more leading men came to my lodging place to discuss the truth. One old man often listening for a time asked, *Why does no missionary come and live in our city, and teach us the doctrine of Jesus?* I refer this question to the churches at home for consideration and an answer. "The harvest truly is plenteous but the labourers are few." Yours truly,
HUNTER CORBETT.

Love for the Work.

A missionary of the American Board, placed in trying circumstances by the ill health of his wife, some of whose friends in America, without consulting her, had suggested that they should be released from the service, and at once return to their native land, referring to this suggestion writes as follows: "Mrs.— asks that you will pardon this affectionate anxiety;— wrote without a hint from us, solely on her own responsibility. I think I can literally say, that not the faintest desire to return to America has ever *once* tormented me by its presence since I came to Turkey. Such a contingency is the greatest possible misfortune for the foreign missionary. It is unbelief alone that produces so much mawkish sympathy for foreign missionaries in the churches. I say 'mawkish' deliberately. As missionaries we love sympathy, provided it is Christian; but we do not want that which considers us martyrs because we are deprived of great easy-chairs, Brussels carpets, gas lights, evening papers, railroads, and refined society. 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature,' and 'Lo' I am with you always, even unto the end,' is the sole reason why I am in Turkey, and it is amply sufficient. Missionary discomforts are uniformly inversely as one's love for the Saviour; and when the latter is perfect the former entirely disappear. This at least is our theory.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for all and every trial, for it brings us nearer to him."

*Fifteen thousand cash weighs about one hundred and thirty pounds, a load for a donkey.

INDIA:	1856	2	1	1	2	3	6	9	...	406	65	471
LORIAN.	1849	4	1	1	3	3	5	33	...	1274	17	1291
Rawal Pindl.	1847	3	1	1	2	2	1	14	...	423	80	423
Jalandar.	1854	2	...	...	1	1	...	41	...	645	671	671
Lodianna.	1848	3	...	...	1	1	...	42	...	520	107	620
Ambala.	1836	2	...	...	1	1	...	6	...	30	16	68
Sabathu.	1836	1	...	...	1	1	...	23	...	300	40	388
Saharunpur.	1853	1	...	...	1	1	...	51	...	210	40	242
D-hra.	1853	1	...	...	1	1	...	5	...	...	...	...
Roorkhee.	1856	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dharmasala.	1865	2	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
At home.	1838	2	...	...	2	2	...	72	...	256	69	356
Fatehgarh.	1844	2	...	...	2	2	...	13	...	337	...	397
Furruckhabad.	1843	2	...	...	2	2	...	19	...	242	181	423
Mysourie.	1853	2	...	...	1	1	...	23	...	...	200	200
Eauwah.	1853	1	...	...	1	1	...	7	...	...	18	68
Furtenpore.	1852	3	...	...	3	3	...	60	...	550	24	582
Alahabad.	1836	1	...	...	1	1	...	8	...	...	...	...
At home.	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total of India Missions.	...	28	6	5	2	28	129	456	74	91	817	6194
SIAM:	1840	3	...	...	3	3	2	16	26	4	5	46
Bangkok.	1831	2	...	...	2	2	...	9	...	...	15	16
Petchaburi.	1867	2	...	...	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	...
Chiang Mai.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total of Siam Missions.	...	7	...	...	7	7	3	26	26	4	20	62
CHINA:	1846	9	...	...	4	4	5	37	6	...	...	110
CANTON.	1844	2	...	...	2	2	8	301	27	14	104	108
Ningpo and 5 sub-stations.	1851	2	...	...	2	2	5	28	...	...	...	...
Hang-show.	1850	2	...	...	1	1	3	43	...	...	...	...
Shanghai.	1861	2	...	...	3	3	3	38	21	20	16	57
Tungchow.	1862	2	...	...	2	2	2	32	13	9	...	22
Chefoo.	1863	2	...	...	2	2	2	10	...	...	...	12
Peking.	1863	2	...	...	2	2	1	10	22	...	...	22
At home.	1852	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
San Francisco.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total of China Missions.	...	18	5	2	3	17	35	501	89	55	187	331
JAPAN:	1859	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Yokohama.	1846	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
JEWS:	1846	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
New York.	1844	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
PAPAL EUROPE:	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stations in France.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Belgium, Etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
GENERAL TOTAL.	...	79	12	10	12	73	179	1616	274	184	5547	8651

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN AUGUST, 1868.

- SYNOD OF ALBANY.**—*Pby of Albany*—State St ch, Albany, for Rio chapel 51 00; Charlton Sab-sch 6; Esperance ch 10; Carlisle ch 10; Saratoga Springs ch 126 24 203 24
- SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.**—*Pby of Allegheny*—Tarentum ch, Ladies' Miss'y Soc'y 10; Centreville Sab-sch 15. *Pby of Erie*—Cool Spring ch to con L D McCullough, *Life member* 51; Cool Spring and Salem chs, to con Joseph Campbell, *Life member* 17 93 00
- SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.**—*Pby of Baltimore*—Westminster ch, Baltimore, Sab-sch, Grace Lee 2 28, Frank 1, Albert 75 cts = 4 03. *Pby of Carlisle*—Chambersburg ch 151 15; Middle Spring ch 309 15; Mechanicsburg Sab-sch for Tung Chow sch 38. *Pby of Potomac*—New York Ave ch, Washington 65 43 567 76
- SYNOD OF BUFFALO.**—*Pby of Ogdensburg*—Hammond ch, bequest of Catharine Taylor, dec'd 20, Bal to con Mrs Elizabeth Miller, *Life member* 12, Sab-sch 49 50 = 51 50; Rossie Sab-sch 11 00. *Pby of Rochester City*—Fort Byron ch mo con 20, Sab-sch 20 = 40 103 10
- SYNOD OF CHICAGO.**—*Pby of Rock River*—Galena South ch 64 86. *Pby of Warren*—Oquawka Sab-sch 7 50 72 36
- SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.**—*Pby of Cincinnati*—Bethel Sab-sch 5; 7th ch, Cincinnati mo con July and August 16 91 21 91
- SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.**—*Pby of Peoria*—Princeville ch 42 75. *Pby of Saline*—Sandoval ch 3 70; Odin ch 10 82. *Pby of Sangamon*—Providence ch, Rev Jos Platt 50; Farmington Sab-sch to sup child at Corisco 26 35 138 62
- SYNOD OF IOWA.**—*Pby of Cedar*—Walcott ch, Nolo Sab-sch 10. *Pby of Frankville*—Lime Spring ch 4 15; Chester ch 3 05. *Pby of Vinton*—Newton Sab-sch 3 20 20
- SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.**—*Pby of Louisville*—Rev J H Dinsmore, for Brazil 5. *Pby of West Lexington*—2d ch, Lexington Sab-sch 13 40 18 40
- SYNOD OF MISSOURI.**—*Pby of St Louis*—German Bethlehem ch 10 60
- SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.**—*Pby of New Orleans*—1st German ch, New Orleans Ladies Soc'y 10; 2d German Sab-sch, New Orleans 7 17 00
- SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.**—*Pby of Burlington*—Burlington ch 57 67. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—Baskinridge Sab-sch 30; Perth Amboy ch 25 75; Metuchin ch mo con 7 10; 2d ch, Rahway Sab-sch 14; New Providence ch mo con 12. *Pby of Luzerne*—Wyoming Sab-sch 7; Summit Hill ch 15 34; P, 11 11, Sab-sch 3 55 = 30. *Pby of Monmouth*—Spring Valley Sab-sch 3. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Kingston ch mo con 17 52. *Pby of Passaic*—Rutherford Park ch mo con 56 83; Central ch, Orange 130; Wickliffe ch mo con 11; 2d ch, Newark mo con 14 48, for Rio Chapel 10 = 24 48; 1st ch, Morristown 100, mo con 106 04 = 206 04; Mt Olive ch 20. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Towanda ch mo con 16. *Pby of West Jersey*—Woodstown ch 7; 1st ch, Bridgeton 240 915 39
- SYNOD OF NEW YORK.**—*Pby of Connecticut*—Rye ch mo con 17; White Plains ch 47 11. *Pby of Hudson*—Monroe ch 17; Goshen ch 59; Florida ch mo con 4, Sab-sch 10 = 14. *Pby of Nassau*—Newton ch 193 15, Sab-sch 50 = 243 15; Astoria ch 33; S Third St ch, Williamsburg mo con 21 92; Geneva ch, Brooklyn 29; Throop Ave Mission ch for Shanghai sch 100; 1st ch, Brooklyn mo con 30 45; German ch Sab-sch, Williamsburg 6. *Pby of New York*—Brick ch mo con 58 00. *Pby of North River*—Calvary ch, Newburg mo con 26 702 23
- SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.**—*Pby of Crawfordsville*—Bethany ch, Alexander R McMurry 100; Rockville ch 10; Green Castle ch, Lady 6, Sab-sch 11 = 16. *Pby of Fort Wayne*—Lagrange Sab-sch 5. *Pby of Lake*—Valparaiso ch 1 132 00
- SYNOD OF OHIO.**—*Pby of Columbus*—Blendon Sab-sch, for Bangkok 10. *Pby of Marion*—Mt Gilead Sab-sch 10 65. *Pby of Richland*—Chester ville ch 2; Ashland ch, Mrs Miller 4. *Pby of Wooster*—East Hopewell ch 18; Nashville ch 22; Chippewa ch, Silver Creek, Mission Sab-sch 5; Berlin ch 6 25; Wooster ch 75 37; Chester Sab-sch 3 29; Wayne Sab-sch 12 95; Lessa Fredericksburg ch, Wooster Pby, ack' in May Receipts in error 48 119 51
- SYNOD OF PACIFIC.**—*Pby of California*—First ch, San Francisco mo con 22 55. *Pby of Stockton*—Visalia ch 3 60 26 15
- SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.**—*Pby of Huntington*—Little Valley ch 23. *Pby of New Castle*—Coatsville ch 35 50. a Friend of Missions, by Rev J Roberts 50 = 85 50; Kennett Square ch 14; 1st ch, Wilmington, for Chinese in California 12 13; New London ch Benevolent Fund, add'l 20. *Pby of Northumberland*—Rohrsburg ch 2 25, Female Miss'y Soc'y 11 35, Sab-sch Hannah R Patterson 72 cts, M J Berlin 63 cts, Rudolpha B Kline 50 cts, Legacy of Jennie R Stuart 1, Ella Stuart 1 = 17 45; Sugar Loaf ch 2; Orangeville ch 14 25; New Columbia ch 45; Bloomsburg ch 24, J T 4 = 28; Warrior Run ch 37. *Pby of Philadelphia* 2d—Providence ch, a Friend 2; Frankford ch 100 573 38
- SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.**—*Pby of Blairsville*—Livermore ch 24 87. *Pby of Clarion*—Mt Pleasant ch 12, Sab-sch 1 30 = 13 30; Mt Tabor ch 22; Clear Creek Sab-sch 1; Bethesda Sab-sch 2 15. *Pby of Ohio*—Lawrenceville Sab-sch, for Chefoo Boys' sch 32 25; Bethel ch 5, Friend of Missions, for the Jews 12 = 25. *Pby of Eastons*—Mt Moriah Sab-sch 1 31; Mt Pleasant ch 62 41 184 29
- SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.**—*Pby of St Paul*—Hudson Sab-sch 1 50; Westminster ch, Minneapolis mo con 5 54, Sab-sch 37 64 = 43 18 44 68
- SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.**—*Pby of Western Reserve*—Tiffin ch, for Bogota 10 00
- SYNOD OF WHEELING.**—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Madison Sab-sch 6 25; 1st ch, New Lisbon 20. *Pby of Steubenville*—Big Spring Sab-sch, for Chefoo sch 58. *Pby of Washington*—First ch, Washington Sab-sch, for Girls' sch at Corisco and Lahor 90; Cove Sab-sch, for Allahabad sch 2; Lower Ten Mile ch 16; 2d ch, Wheeling 100 292 25
- SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.**—*Pby of Winnebago*—Kilbourn City Sab-sch, "Cent Society" 3; French ch, Robinsonville 14 10 17 10

Total received from churches \$4,077 57

LEGACIES.—Estate of Benj J Blythe, dec'd, Indianapolis 250; Legacy of Mrs Eliza H Hornbeck, dec'd, Scotchtown, N Y, less tax 188; Interest on bequest of John Galagher, dec'd, Cincinnati 30; Legacy of a soldier, a Friend of Missions, who fell in the war for the Union" 500 968 00

MISCELLANEOUS.—Wm Sydney Smith 100; Lawrenceville, N J, Female Seminary 6 59; J T S Wooster, Ohio 8; Cong'l Sab-sch, New Village, L I 2 50; Trinity ch, Chicago, for Naples ch 44 17; Gen G Loomis, 5; Rev J P Finley and wife 4; Jennie Finley 1, Brookfield, Mo, Ladies in California, for printing in Chinese and English 30, "For Gold 5,000;" Three Little Children, Albia, Iowa 50 cts; Rev R D S 5; Mary J Lowrie 50 cts; James McVickers, White Hall, Pa 60; Cash 5; A Lady—Contents of Children's Missionary Box 1 60; Mrs P C Patterson, Lexington, Mo 5; Jacob Leyenberger, Orford, Iowa 10, 5,288 90

Total Receipts in August, 1868, \$10,334 53

WM. RANKIN, Jr., Treasurer.

Peekskill ch Sab-sch, 2d N Y Pby, a bell for Benita ch, Africa, value 120.

LETTERS relating to the Missions, or other operations of the Board, may be addressed to the Rev. JOHN C. LOWRIE, or Rev. DAVID IRVING, Secretaries, Mission House, 23 Centre street, New York.

LETTERS relating to the pecuniary affairs of the Board, or containing remittances of money, may be sent to WILLIAM RANKIN, Jr., Esq.,

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

PUBLISHING HOUSE, 821 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

Letters relating to agencies, donations of books and tracts, the appointment of Colporteurs, manuscripts and books offered for publication, and the general interests of the Board, to be addressed to the Rev. WILLIAM E. SCHENCK, D.D., Corresponding Secretary and Editor, No. 821 Chestnut street.

All communications, reports, remittances of money, donations, and orders for books, to be addressed to Mr. WINTHROP SARGENT, Superintendent of Colportage, Business Correspondent, and Treasurer.

Subscriptions to *The Record*, and the *Sabbath-School Visitor*, and payments for the same, to be addressed to Mr. PETER WALKER.

Our Colportage and Distribution Fund.

The Board continues to receive applications for colportage work and for donations of books and tracts from all parts of the land. There is no limit to the amount of this kind of work that can be done and that is urgently needed, except the limit imposed by our need of greater means. Let the money be furnished, and the books and tracts shall go out into the destitute and needy parts of the land on their mission of light and love.

As the Presbyteries and Synods are soon to hold their fall meetings, we trust they will adopt measures to arouse the churches and individual Christians to the importance of this work. It is sad to look over the columns of our Assembly Minutes and see how many churches contribute absolutely nothing to help the Board in this good work. Would each of these delinquent churches send a contribution, however small, it would give a new impulse to the whole work of gratuitous distribution. The Board greatly *needs* contributions, and needs them *now*. Will not the churches come to its help?

Will Sabbath-Schools Help?

The last General Assembly adopted the following, to which the Board of Publication earnestly solicits a response from every Sabbath-school. The need of their help is great. Many applications for donations of books are continually coming to the Board.

RESOLVED, That the Assembly recommends that collections to be taken up in all our Sabbath-schools for this Board, and that the funds thus contributed be used in supplying libraries to Sabbath-schools in destitute neighborhoods.

Will not pastors and Sabbath-school Superintendents call the attention of their Sabbath-schools to this resolution, and tell them that the Board is constantly besieged by solicitations from destitute neighbourhoods, and poor and mission schools for just such aid. Each contribution will carry joy to the heart of many a child who cannot otherwise get these good books and papers.

If our churches are ever to become thoroughly trained in the work of systematic benevolence, that training must begin with the children.

Let the children in every Sabbath-school be trained carefully to give an annual contribution to each Board of the church, and in a few years an astonishing effect would be visible in the spirit of liberality visible in our churches. Brethren of the ministry, try this experiment faithfully and you will find it so.

Incidents in Colportage.

We make the following extracts from the letter of an Iowa colporteur:

"I feel very much interested in my work and do think I am doing some good, though perhaps not as much as I might do. I seldom let an opportunity pass without saying something relative to the salvation of the soul. I do what I can to point sinners to the Lamb of God. Since I last wrote you I have left two or three in an inquiring state of mind. They requested an interest in my prayers. Glorious thought, if I could but lead one soul to the Saviour! But many are careless and unconcerned about their souls. Others ridicule the Bible and despise the Saviour. One poor old sinner when I gave him the tract '*Jehovah our Righteousness*,' laughed and said 'Well, that is perfect nonsense.' I talked a long time with him, but made no impression. Before leaving I told him I had one thing more to say and requested him to think seriously upon it. I then took him by the hand and said: 'Except you repent you will perish. May God have mercy upon you.'

"On the same day I met with a man who thinks he has lived from all eternity. God breathed into him the breath of life; that breath lived from eternity, and consequently a part of him lived from eternity. That part, his soul, is a part of the Godhead. When I asked him if he was a sinner he answered in the affirmative. 'There' said I, 'according to your theory, that part of the Godhead which you possess is a *sinful* part, and God, the Son, died to redeem that sinful part of the Godhead. Now I ask you if you can, as a rational man, believe such an absurdity?' He said he had not viewed the subject in that light before, and was not prepared to answer my question.

"I might write all day detailing similar conversations.

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Our Colportage Work.

When sending his quarterly report a Colporteur in Central Illinois writes as follows:—

"While I have not done much lately in the way of sales, I have been doing some good, I trust, in the way of searching out, and visiting, a large number of families that *should be* Presbyterians, and who are scattered about through the backwoods. They are very poor indeed, and very kind, and have never before been visited, at their homes, by colporteur or minister. I prayed and conversed with them and left tracts, catechisms, and cheap volumes with them, after urging upon them the importance of

attending upon the preaching of the gospel. Oh, what an amount of good a faithful missionary might do out here in these backwood settlements!

“Money is very scarce in this section just now, but I hope to get into a wealthier settlement in a few days and to do a better work in making sales. But I have been sowing the good seed among a destitute but grateful class of settlers, and will look to God in prayer for his blessing on my humble labours.
J. D.”

An Acknowledgement.

The Board recently sent a donation of Sabbath-school books to the school of a church in Illinois, whose edifice had been destroyed by a fierce storm. The following is the grateful acknowledgement:

———, ILLINOIS, August, 1868.

Dear Brother,—On behalf of our Sabbath-school I return to you our heartiest thanks for the Board's donation of books. They are just what we need and were not able of ourselves to procure. Without this timely gift, our school would have had to remain destitute for a long time. Now our hearts are gladdened and the scholars will be encouraged because they have good books to read. Our library and our hymn books which were in the church when it was destroyed by the storm were entirely ruined by the rain. We are straining every nerve to rebuild and could not refurnish our library. This donation relieves us. May God bless you and the Board and open the hearts of friends to give to the Board more freely, so that destitute and needy Sabbath-schools like ours may be encouraged by having good books to read. Men who give of their money for the distribution of the Board's Sabbath-school books can be assured that they are giving it to a righteous cause. Such gifts will be lending to the Lord.

Your Brother, S. E. V.

From a Missionary in Missouri.

From one of the Domestic Missionaries who have recently received the gift of a copy of “*Hodge on the Atonement*,” we have received the following:—

———, MISSOURI, ———, 1868.

Dear Sir,—I have received the copy of *Hodge on Atonement* sent me;—a thousand thanks. It is a rich gift. The minister of God who is called to defend the truth, and the faith of the gospel, can find no more valuable publication, the Bible excepted. Specially do Dr. Hodge's students welcome the receipt of this book. His reasoning, so deep, yet so thoroughly plain, cannot fail to interest all theologians, biblical students, or disciples of Him who has made atonement for us. B. F. P.

We still ask for contributions in order that we may give more copies to our missionaries.

Books.

Give us a house furnished with books rather than a gorgeous array of furniture, beyond the wants of the inmates. Both, if you can, but books at any rate. Think of the mental torture you must undergo, to spend several days in a friend's house and hunger for something to read, while you are treading on costly carpets, and sitting down on luxurious chairs, and sleeping upon down, as if one were bribing your body for the sake of cheating your mind. Books are windows through which the soul looks out. A house without books is like a room without windows. A book is good company. It is full of conversation without loquacity. It talks to you, not through the ear but in another and oftentimes more desirable way.—Selected.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

I. The Translated Prophet. By John M. Lowrie, D.D., author of "Esther and her Times," "The Hebrew Lawgiver," "A Week with Jesus," &c. 12mo. Price \$1.10.

"He, being dead yet speaketh." This is eminently true of our excellent brother, the author of this volume, which now goes forth to the world after the hand which penned it has for many months been resting in the grave.

The "Translated Prophet" partakes largely of all the best characteristics of the author's former volumes. It is rich in able expositions of scripture and in sound and impressive practical lessons drawn therefrom. No

one can read the book without having a higher appreciation of the character and work of the prophet Elijah, and a far better comprehension of the times in which he lived.

II. Willow-Bend, or School Influence. By Luola, author of "The Basket of Chips," &c. Price 55 and 60 cents.

A Southern story. It contains a beautiful delineation of the experience of a motherless girl, and the influences which surrounded her at boarding-school, with the results which flowed therefrom. The style is lucid and vigorous, the sentiments excellent, and the impression made by its perusal on young readers must be beneficial.

DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE COLPORTAGE AND DISTRIBUTION FUNDS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION, SINCE LAST ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

<i>Pky of Beaver</i> —Neshannock ch	\$17 50	<i>Pky of Passaic</i> —Miss'y Soc'y, 1st ch	Morristown 150 00
<i>Pky of Carlisle</i> —Rocky Spring and St Thomas chs	10 00	<i>Pky of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Newtown ch	23 58
<i>Pky of Cincinnati</i> —Somerset ch	4 15	<i>Pky of Potomac</i> —New York Avenue ch, Washington	4 64
<i>Pky of Columbus</i> —Columbus Grove ch	5 00	<i>Pky of Richmond</i> —Bloomfield ch 3 25; Mansfield ch 13; Savannah ch 15; Mt Vernon ch 23 85	87 10
<i>Pky of Connecticut</i> —White Plains ch 6 36; South East ch 6	12 36	<i>Pky of Rochester City</i> —Phelps 1st ch	10 00
<i>Pky of Dane</i> —Verona ch	7 30	<i>Pky of Saino</i> —Odin ch	1 70
<i>Pky of Dubuque</i> —Wayne ch	1 30	<i>Pky of Sidney</i> —Turtle Creek ch	4 00
<i>Pky of Elizabethtown</i> —Elizabeth 2d ch 48; Plainfield ch 18	66 00	<i>Pky of Steubenville</i> —Bloomfield ch 14; Pleasant Hill ch 10	24 00
<i>Pky of Genesee River</i> —Moscow ch	5 00	<i>Pky of Susquehanna</i> —Monroeton ch	4 00
<i>Pky of Highland</i> —Acheson ch	5 00	<i>Pky of Washington</i> —First ch Sab-sch, Washington 25; Wellsburgh ch 4 85	29 85
<i>Pky of Huntingdon</i> —Huntingdon ch	67 00	<i>Pky of West Jersey</i> —Greenwich ch	60 00
<i>Pky of Indianapolis</i> —Bethany ch	5 50	<i>Pky of White Water</i> —Mt Carmel ch	10 85
<i>Pky of Iowa</i> —Mt Pleasant ch	13 15	<i>Pky of Winnebago</i> —Plover ch	4 00
<i>Pky of Kaskaskia</i> —Butler ch	3 70	<i>Pky of Wooster</i> —Mt Eaton ch 4; Jeromeville ch 6; West Salem ch 5 35; Congress ch 6 93; Wayne and Chester chs 10; Wooster ch 36 46; Holmesville ch 7	75 74
<i>Pky of Lafayette</i> —Warrensburg ch	7 50		
<i>Pky of Logansport</i> —Logansport ch	13 50		
<i>Pky of Missouri River</i> —Council Bluffs 1st ch	15 50		
<i>Pky of Mohawk</i> —Oneida ch	37 36		
<i>Pky of Nassau</i> —Throop Avenue ch	6 78		
<i>Pky of New Castle</i> —Dover ch	20 00		
<i>Pky of New London</i> —New Lisbon ch	21 00		
<i>Pky of New York</i> —Forty-second Street ch	45 43		
<i>Pky of Newton</i> —Blairstown ch	19 50		
<i>Pky of North River</i> —Marlboro ch 5 64; Middle Hope ch 4 46	12 10		

MISCELLANEOUS.
"A Friend in West Philadelphia" 25; "A U"
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WINTHROP SARGENT, Treasurer.

In receipts reported in September No. for 1st ch Trenton read 4th ch Trenton.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Corresponding Secretary, Rev. H. L. Coe.

Treasurer, DAVID KEITH, St. Louis, Mo.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION in part for JULY, 1868.

(Continued from page 221.)

<i>Pky of Steubenville</i> —New Hagerstown ch 30; Fairmount ch 7; New Cumberland ch 5; Big Spring ch 7; 1st ch Steubenville 40; Richmond ch 10	\$69 00	<i>Pky of Chillicothe</i> —Greenfield ch	\$14 00
<i>Pky of New Albany</i> —German ch of Jackson Co	5 50	<i>Pky of Huntington</i> —Spruce Creek ch 10; Shaver's Creek ch 10; Sinking Valley ch 41 82	161 82
<i>Pky of Philadelphia</i> —Chester ch	30 00	<i>Pky of Bemis</i> —Napa City ch	25 00
<i>Pky of Philadelphia Central</i> —Spring Garden ch (of which H G D 20, G C 10, G C, Jr 5) 106 29; West Arch St ch 35 78; Kensington ch, special 25	167 07	<i>Pky of Indianapolis</i> —Hopewell ch 21; Shiloh ch 3	24 00
<i>Pky of Northumberland</i> —New Berlin ch 7 70; Harleton ch 5 50; Mahoning ch 22 76	35 96	<i>Pky of Chippewa</i> —Chippewa Falls ch	8 00
<i>Pky of New Castle</i> —Lower Brandywine ch 7 03; Green Hill ch 16 50; Upper Octorara ch 29 69	53 23	<i>Pky of Susquehanna</i> —Canton ch 9; Towanda ch 15; Troy ch 29	53 00
<i>Pky of North River</i> —Rondout ch	45 00	<i>Pky of Western Reserve</i> —Westminster ch 17 50; Do Sab-sch 2 50	20 00
<i>Pky of Susquehanna</i> —Herrick ch 10; Barclay ch 6 53	16 53	<i>Pky of Troy</i> —Troy South ch 5; Park ch 22 63	27 68
<i>Pky of West Jersey</i> —May's Landing ch 3 06; Tuckahoe ch 1	4 06	<i>Pky of Mohawk</i> —First ch, Oswego	132 77
<i>Pky of St Clairsville</i> —Rock Hill ch	6 75	<i>Pky of Findlay</i> —Ottawa ch	5 00
<i>Pky of New Brunswick</i> —First ch, Trenton	132 48	<i>Pky of Dubuque</i> —Zion ch	2 10
<i>Pky of Carlisle</i> —Green Castle ch	29 00	<i>Pky of Lafayette</i> —Knob Noster ch	10 75
<i>Pky of Raritan</i> —Lambertville ch	27 79		
<i>Pky of Huntington</i> —Williamsburg ch	45 18		
<i>Pky of Cincinnati</i> —Fifth ch 15 06; Springdale ch 33 40; 1st ch, Glendale 68 10	116 56		
<i>Pky of Sidney</i> —First ch, Bellefontaine	19 89		
<i>Pky of Oxford</i> —Hamilton ch 43; Harrison ch 10; 1st ch, Eaton 5; Camden ch 3 81	61 81		

MISCELLANEOUS.

Estate of Edgar Wilson, late of Morgantown 25; Rev C R Fisk, Delavan, Ill 1; J M Chambers, Esq, Kansas 6; A Friend 2; A Chapman 5; Rev F R Wilson, special 5; A member of 2d ch, Freeport, Ill 10; "Orange," Rochester City 20; Friends in Ill 100; Cash 25; A Friend 20; N S B and wife 6; Mrs J E Deklyn 5

Total receipts for July \$4949 87

DAVID KEITH, Treasurer, .

St. Louis, Mo.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION in part for AUGUST, 1868.

Total receipts in August \$5250 10, as follows:—

<i>Pky of Missouri River</i> —Bellevue ch 2 76; Afton ch 5 50	\$8 35	Creek ch 3 75; Gilman ch 6; Bloomington ch 7	\$26 75
<i>Pky of Baltimore</i> —Broadway ch	19 39	<i>Pky of Erie</i> —Mercer ch 12; Park ch, Erie 75;	75 00
<i>Pky of Saltburg</i> —Ebenser ch 26 13; Glade Run ch 13; Marion ch 5; Rural Valley ch 24 18;	79 24	Surgeonville ch 4 25	91 25
Elderton ch 8 93	32 16	<i>Pky of Albany</i> —Princeton ch	15 70
<i>Pky of Munica</i> —First ch, Indianapolis	32 16	<i>Pky of Monmouth</i> —Jamesburg ch 13; Shrewsbury ch 17	30 00
<i>Pky of Lake</i> —South Bend ch 16 50; Sumption Prairie ch 3; Valparaiso ch, add'l 1	19 50	<i>Pky of Peoria</i> —First ch Peosta 35 10; Brunswick ch 3; French Grove ch 5	43 10
<i>Pky of Rock River</i> —Foreston, German ch 8; Sterling ch 25 30; Galena ch, German 4; Morrison ch 2 70	40 00	<i>Pky of West Virginia</i> —Grafton ch 6; Fairmont ch 2	8 00
<i>Pky of Indianapolis</i> —Fifth ch Indianapolis 2; Knighstown ch 7 90	9 90	<i>Pky of Huntington</i> —Shade Gap ch 3; McVeytown ch 50 50; Peru ch 11 25; Bellefonte ch 154 20;	154 20
<i>Pky of Hoeking</i> —Decatur ch 2 55; Barlow ch 5 75	8 25	West Kishacoquillas ch 52; Tyrone ch 18;	70 00
<i>Pky of Schuyler</i> —Fountain Green ch 10; Mt Sterling ch 7 90; Ipava ch 17; Perry ch 8 60	43 69	Upper Tuscarora ch 28 50; Mifflintown ch 76 25; Huntington ch, special 200	564 70
<i>Pky of Cedar</i> —Red Oak ch 14; Summit ch 15; Marion ch 35; Long Grove ch 2; Fairview ch 4 50; New York ch 5; Tipton ch 17 35; Do Sab-sch 5 40	98 25	<i>Pky of Dubuque</i> —Epworth ch 2; Independence ch 10; Scotch Grove ch 3; Peosta ch 3	18 00
<i>Pky of Milwaukee</i> —First ch Janesville	26 00	<i>Pky of Mohawk</i> —Park Central ch	50 00
<i>Pky of Elizabethtown</i> —Perth Amboy ch 4 50; Westfield ch 30 31	34 81	<i>Pky of Passaic</i> —Second ch, Elizabeth	47 70
<i>Pky of Connecticut</i> —Bedford ch 29 50; South East ch 5 11; Yorktown ch, special 30; Gilead ch, special 8 50	73 11	<i>Pky of Carlisle</i> —Piney Creek ch 7; Frostburg ch 5; Hagerstown ch 37 50	49 50
<i>Pky of Hudson</i> —Goshen ch	29 27	<i>Pky of Dane</i> —Blue Mounds ch 3 20; Verona Sab-sch 7 05	10 25
<i>Pky of Long Island</i> —Second ch Huntington 42; Middletown ch 10 64	52 64	<i>Pky of Marion</i> —Marysville ch 7 65; Milford Centre ch 6 80; Kingston ch 8; Brown ch 8 30 25	30 25
<i>Pky of New York</i> —Forty-second Street ch 56 24	61 80	<i>Pky of Iowa</i> —Middletown ch 10; Mt Pleasant ch 21 97; Mt Pleasant German ch 3 88; Burlington German ch 3 75	39 60
<i>Pky of New York 2d</i> —Inwood ch	61 80	<i>Pky of Fairfield</i> —Salina ch 3; Brighton ch 2	5 00
<i>Pky of St Paul</i> —First ch, Rockford 5; Medina ch 4 20	9 20	<i>Pky of Miami</i> —First ch, Miami City 20; 2d ch, Springfield 44 33; 1st and 2d chs, Dayton 85;	205 51
<i>Pky of Sangamon</i> —Farmington ch	17 60	Clifton ch 43 25; Franklin ch 12 93	205 51
<i>Pky of Northumberland</i> —Chilisqueque ch 10; Moorsburg ch 5	15 00	<i>Pky of Raritan</i> —Flemington ch, special 67 08	67 08
<i>Pky of Bloomington</i> —Waynesville ch 10; Deer		<i>Pky of Washington</i> —Cross Roads ch 10; Upper Buffalo ch 27 26; Fairview ch 10 90; Holiday's Cove ch 5; Lower Buffalo ch 5; Cameron ch 6 60; East Buffalo ch 20 15; Frankford ch 6 50	91 41

(To be continued.)

FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS,

AND THE NEEDY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

The following amounts have been received since last report, viz:

<i>Ply of Allegheny</i> —Bull Creek ch	\$3 00
<i>Ply of Allegheny City</i> —Pine Creek ch	7 00
<i>Ply of Baltimore</i> —Bethel ch	10 00
<i>Ply of Carlisle</i> —Bedford ch, add'l	2 00
<i>Ply of Potomac</i> —New York Avenue ch, add'l	4 64
<i>Ply of Genesee River</i> —Sparta 2d ch	3 00
<i>Ply of Rochester City</i> —Port Byron ch	6 00
<i>Ply of Bureau</i> —Edgington ch	11 00
<i>Ply of Chicago</i> —Kankakee 1st ch	12 30
<i>Ply of Indianapolis</i> —Indianapolis 5th ch	4 00
<i>Ply of Dubuque</i> —Peoria ch	3 00
<i>Ply of Elizabethtown</i> —Elizabethtown ch	14 00
<i>Ply of Newton</i> —Blairstown ch	19 50
<i>Ply of Passaic</i> —Mt Olive ch	10 00
<i>Ply of Nassau</i> —Astoria ch	21 00
<i>Ply of North River</i> —New Hamburg ch	14 40
<i>Ply of Donegal</i> —Middle Octorara ch	15 00
<i>Ply of Huntingdon</i> —Clearfield ch 18 92; Hollidaysburg ch 75 00	93 92

<i>Ply of New Castle</i> —Wilmington 1st ch 17 43; Kennett's Square ch 5	23 43
<i>Ply of Northumberland</i> —Warrior Run ch 25; Derry ch 8	33 00
<i>Ply of Blaireville</i> —Fairfield ch	5 85
<i>Ply of Clarion</i> —Licking ch	17 00
<i>Ply of Ohio</i> —Pittsburgh 4th ch	22 65
<i>Ply of Steubenville</i> —New Hagerstown ch	22 00
<i>Ply of Washington</i> —Washington 1st ch Sab-ech	25 00
	\$404 60

GEO. H. VAN GELDER,

Treasurer Trustees of General Assembly,
Office, No. 390 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, September 4th, 1868.

In remitting money to this Fund, the name of the Church and Presbytery to which it belongs should be distinctly stated, that it may be correctly acknowledged. And where checks or drafts are sent they should be drawn to the order of "GEO. H. VAN GELDER, Treasurer."

A minister at the West, of more than fourscore, writing with a tremulous hand, a short, and almost illegible letter, "thanks those, who in their loving-kindness, have made such provision for their aged brother. They are remembered in my prayers both night and morning. Should I live till next July, I shall be eighty-four years old. When the Lord sees fit to take me and my benefactors home, may we all meet with those who unite in singing the song of Moses and the Lamb, in that city where *they have no need of the sun, neither of the moon, for the Lord God giveth them light, and they shall reign for ever.*"

An invalid widow, writes the Committee in behalf of herself, and four orphan children, acknowledging a remittance with "heartfelt gratitude, for so great a kindness. God," she says, "has been a father to the fatherless, and a friend to the widow. Would that those who thus minister to our necessities, might know, how great is the favour they confer, and how deeply we feel our obligation. Let others, who have been bereaved and afflicted like ourselves, put their trust in God, who will never see the most unworthy of his disciples forsaken, nor suffer them to want bread."

Such are only samples of many letters to the Committee, in which the partakers in this bounty of the Church, give their grateful feelings utterance. Not a few of them are so disabled by disease or age, as to be incapable of any sort of remunerative labour; and but for the fund, they would have no visible source of procuring the necessaries of life. Among them are cases of blindness, consumption, palsy, and mental imbecility. Three have been removed by death since our last report. The Committee state, with regret, that in many churches, collections for the cause are made irregularly, and that quite a number have hitherto given nothing at all. Although the Committee, thus far, have been able to grant, in every instance, all that the Presbyteries have asked; yet the average amount of our appropriations has of late been so much increased, that *without a corresponding increase in our receipts during the coming year, the demands on our treasury will exceed the means to meet them.*—Report, pp. 5, 6.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

Rev. S. C. LÖEAM, *Corresponding Secretary*, DAVID ROBINSON, Esq., *Treasurer*, Box 224, Pittsburgh, Pa.
WM. MAIN, Esq., *Receiving Agent*, 907 Arch street, Philadelphia.

Wallingford Academy.

The Committee has sustained since October, 1865, a large school in Charleston, S. C., in the basement of the Zion Church. This school was taught entirely by coloured teachers, and was conducted with good success, though maintained at a heavy expense. The intention of the Committee was to continue and modify this school, in the hope that it would reach the position and permanence of a first class Academy for the education of teachers, and the preparation of young men for College. With this view, in connection with the church which was organized there three years ago, a lot was purchased in the spring of 1867, suitable for both school and church purposes, and the first payment made upon it. On the 1st of last May, under the superintendance of Rev. W. C. Smith, the work of building a house both for the church and school was begun, although the funds necessary for its completion were yet to be realized. The work was prosecuted with great energy both by the superintendent and the contractor, so that on the 1st of August the building was ready for occupancy. The location is one of the best in the city for the purposes, and the building is capable of accommodating from five to six hundred pupils. Just at the time when the Committee were in the greatest perplexity to know how to meet the payments, pledged about the 26th of July, Mrs. E. G. Wallingford, of the First church, Pittsburg, generously came to their help. She assumed the whole indebtedness of the Committee both on the lot and building. In view of this generous and timely aid the Committee testified their gratitude, by pledging all proper efforts to establish this school as permanent, and to perpetuate the name of her departed husband, gave it the name of "the Wallingford Academy."

This Academy will open about the middle of October under the superintendance of Rev. J. H. Bates of New Hampshire. The mission, after the departure of Mr. Smith was put under the care of Rev. H. H. Hunter, and under his energetic work the people seem to engage with new life in the effort to place the church and academy upon a permanent basis. The congregation testified their gratitude to their kind patron by changing the name of their church from Siloam to Wallingford. Efforts are now being made to secure funds sufficient to build a teacher's house upon the same lot, as by this means the expenses of the school would be materially diminished. Thus the work among the Freedmen gradually takes form and cheers on the Church in its mission of giving the gospel to the ignorant and degraded.

First Fruits of Biddle Institute.

The first session of this Institute closed the last of April, and at that time the foundation of the main building was begun. The works on the edifice was interrupted two months later, from a failure to secure the necessary funds. Recently, by the grant of the Government of aid promised in the spring, the work has been resumed, and it is hoped that the building will be prepared for the reception of students before winter. Rev. W. L. Miller has laboured with singular success in the interests of this institution during the summer, by building up the churches and establishing parochial schools in the adjacent field. During the absence of

Bro. Alexander, he has had the care of eleven churches. Seven of these churches are building houses. He organized a school in each congregation, placing in them students of the Institute, who are teaching for what they can collect from the tuition of pupils. Thus five hundred and eighty-four children have been placed in schools taught by these catechists without cost to the Committee. Father Markland reports five of his congregations supplied with schools in the same manner. Eighteen of the catechists who were at the the Institute last year have thus laboured successfully through the summer in teaching self-sustaining schools and building up the churches. If the Church would but help on the work of sustaining these catechists while pursuing their studies we could very soon have a very efficient force of labourers for the great work. One hundred dollars will support one of these young men for a college year, and this help they must have else turn aside. Let Sabbath-schools and benevolent Christians, to whom the Lord has given much, consider this call, as the whole catechist fund is exhausted.

Mr. Miller reports for the quarter ending August 16th, 142 additions to his churches, 54 by certificate, and 88 by examination, 39 of these by baptism,—the total number of communicants 671, with 795 children in Sabbath-school, and 496 in day-school. Ought not such success to encourage the Church in the work of missions?

Now Help is Needed.

The Committee have borrowed money to keep the missionaries in the field, or to enable such as had to leave to reach their homes. The treasury is overdrawn twenty-five hundred dollars. What are we to do? The missionaries have no hope of relief, except through the Committee. Some have written us after both money and credit were exhausted. *Their cry is the cry for bread.* What will the churches do?

At the request of the Committee, the Rev. W. L. Miller will visit the brethren of the Eastern Synods at their meetings, and we ask for him a patient hearing for the work, and the Master's sake.

DONATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN IN JULY AND AUGUST, 1868.

<i>Pky of Atlantic</i> —Salem S. C. coloured, sch 10;	
James' Island ch. coloured 2 80	\$12 80
<i>Pky of Blainville</i> —Cross Roads ch	27 50
<i>Pky of Bloomington</i> —Clinton ch	9 80
<i>Pky of Catauba</i> —Lewisburg ch 3 50; Lewisburg	
coloured sch 2 25; Mocksville sch 60 cts; Mt Vernon	
ch 1 80; Big Oak ch 1 75; Gold Hill sch	
1 75; Warrenton sch 18; Concord sch 6; Poplar	
Tent sch 1 50	36 95
<i>Pky of Carlisle</i> —Lower Path Valley ch 28 50;	
Burnt Cabin ch 10	83 50
<i>Pky of Columbus</i> —First ch, Columbus	29 26
<i>Pky of Erie</i> —Fairfield ch 9 60; Park ch, Erie 25;	
Salem ch 12; Cool Spring ch 9	53 60
<i>Pky of Findlay</i> —West Union ch 10 68; Enon	
Valley 7 57	18 25
<i>Pky of Lake</i> —Valparaiso 1st ch Sab-sch	2 00
<i>Pky of Luzerne</i> —Scranton ch	113 00
<i>Pky of Miami</i> —First ch, Miami City Sab-sch	37 50

Quarterly sums of the above amount contributed during the past year and placed in Miscellaneous account should have been credited to the Sab-sch, as above.

<i>Pky of Marion</i> —Bucyrus ch	5 00
<i>Pky of Monmouth</i> —Shrewsbury ch	11 00
<i>Pky of Nashville</i> —Columbia ch	30 00
<i>Pky of Northumberland</i> —Ashland and Gordon chs	6 00
<i>Pky of New Brunswick</i> —Trenton, N J, 1st ch	69 00
<i>Pky of Ohio</i> —Lebanon ch	35 00
<i>Pky of Susquehanna</i> —Wyalusing ch	19 00
<i>Pky of Stibenville</i> —Bacon Ridge ch 10; East	
Springfield ch 10; Wellville ch 8	28 00
<i>Pky of Salsburg</i> —Salsburg ch	25 53
<i>Pky of St Louis</i> —Bethel ch, St Louis	12 00
<i>Pky of Washington</i> —First ch, Washington, Pa	37 00
<i>Pky of Zanesville</i> —Pleasant Hill ch 3; Musk-	
ingham ch 25; Duncan's Falls ch 25; Seneca-	
ville ch 30	133 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

E C Junkin, Wrandotte, Ohio 5; Mrs E M Finley,	
Philadelphia, Pa 30; Mrs Ferguson, Congress,	
Ohio 2; Dr A G McCandless, Pittsburgh, 50;	
"Cash" 10; W A Jenks, Titusville, Pa 60; A	
Friend, Washington, Pa 1; B Gates, Rome, Pa	
5; Dr J J Turner, Leverings, O 30; Miss Flee-	
son, Allegheny City, Pa 545; Miss Eliza Porter,	
Sandy Post Office, Ohio 5; Mary Warner,	
Washington, Pa 5; T S Childs, D.D Norwalk,	
Conn 10; "H," St Louis, Mo 2; Rev John Dale,	
Fairbury, Ill 5; Coloured sch. Columbia, Tenn	
54 97; Coloured ch, Columbia, Tenn 8 50;	
Coloured sch, Baltimore, 12	840 47

Received at Philadelphia.

<i>Pky of Potomac</i> —New York Ave ch, Washington,	
D C	3 36

MISCELLANEOUS.

P Summit Hill, Pa	20 60
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Total receipts for July and August, \$1,056 53

D. ROBINSON, Treasurer,

No 78 Fourth Street, Pittsburgh.

The Committee acknowledge the following contribution during the month:—

From Mrs. M. F. of Allegheny \$20 for the needy of Sumter.

1 box clothing, Legacy of Wm. Adair, dec'd "a life-long friend of the Coloured people," and member of the Westfield church, Presbytery of Beaver.

1 box Sabbath-school and Hymn Books from Sabbath-school of 1st church, Wooster, Ohio.

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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Missionaries Wanting Clothing.

Missionaries in want of clothing are requested to forward to this office, immediately, their names and Post Office address. Please mention the number in your family, with height, age, sex, and general size of each member. State likewise what particular kind of clothing you are most in need of. You might also furnish such information as would be likely to interest the ladies who are making up boxes of clothing for the missionaries.

Notice.

We remind our readers that the time designated by the General Assembly for the Annual collection for the Board of Domestic Missions, is the **FIRST SABBATH IN NOVEMBER**. We trust that every pastor who has not made a different arrangement, will not only take up a collection on that day, but make a zealous effort to induce his people to give liberally, in view of the pressing wants of the Board. The statement made in the subjoined appeal for aid, will enable them to inform their people of the present fiscal condition of the Board, and the importance of unusually large contributions at the present time.

An Appeal for Aid.

By the publication of the proceedings of the Board in the last number of the *Record*, our readers were informed that the undersigned had been requested to act as Corresponding Secretary *pro tem*. On entering upon the duties thus temporarily assigned me, I found not only an empty treasury, but an accumulated debt which was daily increasing. At the present time, October 10th, the debt amounts to more than fifteen thousand dollars; and by the first of November next, at the present rate of accumulation, it will probably reach twenty or twenty-five thousand dollars. Ever since the middle of July last, the Board have not been in funds to pay the missionaries as they reported. This, no doubt, has occasioned great inconvenience to them, and perhaps much suffering.

In order, as far as possible, to meet the claims which had accrued, the Board last week negotiated a temporary loan, and will endeavour to effect another. Some of the missionaries have been paid by these means, and we will endeavour to pay others,

as speedily as practicable, our earnest desire being to relieve the missionaries as much as we can.

Borrowing, however, is not paying; and the notes discounted at bank will speedily mature, and should be paid at their maturity. The collections of the Board are ordinarily very small at this season of the year, and without special and large contributions speedily made, the Board will not be able to take up their notes in bank when they become due. We shall need at least from twenty-five to thirty thousand dollars in addition to the ordinary collections from the churches, and these collections do not usually come to hand in any considerable amount, before the middle of November.

Now, dear brethren, pastors, elders, and members of the Church, our earnest, solemn appeal is made to you. Will you not, in this pressing time of need, come to the relief of the Board and our suffering missionaries? Without your prompt and active co-operation, the embarrassment of the Board must not only continue, but increase, and the cause of missions be greatly hindered. We respectfully and earnestly invoke your attention to this matter, and beg you in the name of the great Head of the Church to respond promptly and liberally to this appeal.

G. W. MUSGRAVE.

Circular to Sessions.

We publish the following circular, which is being sent to the Session of churches, appropriations to whose ministers have been reduced by the Board, in order that the congregations concerned may anticipate the action of their elders, and be prepared to co-operate with them promptly and heartily:—

TO THE SESSION OF ———.

Dear Brethren:—As the churches have failed to furnish the Board of Domestic Missions with sufficient funds, the Executive Committee have been under the painful necessity of reducing the appropriation requested for the support of your minister.

The Committee feel, however, that he ought not to be allowed to suffer this loss; and that an effort should be made by you to supply the deficiency thus created. The amount to be made up in individual cases is comparatively small, while in the aggregate it is very great.

We respectfully and earnestly request you to bring this matter to the attention of the people you represent, and to use your best endeavours to induce them to raise the sum required. A kind Providence has granted to many an abundant harvest, for which they are realizing high prices; and in almost every department, mechanics and labourers are receiving extraordinary wages. In such a state of things would it not be easy for your people to raise even more than the amount of the reduction made by the Board? We hope that you will not delay action, but bring the subject before your people at the earliest practicable moment.

By order of the Executive Committee. G. W. MUSGRAVE.

N. B.—This circular is sent to the care of the minister in charge, as we do not know the address of the elders.

A Good Example.

The following note was received from the Rev. George Morrison, pastor of the church referred to; and the example of his people, under the circumstances, is highly commendable and worthy of imitation. If, in the midst of such efforts to meet their congregational necessities, they could send so liberal a donation to the

Board, with how much less sacrifice could many churches respond to our appeal for aid :—

Dear Sir,—Your published appeal of September 22d, we, (as every church ought,) feel to be personal to us. Our Board of Deacons have acted promptly. They have borrowed and have become individually responsible for the amount forwarded. This appeal came to us prior to the Sabbath on which the effort was to be made to remove the unpaid balance due on our church. The result of that effort I enclose, and an extract from one of our city papers :

“Previous notice having been given from the pulpit after the sermon on last Sabbath, a brief statement of the financial condition of the Presbyterian Church on Seventh street was made, which, in substance, was as follows :

“The church building and ground had cost the congregation as it stands \$13,300. Of this amount, since January, 1866, the congregation had paid \$9,400. In addition to this they had paid for the support of the church \$3,200. This left an unpaid balance due, and yet to become due, of \$2,300. To liquidate \$1,000 of this debt, Mr. James Hite proposed to contribute \$500 if the congregation would do as much. The whole amount raised was \$1,380, instead of \$1,000. Thus the debt of the church was reduced to less than \$1,000.”

This last debt and the efforts put forth we could not consider exonerated us from obligation to the church at large. We send this now and more again. Trusting that our churches will all act thus promptly, I subscribe myself in behalf of Board of Deacons,

IRA R. SANGFORD, *Treasurer.*

From the Western Presbyterian.

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, Sept. 1st, 1868.

Mr. Editor,—After a long silence I venture to send a few lines, which, I trust, will be of interest to your readers.

IMMIGRATION.—Kansas has been fortunate in the accessions from abroad to her population. Immigrants have fairly swarmed upon her, and have settled all over her beautiful prairies. And they are still coming. They are generally of excellent character, and bring wealth as well as virtue and enterprise with them. We hail them with joyous welcomes—for they will help to lay the foundations of our educational and Christian institutions. At the same time, they will themselves be benefitted, for surely no country on earth more richly rewards wise and faithful labour than this.

RELIGION.—Alas! it must be confessed that “the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches” have to a lamentable degree, “choked the word and rendered it unfruitful.” We deplore the coldness and indifference of the followers of Jesus; but are not without hope that a better day is near at hand. In this city, a daily prayer-meeting has been kept up all summer by a faithful few, sometimes under great discouragements, but still with tokens of the Divine favour. The same is true of several other places in the State.

Much mission work is also being done. Open-air preaching has been kept up in three or four of the most destitute localities of this city, with manifestly blessed results. But what shall I say of our own beloved Church?

The Domestic Board seems to be utterly paralyzed for want of funds. Some of our most faithful missionaries are almost in despair. They have laboured and waited until literally, “heart and flesh are failing.” Shall they turn to other pursuits? Shall the feeble flocks be left to perish because they can have no shepherds?

Of one thing I am certain. Unless the Church provides a living support (I will not say a *liberal*) for her sons and servants in the ministry, she need not be surprised to see them, one by one, turning their attention to such callings as will afford at least bread and raiment for them and their families. There is a growing conviction in the minds of those earnest and faithful toilers in the missionary

regions, that they are not called to make all the sacrifices required to carry the gospel to the perishing.

The Church has called them, has sent them forth with her benediction—and here they are, ready and anxious to work. *But they must eat.* They must be supported. And the church must do it. A miracle is not to be expected, when there is bread enough and to spare in the house at home. What shall be done?

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN SEPTEMBER, 1868.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Hamilton Union ch 10. *Pby of Londonderry*—East Boston ch 12 \$23 00

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Beaver*—New Castle ch from a member, "Anonymous," through Rev Dr Junkin 30. *Pby of Erie*—Cool Spring ch 10 40 00

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Carlisle*—Sherman's Creek ch 7 10 00

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Chicago*—Morris let ch 46, of which 11 66 from the Sab-sch. *Pby of Rock River*—Auburn ch 7; Newton ch 6; Freeport 2d ch 51, of which 15 from the Sab-sch. *Pby of Schuyler*—Wythe ch 5. *Pby of Warren*—Knoxville ch 11 125 00

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Hillsboro ch 68 35. *Pby of Cincinnati*—Montgomery ch 22 07. *Pby of Sidney*—West Liberty 1st ch 9 99 42

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Palestine*—Charleston ch 20. *Pby of Peoria*—Lewistown ch 50. *Pby of Saline*—Golconda ch 10; Elizabethtown ch 2; Friendsville ch 8; Equality ch 7 25 92 26

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Dubuque*—Sherrill's Mount ch 12 50. *Pby of Vinton*—Shiloh ch 6 65 19 15

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Leavenworth*—Oska-loosa ch 6 55; Spring Hill ch 4. *Pby of Neosho*—Fort Scott ch 5 55 16 10

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Transylvania*—Rev R A Johnston 100 00

SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.—*Pby of New Orleans*—First German ch, New Orleans Ladies' Society 10 00

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of St Louis*—First German ch St Louis 9; Bethel ch 15; Zion German ch 5 10; Nazareth ch 22 45; "A Friend" 5 56 55

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Elizabethtown*—Pluckamin ch 30; Lamington ch 120. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Cranberry 1st ch 25; Dutch Neck ch 28. *Pby of Passaic*—Morristown 1st ch 489 69; Central ch 117. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Rushville ch 2; Stevensville ch 6; Rome ch 4. *Pby of West Jersey*—Bridgeton 2d ch 32; "A P" 5 856 69

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Hudson*—White Lake ch 4 50. *Pby of Long Island*—Amagansett ch, add'l 5; West Hampton ch 20. *Pby of Nassau*—Astoria ch, add'l 10. *Pby of New York*—Pott's Memorial ch 10. *Pby of New York 2d*—Scotch ch from the executor of the estate of the late Wm Post 250 299 50

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Crawfordsville*—Terre Haute ch 50. *Pby of Lake*—Hebron ch 4 50; Salem ch 1 16; Tassinong ch 2 84 68 50

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Columbus*—Circleville ch 32. *Pby of Hocking*—Gallopis ch 3. *Pby of Marion*—Cardington ch 5; Mt Gilead ch, from Mrs Mary Blayney 5. *Pby of Richland*—Jefferson ch 7; Valley ch 2. *Pby of Zanesville*—Cambridge ch 30 84 00

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of Oregon*—Calapooia ch 22. *Pby of Stockton*—Visalia ch 12 34 00

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Stateville ch 52; Hopewell ch 15; Centre ch 12. *Pby of Northumberland*—Jersey Shore ch 50. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Alexander ch, from a friend of Missions 5; Cohocksink ch Sab-sch 58 09; Second ch, from Mrs Haddock 10. *Pby*

of Philadelphia 2d—Newtown ch, add'l 2; Doyles-town ch 13 92 \$218 01

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—Ebensburg ch 15; Congruity ch 40 57. *Pby of Ohio*—Long Island ch 7 23; Centre ch 54 50. *Pby of Saltsburg*—Boiling Spring ch 29 146 30

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—North Bend ch 5. *Pby of S Minnesota*—Ashland ch 3 9 00

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Michigan*—Bennington ch 15 50; Perry Congregation 9 26. *Pby of Western Reserve*—Northfield ch 7 31 76

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Yellow Creek ch 36. *Pby of Steubenville*—Annapolis ch 20. *Pby of Washington*—West Alexander ch, in part 125 20; Washington 1st ch 82 05; Hookston ch 30 293 25

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Milwaukee*—Ottowa ch 6 30. *Pby of Winnebago*—Oxford ch, add'l 2 50 8 80

Pby of Concord—Davidson's River ch 6 15

From churches, \$2635 43

MISCELLANEOUS.—"A friend of missions, a soldier who fell in the war for the Union" 50; "A lady 350; C G Jr, Philadelphia 5; Annie, Wheeling, W Va 10; "Philos," Monmouth, Ill 2; Mrs R W G, Lebanon, Pa 5; Jno W Scott Esq, Philadelphia 20; Henry Brewster, Esq, Shirlersburg, Pa 5; Henry Day, Esq, New York 100; S V D, Peekskill, N Y 2; "J B," Philadelphia 50; A M C, Philadelphia 10; "B," Cornwall, N Y 5; Waynesburg, Pa, Mrs F G Lewis 10, Mrs V L Morton 10, Mr J W Morton 5 — 25; Rev W J McCord, Waseca, N Y 1; E O B 2 745 50

Total Receipts in September, \$3381 93

S. D. POWEL, Treasurer,

No. 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

CLOTHING.

3 boxes from ladies of the Central ch, Cincinnati, Ohio, valued at \$595 18

1 box from the Missionary Society of Gettysburg ch, valued at 261 01

1 Barrel from the ladies of Waterford ch, N. Y. valued at 150 00

1 box from the ladies of Salem ch, Ohio, valued at 100 00

1 package from West Spruce Street ch, Philadelphia, Pa.

1 package from Central ch, Philadelphia.

1 package from Seventh ch, Philadelphia.

\$1106 18

MISSION HOUSE.

No. 907 ARCH STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

Cor. Sec. pro tem—Rev. G. W. MUGGRAVE, D.D.

Treasurer—SAMUEL D. POWEL.

LETTERS relating to Missionary Appointments and other operations of the Board, should be addressed to the Corresponding Secretary, No. 907 Arch street, Philadelphia. Letters relating to the pecuniary affairs of the Board, or containing remittances of money, should be sent to S. D. POWEL, Esq., Treasurer—same address.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTHOUS, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

Lord, Thou hast been favourable unto Thy land;
 Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of Thy people,
 Thou hast covered all their sin;
 Thou hast taken away all Thy wrath,
 Thou hast turned Thyself from the fierceness of Thine anger.
 Turn us, O God of our salvation!
 And cause Thine anger toward us to cease.
 Will Thou not revive us again,
 That Thy people may rejoice in Thee?
 Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him,
 That glory may dwell in our land.—Ps. lxxxv.

A Day of Prayer for the Work of the Church.

It is encouraging to learn that, in a number of the Synods, the deep conviction that greater efforts must be made to rouse the members of the church to their duty to aid in the great schemes for filling the land and the world with the knowledge of salvation has led to the determination to set apart a special Sabbath of the last month of the year, in which to call upon the people to unite together in earnest prayer for this object, and to urge upon them the subject of the consecration of property to the Lord.

The work of Education needs, dear brethren, your prayers. The training of children that they may be saved from evil, and reach a heavenly home—the dedication of sons to the ministry and to the missionary work—the want of the Holy Spirit in all our schools—the necessity for the influences of Heaven to regenerate the rising generation—what moving themes are these, and others kindred to them, for fervent prayer?

We should bless God who has increased during the past year, by nearly one-third, the number of new candidates for the ministry under the care of the Board; and has revived the hearts of Christians in increasing and sustaining institutions of learning, so that more has been done than in either of the eight or nine years previously. But let any one survey the regions of this land which are in a state of spiritual famine; let any one estimate the number of ministers, physicians, teachers, and other assistants, needed to carry on the missionary work in the thousand grand fields where the harvest is dropping to the ground for want of labourers, and where "the boar out of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast of the field doth devour it;" and all we have done will seem but like the giving of crumbs to a starving host. Nor can they wait. They are dying faster than a man's pulse beats. Forty millions of human beings die between the week of prayer in one January and that of the same month in the year following. We must hasten to raise up far more ministers, missionaries, and other labourers for Christ.

And Christians must be powerfully awakened in regard to the uses of property. Multitudes are living for self, for family; accumulating houses and lands, laying up money: but blinding their eyes to the anger of God, to the ruin coming upon their children, to the dying wretchedness of millions, from whom they are with-

holding the gospel. Proportionate giving, liberal giving, systematic giving, intelligent giving, giving with tears and prayers, giving as they have received, for Christ's sake, must be faithfully, with sharp and effective rebukes, with deepest solemnity, in the prospect of the judgment day, pressed upon their heart and conscience. "Hearts exercised with covetous practises," are "wells without water;" their way is "the way of Balaam;" for them "the mist of darkness is reserved for ever." Were the Presbyterian Church thoroughly alive as to the uses of property, it would give by hundreds and thousands where it is now giving by units and tens.

The Way of the Young Lawyer Hedged up.

A faithful pastor had prayed for the conversion of a talented young lawyer. But no answer seemed to come. And indeed the whole church appeared cold and dead. The Lord appeared in a time when he was not looked for.

One morning, as the eyes of the lawyer were suddenly opened from sleep, there was a deep burthen upon his first thoughts. He was painfully oppressed with the conviction that he must repent of sin, or perish. This weighed upon him more and more heavily until it amounted to agony. Sleep fled from him. For several days and nights he cried to God for mercy, like a man sinking in the sea. At length God heard him, and granted him a sense of pardon.

The grateful pastor took an early opportunity to press upon the new convert the claims of a dying world for the gospel. For this he was not prepared. His talents had attracted the attention of the community. Superior opportunities for success in his darling profession had been spread before him. It was hard to lay them all down. He plead various excuses.

But the Lord's ways are not as our ways. The pastor still prayed and hoped. The young man was one on whom the Saviour's heart was fixed in love. A new experience was imparted to him. His plans failed. Those in whom he trusted disappointed him. He was taught more of his own heart. And he was led to understand more clearly the things of the kingdom. The next conviction breathed into his soul was that it was God's will that he should preach the gospel.

He came to his pastor. "My way is all hedged up," he said. "I must give up all my old plans, and start afresh." Now he is at peace, with the office of the herald of the mercy of his Saviour before him, as that in which he will gladly spend his life.

Help Needed for the School Fund.

From many of our churches and people, no help has been sent us this year yet for the School Fund of the Board. Let us earnestly beg their kind remembrance of this most important missionary work for the benefit of the youth of our land. It seeks to encourage the general common school system. Yet there are some classes whom that system does not reach. If we do not in Christian charity afford them intellectual light, they must remain in darkness. Let us beg a serious consideration of the condition of some of them.

There are some pious Presbyterian and Protestant families, in districts of even the most favored portions of the country, where the majority, who control the public schools, are Romanists or others unfavorable to thorough education, and to the exercise of any religious influence, even the reading of the Bible or the offering up of a prayer to God. We have appeals from parents and ministers in such circumstances for help to plant and maintain schools where the souls of precious

children shall not be destroyed by the great adversary. Can the Church refuse it to them?

In the regions ravaged by war, faithful and suffering brethren in the ministry are making vigorous exertions to relight the broken altars, to rear again the temples of learning, to collect once more the rising generation under influences that shall soften, purify and elevate minds over which ignorance, malignant passions and bad appetites are establishing their dreadful sway. One minister says, of the young people around him, that they "are growing up in fearful ignorance; many of them cannot read or write; and their moral character is very depraved. Some of them seem in their dispositions almost like wild animals." Shall we extend no assistance in the work of saving such from utter heathenism?

The foreign populations coming to this country from the continent of Europe must be mastered by the gospel, or they will master Christianity, and freedom, founded upon its principles. Their newspapers, political leaders, and infidel writers, are fast organizing a warfare against God's truth, the Sabbath, the Church, and the restraints of Christian morality, which can only be effectually met by raising up ministers of their own race and speech; men who know them and love them, but hate their sins; men able to meet them with effective weapons. We earnestly ask, is it possible to neglect the children of these people, many of them now within our reach, through whom the regeneration of the dark mass is to be accomplished?

Such, in a few words, is the work which the Church requires to be done through the School Department of the Board of Education. The particulars of it may be found from time to time in the RECORD. *The collections of the Day of Prayer, last February, have now all been expended.* Calls for appropriations due, and for aid to new fields, are pressing upon us. The Board begs that those who have not yet contributed during the current year, will send it the means to meet them.

"My Father's and My Mother's Prayers."

An old and hardened sinner sent for his minister. He was found in great distress, and weeping bitterly. "What," said the astonished pastor, "Mr. B——, is the matter?" "Oh!" said he, "to think of my father's and mother's prayers; and what a vile wretch I have been!" The Spirit of God had pierced his heart with the remembrance of scenes which had occurred in years long gone by. A mighty change took place. He had been terribly profane. But now if, in a moment of excitement and forgetfulness, an oath escaped him, he stopped and trembled as if he had been struck by a musket ball. He prayed for pardon, and for help. It was not long till all his old companions were forced to see that there is a power which can break the fetters of every reigning sin, and give liberty and peace to the soul. And there is joy in heaven, in the breasts of the father and mother that wept and prayed over that erring one on earth.

Paul's New Name.

The name "Paul" taken by the great Apostle beautifully exhibits the humility of a soul thoroughly converted to the Lord Jesus Christ. He has been called "Saul," that is *the inquirer*, the seeker after knowledge. The "philosophers" of that age were proud of possessing such names, and gave them to their children. As one that went even to Jerusalem, the fountain of knowledge of the Divine law, and sat at the feet of Gamaliel, its greatest expounder, Saul was worthy of the name he bore. But when he quits the proud schools of Greek and Jewish philo-

sophy, and sits down at the feet of Jesus, he takes a new name. It is one that throws contempt on all his former pride—"Paulus;" signifying probably *the little*, the mean, the worthless.* There is but a small change in the sound of the name, only one letter; but oh what a change in the spirit! He humbly calls himself "one born out of due time;" "less than the least of all saints;" "the least of the apostles, not meet to be called an apostle;" "chief" of the "sinners" whom "Christ Jesus came into the world to save;" "a pattern" of Christ's "long suffering;" a man who now wished to know but one thing, a Saviour "crucified;" and to do but one thing, preach Him, labour for Him, and press toward the end of that race, where he should receive the "prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." He cheerfully suffers the loss of all things if by any means he may save some. He hastens to tell the unsearchable riches of Christ to the farthest Gentiles. Which character is noblest—the inquirer, or the penitent? Which service was the most pleasing to God, that of the ambitious pharisee, or that of the faithful, humble, persecuted preacher of Jesus? Let the student for the ministry ask himself, shall I aim to be a Saul, or a Paul?

* [This was the interpretation of the change in Paul's name upon which Augustine often dwelt with great effect in his sermons, and is the one most in accordance with the noble spirit of the man.]

Danger of Laxity in Regard to Candidates.

In Presbyteries whose members are few and widely separated, or in those in which the number of candidates is comparatively large, there is a temptation to want of care, or to irregularities, in the examination of young men who propose to enter the holy ministry. The evils which flow from such a course towards them have been often and solemnly held up. Education Committees examining candidates when a Presbytery is not in session, should be especially careful. Recommendations having been received from Committees at whose meeting it appeared that only the chairman was present, the Board at its last meeting resolved, "That the recommendation of a candidate for aid from the Board of Education by the Committee on Education of a Presbytery, will not be received by the Board unless he has been carefully examined, and the recommendation concurred in, by at least a majority of the Committee."

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN SEPTEMBER, 1868.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pky of Baltimore</i> —Twelfth ch Baltimore 19; Go-rane Chapel ch 11 80	\$30 80	<i>Pky of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Doylestown ch 28 80;	
<i>Pky of Cedar</i> —Davenport ch	24 30	Deep Run ch 2; Chesnut Hill ch, special 26;	\$55 80
<i>Pky of Connecticut</i> —South Salem ch	33 00	<i>Pky of Potomac</i> —Seventh St Washington ch	7 13
<i>Pky of Crawfordville</i> —Carpenterville ch	5 00	<i>Pky of Rock River</i> —Scales Mound ch 3; Foreston	
<i>Pky of Cincinnati</i> —First ch Walnut Hills	5 00	Grove German ch 5 75	8 75
<i>Pky of Donegal</i> —Hopewell ch 9; Centre	ch 3	<i>Pky of Richmond</i> —Vermillion Institute	10 00
	12 00	<i>Pky of St Louis</i> —First German ch St Louis 5;	
<i>Pky of Erie</i> —Warren ch	26 26	Bethel ch 12	17 00
<i>Pky of Fort Wayne</i> —Elhanan ch 3; Pleasant		<i>Pky of Schuyler</i> —Bardolph ch	6 00
Ridge ch 5	8 00	<i>Pky of White Water</i> —Centreville ch	4 00
<i>Pky of Frankville</i> —Lansing ch	3 00	<i>Pky of Wooster</i> —East Hopewell ch 14 70; Freder-	
<i>Pky of Findlay</i> —Mt Blanchard ch 3 34; Patterson		icksburg ch 48	62 70
ch 3 30; Forest ch 5 10	11 74	<i>Pky of Western Reserve</i> —Northfield ch	5 00
<i>Pky of Huntingdon</i> —Shade Gap ch	3 37		\$396 45
<i>Pky of Indianapolis</i> —Indianapolis ch 30 48; Beth-			
any ch 7 10	38 18		
<i>Pky of Iowa</i> —Mt Pleasant ch	47 45		
<i>Pky of Logansport</i> —Lafayette ch	16 81		
<i>Pky of Louisville</i> —Fourth ch Louisville	10 00		
<i>Pky of New York 2d</i> —Scotch ch, from the estate			
of Wm Post 250; Delhi ch 32	282 00		
<i>Pky of Nassau</i> —Newtown ch 62; South Third 84			
ch, Williamsburg 29 06	91 06		
<i>Pky of New Lisbon</i> —New Lisbon ch 32; Salem ch			
13 50	43 50		
<i>Pky of Ohio</i> —Chartiers ch	12 35		
<i>Pky of Oxford</i> —Hamilton ch, add'l	8 00		
<i>Pky of Peoria</i> —Lewistown ch	50 00		
<i>Pky of Philadelphia Central</i> —N Tenth St ch	21 25		

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mary Vance, Washington, Pa 5; "Annie" 5; Jas Boughton, Carlisle, N Y 5; C G, Jr, Phila 5; Interest, of which 247 from Means' Fund, 423

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Recent Intelligence.

MISSIONARIES SAILED AND ARRIVED.—The Rev. James W. Van Dyke and his wife embarked for Siam, *via* California, on the 9th of October. Mr. Van Dyke is a graduate of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, and a member of the Presbytery of Raritan. The Rev. W. A. P. Martin, D.D. and his family, of the Mission at Peking, arrived at New York, September 20th, on a visit for purposes of health and the education of his children. The Rev. W. T. Morrison and his family have reached their station at Peking, and the Rev. J. S. Mollvaine was at Ningpo early in August, on his way to Peking.

CONVERTS RECEIVED.—The Rev. A. L. Blackford mentions the admission of another member to the church of Sao Paulo, Brazil. The Rev. J. J. Walsh reports the admission of a Hindu woman to the church of Allahabad, India; and the Rev. J. H. Myers speaks of the baptism of a Hindu and two of his children at Lodianna, on the first Sabbath of July.

AT SHANGHAI, China, we regret to learn the death of a daughter of the Rev. J. M. W. Farnham, of about four years of age.

ENCOURAGING REVIEW.—While called to meet this severe bereavement, Mr. and Mrs. Farnham were encouraged, as we learn from another letter, by the progress of the mission work at Shanghai. Referring to the boarding schools under their care, Mr. Farnham says: "These schools have nearly completed their eighth year, there are in both departments forty-six scholars. During these eight years twenty-one have been received into the church from these schools, all remaining in good standing and walking worthy of their Christian profession. Of these, two of the oldest boys, now young men, are doing good service as assistants; two more are studying medicine; and two, younger, still in the school, desire to enter the ministry. Of the girls, three are married to native assistants, one of them doing excellent service as a teacher. Twenty of the other pupils are applicants for church membership. And during the eight years there has not been a cent's appropriation asked for school buildings." The time has now come when suitable and permanent buildings should be provided for these schools. They would cost about two thousand dollars. We trust the Executive Committee may soon be able to sanction this outlay of funds.

IN BRAZIL.—The Rev. R. Lenington was about to remove to Brotas, the Rev. II. W. McKee was appointed to Loreno, and the Rev. G. W. Chamberlain, it was expected, would be stationed at Sao Paulo, on his arrival; these arrangements were made by the mission, and we trust they will tend to the wider spread of the gospel in this country.

LETTERS RECEIVED—to October 14th: from Grand Traverse, September 18th; Little Traverse, September 30th; Omaha, September 30th; Creek, September 1st; Seminole, September 11th; San Francisco, September 15th; Peking, July 20th; Shanghai, August 14th; Ningpo, August 11th; Hangchow, July 13th; Canton, August 13th; Allahabad, August 26th; Etawah, July 23d; Mynpurie, August 6th; Futtchgurh, July 29th; Dehra, July 28th; Sabathu, August 10th; Dharamsala, July 27th; Rio de Janerio, August 25th; Sao Paulo, August 17th.

Special Prayer and Instruction.

Our Church is very properly slow to observe special religious times and services; these should be appointed only in view of *special* providential reasons; for all usual ends, the regular and ordinary observance of the means of grace ought to be sufficient. This is true of public services to be generally observed; for private, social, or congregational purposes, there is obviously greater liberty; though even as to these, religious services of a special nature should have respect to special circumstances in each case. Such we understand to be the view always held in our body. It does not favour the appointment of numerous days and meetings for special objects.

Keeping this in mind, we are yet glad to learn that many of the Synods have recommended the offering of special prayer and the giving of particular instruction in behalf of the great objects for which the Boards of our Church were appointed. The first Sabbath in December has been mentioned by some of the Synods as the day; an earlier day was recommended by one of the Synods, but it will have passed before this number of the *Record* will reach its readers. We hope the time recommended in December will meet with general favour.

It is very manifest that these benevolent objects are in such circumstances of deep necessity as to call for particular consideration and prayer. The benevolent work of the Church has outgrown the liberality of very many of the members of our communion; indeed too many of our church members seem not to have properly considered the times in which we live, the doors open for the spread of the gospel at home and abroad, the calls for more labourers and the means of their support. Hence our Boards, especially the directly missionary Boards, are in great need of funds for carrying on their work. God has gone before his people in this matter. By his providence he is summoning them to give the means of grace to the destitute people of our country, especially in the West, and even more especially to the coloured people in the South, and he has opened vast fields of missionary labour in foreign countries, in Africa, Asia, and other parts of the earth, to which wonderful providential events in our day have turned the attention of the Christian world. Yet, alas, how feebly are we engaged in this great missionary work, at home and abroad! How weak is our faith, how low our hopes of success, how small our gifts, how few our prayers, in regard to these great objects! We would not write without discrimination; we would be far from disparaging the benevolent zeal and labours of our Christian people; on the contrary, we know and greatly rejoice at the earnestness and noble liberality of very many of our church members and of our churches. We have seen Christian parents giving up almost idolized children to go out as missionaries to Siam, China, and other countries. We have known the gifts of rich and poor, most liberal in amount, most freely offered, most unostentatiously transmitted, in every way most worthy of the Church, and we cannot doubt truly acceptable to God. And who has not known many earnest prayers for the coming of Christ's kingdom to be offered in many church meetings, in many families, and in many closets? Yes, we know this, and we are most grateful to God for such tokens of his grace richly granted to our Christian brethren.

But what we long to see and what we trust the instructions and prayers of the first Sabbath of December will tend to promote, is a far more general spread of missionary zeal in our churches. Let all but do what a few are doing, each as the Lord has prospered him, and there will be no want of pecuniary means for the work set before us; and the efforts thus aided will be

supported by the prayers which are needed most of all. It is a matter of necessity that there should be a rising tide of benevolent zeal, rising to a higher mark, reaching to the ends of the earth. The good work, whether at home or in the foreign field, cannot be carried on even as it now stands without larger funds and more men; certainly the work abroad must have larger support or be subject to painful reduction; it cannot be carried on as it now stands without increased means; and it is still calling for enlargement. And we can think of no agency for calling forth the earnest interest of the churches in behalf of this work, which is at all so efficient as the particular instructions of the pulpit and the united prayers of the people of God. We think there is now special need of both.

How can Civilization be Promoted.

We insert below a short letter from the Rev. R. H. Nassau, M. D., written at Benita, Corisco mission, June 1st, 1868. Similar views have been presented by other brethren. The subject of what can be done for the temporal benefit of the native Africans is one of importance, and one of some difficulty. Nobody can doubt the desirableness of almost anything that would tend to make them steadily industrious and to improve their worldly condition. Very much will be done towards the result by the new and elevating ideas and principles, and especially by the experience of Divine grace in their hearts, which will result from direct missionary efforts. Indeed this work of missions tends more than all other agencies combined to promote the civilization of such people. Specific measures for securing this end must rest on the basis of Christianity.

At the same time, like children, the natives need help of every kind in order to their being lifted up to a higher level. It would not be proper, in most cases, if in any, to take missionary funds to purchase a saw mill, neither would most missionaries like to give any large part of their time to such matters; while yet these things should not be neglected. But whatever is done should be mainly in the line of helping them to help themselves, and not of doing the work for them. These thoughts are suggested by Mr. Nassau's letter, and are written not to discuss the subject, but to invite attention to it.

I am troubled how to establish the good that seems to have begun here and that seems to be revived at Corisco. I know indeed that Jesus ransoms and the Spirit perfects, and that the ground on which my people must be set is the truth. But I know also that that same Spirit works by my human and common means. How shall these Christians become civilized? They are not like the Hindoos and Chinese who have arts and trades and even learning as means of making a living. Unless we help them I don't see that they will stand. I think with help they would progress. It rejoices me whenever I sell them a nail or a saw. I feel that that piece of iron is aiding in that civilization. When they join the Church they submit to our rules: among others they cannot barter with rum. With this wretched trust and rum of the traders, it is sometimes tantamount to their not trading at all.

The mission of course has not work for many labourers, and I deprecate the idea of our seeming to *support* our converts. It would foster hypocrisy. But could not a saw mill, a sugar press, a handloom help them to help themselves? I have many such thoughts and so have other brethren. They may come to you officially some day. At present I write informal'y. If you should disapprove you will forestall further planning. I think the question important and the period critical.

The Mission to the Laos.

The following letter of the Rev. S. R. House, M. D., written at Bangkok July 9th, gives an interesting and encouraging view of Laos, the field of labour in which the Rev. Messrs. McGilvary and Wilson are the first missionaries. The

reference in the first paragraph is to Dr. House's narrow escape from death, which was mentioned in our last issue.

When writing to you the other day reporting my safe return to Bangkok, from what might have proved my last journey in Siam, I promised you some account of my impressions of that new field among the Laos, which our Board has so lately entered.

The Laos as compared with the Siamese.

My wound prevented my seeing as much of the country and the people as I could have desired, but I saw enough to interest me greatly, not only in the work our good brethren there have before them, but in the Laos themselves. Dwelling as they do among or near the mountains, on the upper waters of the Menan, they are evidently a ruder—probably an earlier edition of the same race, which we find inhabiting these fertile lowland plains of Siam proper, with sturdier traits of character. If they are less courtly, they are less cringing, and are certainly more industrious, more inured to hardship, braver and seemingly more frank and honest and truthful, though of course these last terms are only comparative when applied to any Asiatic people.

Buddhist temples and monasteries are found in all their villages and towns, their chief city boasting of no less than eighty, but it struck me that they were not so wedded to Buddhism, certainly not to the strict observances of that religion, as the Siamese. Their offering animals in sacrifice proves this. But it is truly melancholy to see how completely their minds are filled with superstition. Reputed witches and wizards abound, incantations, exorcisms rather, are more relied on than medicines for the cure of disease, the presence or the influence of evil spirits accounting for most of "the ills that flesh is heir to;" and to devils prayer is actually addressed and offerings made.

Prayers to the Devil.

I shall not soon forget the first prayer of this kind I heard. It was affecting to witness the earnest tones, the undoubting faith in the being and power of the demon invoked. We had just entered a dark defile in the mountains, beyond Muang Toen, and had come to a rude imageless shrine, erected to the guardian demon of that mountain pass. The owner of the elephant I rode, who

was seated on the neck of his beast before me, here put the palms of his hands together and raised them in attitude of worship. "Let no evil happen to us," he prayed, "there are six men of us and three elephants, let us not be injured, let nothing come to affright us," and so on. On my way down to the river, also, as we entered the region of the rapids and at several gloomy passes of the mountains, the boatmen would land and tapers be lit, and libations poured out and offerings of flowers and food and betel made to the powers of darkness, not could a common meal be eaten without a portion of it being first set apart for the spirits of the air or the forest around them. Indeed, in most of their villages it is common to find a building, a simple shed, erected in some darkly shaded spot, expressly for this worship of devils; and yet it may prove an easier task to lead this Laos people, accustomed to believe in and to worship unseen beings, to the worship of the Great Unseen, than we have found it to bring the Siamese, whose prayers before their idols are addressed not to any living presence certainly.

The Chief City.

The chief city, Chieng-mai, appeared to be a remarkably quiet well-ordered town. Its streets laid out regularly are wider than those of most Eastern cities and kept in neater order, and the houses which are universally built upon posts, standing as they do in gardens of palms and other fruit trees, have a more snug, attractive look than those of a similar class in Siam. Twenty thousand I should think was a liberal estimate for the population of the city itself, though the surrounding country abounds in villages. From these, each morning, the neat-looking peasant women came trooping in, literally by thousands, all with baskets poised over the shoulders, to the market held within the walls in the chief streets of the city, where they sell or exchange the products of field, garden or loom, the singular medium of exchange in all the minor transactions being salt instead of silver or copper coin, of which last at least they have none.

A Simple-Hearted People.

The Laos are not a trading people, requiring but few articles of foreign manufacture, and besides the teak timber of their forests having but little to tempt the cupidity of foreigners.

They appeared to be a frugal, simple-

hearted, orderly community, and living peaceably by themselves, but all far from God, and so without hope, tormented by many superstitious fears and with much scandalous corruption of manners among them, and yet a people among whom we may confidently hope the gospel will have free course and be glorified.

The Missionaries well Received.

It was gratifying to see how manifestly the pioneer mission family there had already secured to themselves and the mission the confidence and respect of the people at large and the good will too of the ruling class, the princes of the land, with all of whom they are on most friendly terms. For their sake, doubtless, as their friend, I was treated with much kindness during my stay in Chieng-mai. Mr. McGilvary's distribution of simple remedies, especially the cures wrought by the specifics for fever we have in quinine, and now more recently the benefit of vaccination which he has successfully introduced into that kingdom, where, heretofore, small pox has committed fearful ravages, have doubtless won many friends for the mission and made their benevolent errand widely known.

It was evident that opportunities for imparting religious instructions to the inhabitants of the city where they dwell, and the surrounding towns, would be limited only by the strength of those you have sent and the time and means at their disposal.

The Spoken and the Written Language.

And it is true that missionaries going to Laos from Siam can almost at once enter upon the work of preaching the gospel, so great is the similarity of the spoken languages of the two countries. Indeed one is but a dialect of the other. A change of *r* into *h* (*ran* in Siamese becoming *han* in Laos, *rua*, *hua*, &c.) a few strange terms introduced and some difference in the mode of intonation of words and sentences are the chief distinguishing marks. I found no very great difficulty in understanding the people or in making myself understood even on religious subjects, and our brethren there are greatly to be envied in having such speedy as well as such open and free access to the minds of these heathen with the glorious truths to which they are such utter strangers.

But though the spoken language is so similar to the Siamese, its written character is entirely different, so that books and tracts from our press here at Bang-

kok are worthless for distribution there, and since the getting up a font of type in the Laos character must be a work of time, lithography must be relied on in this earlier stage of the mission to embody Scripture truth in a permanent form. The lithographic press given to them here and taken up by Mr. Wilson is altogether too small and imperfect an affair for their purpose. A better one is greatly needed. It need not be expensive, for it must not be bulky, lest its transportation there be difficult.

Who among the friends of missions at home, will, by the gift of such a press, be the first to have the blessed privilege of giving to a whole nation the word of life, the Gospel of the Son of God in their own written character?

The Climate—Diseases—Productions.

As to climate it bids fair to prove a salubrious one to the mission families, though there may be in it some liability to fever, but this takes usually the form of a simple intermittent, which quinine seldom fails promptly to subdue. Their cool season, when the mercury reaches a point 15° or 20° lower than we ever see it in Bangkok must tend annually to invigorate and renew their health.

At Chieng-mai they have it is true to do without many of those comforts and privileges which we, not so far removed from the civilized world as they, can procure; compared too with Bangkok, their market affords but a meagre supply of fruits and vegetables, and very uncertain are, and long must be, their opportunities of receiving supplies as well as their letters and papers, and more important still the funds for their support. All this last, however, will improve doubtless as they know more of things and are better known themselves.

Prospect of a Home—A Field for a Missionary Physician.

When I left them, April 27th, their prospect of soon being comfortably settled on ground and in a home of their own was very favourable. Indeed that very day they were to have an audience with the King, who had previously invited them to make a selection of a site for building, and to report the spot they had chosen, that they might be put in immediate possession.

From what I saw of the number applying daily to Mr. McGilvary for such relief as his limited stock of medicines and confessedly limited skill could afford, I am confident that a missionary physician could in few other places do a more blessed work in relieving suffering, re-

moving deformity, and saving life, and while he would find it a field of rare interest for the practice of his profession, he would be able by the personal interest he would be sure to acquire, to commend greatly the religion of Christ to the hearts of multitudes that might not otherwise be reached. And living as they do, five hundred miles, full five weeks' journey, away from the nearest available medical help, our friends and their families, who for Christ's sake have ventured so far into the wilderness, have claims upon the sympathies of all who love the common Master and the common cause.

Misgivings Removed—The Time for the Work has Come.

With reference to this mission, I must say that though at one time I did have some misgivings whether, all things considered, the movement was not a little premature, I now, being better able to judge, greatly honour the Christian courage and enterprise, which undertook the work, or rather I bless God who inspired Mr. McGilvary's heart, and made his old Princeton friend, Mr. Wilson, consent to join him in thus striking out boldly into an untried field. It will prove I trust a field ready for the harvest. It was surely perishing for lack of labourers, and that when the Church might of her abundance, years ago, have spared both the men and the means to secure it for the Master. Verily we are all guilty in this matter. May the great Head of the Church forgive his people, and may the earnestness of our prayers show the sincerity of our interest in this too long neglected nation!

Fraternally and sincerely,
S. R. Housh.

Interesting Incidents in California.

The Rev. A. W. Loomis, the excellent missionary to the Chinese in California, writes as follows from San Francisco:

August 28th.—I have mentioned in another place that I had been engaged getting building hardware for a new mission house in Yokohama, which they propose building there even in "troubled times," an evidence of their strong faith. Dr. Hepburn asked me to get it at cost, if any good man would do so much for them. After applying to two or three I happened upon a man who, after going over the bill, says, "Yes, we will give it at cost, but we ought to

do a better thing than that, you ought to get it for nothing. I will give ten dollars worth of it if others will do the same, try it on." Being urged by him I started out and succeeded in getting the whole bill made out in donations.

The *cost price* had been estimated at about forty dollars.

A Roman Catholic, in addition, furnished the two fire grates *at cost*. A drayman gave his services, another party boxed the goods, gratuitously.

Thus you see that the millennial times have commenced, they have begun to bring the iron and the brass for the missionary's house, and they consider that it is all the same as if it were to go into the house of the Lord.

I know you will be encouraged by this; somebody has been praying that the hearts of such men might be opened, and the Lord did open them.

It cost me some travelling and time, but that was all included in my commission.

About three weeks ago, at half-past eight in the evening, a lad of about seventeen came to the door. Said he, my father forbids me hereafter remaining after the school is dismissed to meet with you and others in religious worship, so I have come now, and can we pray just now? We went to the study, read the Scripture and had prayer. On going he asked for a book with forms of prayer.

He further stated that his father had forbidden his attending the Sabbath-schools, and all the religious services.

He seems not to have obeyed strictly, for he has been present occasionally since then. He came to California not many months ago and has from the first attended the schools and the chapel services. May the seed sown take root.

Immigrants are still arriving, both by sailing vessels and steamers. Of the one thousand that came on the last steamer, five hundred were transferred to a boat for Sacramento, there to be hurried on the cars for Nevada, and thus without landing in San Francisco they are put down in a few hours to their work on the railroad, far beyond the Sierras, and before they go back to China some of them may have seen Salt Lake.

Among the Chinese passengers by the steamer, we are glad to welcome back an old friend. He has been with us in the chapel and at family worship, as he was accustomed to do in former times.

Another passenger, a stranger, reports himself as a disciple of Christ, having learned the truth in Australia from the missionaries labouring there amongst the Chinese.

Our colporteur has been very useful. During much of the time this summer there have been many of these strangers from China in the city, and some of them have remained for two or three weeks before getting off to work. A large portion of these speak the dialect which is spoken by our colporteur, so that he is quite at home amongst them.

We have sent the colporteur out of the city twice, and when the season of immigration is passed we purpose to send him farther away.

August 31.—Ah-Man, who acted as colporteur six months last year, has consented to give two months to the work this fall. I wished him to visit towns and mining camps occupied principally by people speaking his dialect. He has found a man to supply his place in the washhouse and to-day is making preparations, to-morrow he proposes to leave for his work. The other colporteur I will retain in the city so long as there are ships with immigrants arriving, and so much opportunity for work amongst them

The Work Waiting for the Labourers.

"... Some of our members are doing a great deal of evangelistic work. I think I told you of Yu-ling; then there is another named Ah-djun, and another Ling-kwe; these are continually bringing others. It does seem to reward me so to see them so earnest.

"One day last week, at the request of Ah-djun, I went about six miles away from here, out of the city, to visit some women to whom he had been talking. I found that they were interested in, and had a good knowledge of, the truth.

Now the difficulty is, how are they to be taught more? How are they to keep the Sabbath? I had to leave other houses, to which he had carried the truth, unvisited for want of time. Hamlets and cottages are scattered all about, but we could not think of affording to have a station as a rallying point for them, and to come here is too great a distance; and so, those who willingly hear must be left almost uncared for. Oh, it is so saddening to think of the teeming cities, and towns, and villages, not to speak of the country people, utterly neglected! Not merely insufficiently cared for, but left to live and die, ever one generation passing, and another coming, without any one having, for love of Christ, gone to tell them of a Saviour. How long must ten of China's eighteen provinces be denied the light, because there is no one to carry it to them? Would that for every missionary here there were a hundred, and each one a Paul in ability, and above all, in devotion! It is dreadfully oppressing to feel that all one can do, is as nothing to the need; one cannot help sometimes being weighed down under the burden of responsibility: books want making, converts want instructing, children want training, and, far and wide, God's word wants telling to those who are sitting in darkness. Where is one to begin? If one could live twenty lives at once, it would seem all too little to meet the case. May God help us!

"Nothing could be more encouraging than our position here, so almost more than willingly do the people listen. I should think when I go out, I often speak to more than two hundred people, making an aggregate of group after group that comes round me; and yet I never get treated in any way rudely, but with all kindness; sometimes, indeed, I with difficulty get out of having to smoke a pipe, while tea and lunch I very frequently take."—*Miss Faulding, of the "China Inland Mission," Hangchow, Feb. 3d, 1868.*

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SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Fby of Ebenezer*—Paris ch 101 60; Burlington ch, Hon J M Preston 50 151 60

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Fby of Palmyra*—First ch, Hannibal 36. *Fby of St Louis*—Nazareth German ch 22 45 58 45

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Fby of Elizabethtown*—Metuchin ch, mo con 9 60. *Fby of Luzerne*—First ch Scranton Juv Missionary Association 100. *Fby of Monmouth*—Shrewsbury Sab-sch 18 60. *Fby of New Brunswick*—First ch, Cranberry 150; Dutch Neck ch, mo con 51 68. *Fby of Passaic*—Third ch, Newark, mo con 21 71, for Blo Chapel 20, Sab-sch "Truth Seekers" 6, "Buds of Promise" 10 — 57 71; 1st ch, Morristown, mo con 124 70, L—30 — 154 70; Wickliffe ch, mo con 13 35; 1st ch, Paterson 86 62; Rutherford Park ch, mo con 14; Central ch, Orange, mo con 50. *Fby of Raritan*—Second ch, Amwell 17 91. *Fby of Susquehanna*—Towanda ch, mo con 56; Fall Brook ch 8 70; Rushville ch 3; Stevensville ch 3; Rome ch 2. *Fby of West Jersey*—"A P" 5; 2d ch, Bridgeton 40 842 87

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Fby of Connecticut*—Rye ch, mo con 26 20. *Fby of Hudson*—White Lake ch 2. *Fby of Long Island*—First ch, Amanssett 5. *Fby of Nassau*—First ch, Brooklyn, mo con 41 08; 3 Third St ch, Williamsburg, mo con 23 37; Astoria ch, mo con 25 05; Throop ave ch, Brooklyn 5 77; German ch, Williamsburg 6. *Fby of New York*—First ch, New York, mo con 36 78; Chelsea ch 26 58, Mrs Mary Hattie 1 — 27 58; Pott's Memorial ch, mo con 2 25; Brick ch, New York, Mission ch 15 75. *Fby of New York 2d*—Peekskill ch, mo con 33 42; Washington Heights ch, mo con 48; Inwood ch 200. *Fby of North River*—Calvary ch, Newburg 24 13 525 39

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Fby of Crawfordville*—Crawfordville Sab-sch, Mrs Coulter's class 10. *Fby of Logansport*—Indian Creek Sab-sch 2; Logansport ch, East Sandridge, Sab-sch 3 15 00

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Fby of Columbus*—Blendon ch, Westerville Sab-sch for Bangkok Mission sch 10. *Fby of Marion*—Wyandotte ch, mo con 7. *Fby of Richland*—Shelby Sab-sch 8, Candy money of Curtis King 40 cts — 8 40. *Fby of Wooster*—Jackson Sab-sch 10 35 40

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Fby of Donegal*—Slateville ch 75. *Fby of Huntingdon*—East Kishacoquillas ch 88 46; Shade Gap ch 5; Middle Tuscarora ch 12; Port Matilda Sab-sch 5. *Fby of Northumberland*—Moorsburg ch, Foreign Missionary Society, add'l 2. *Fby of Philadelphia*—Tenth ch, Phila, from "A Friend through the Pastor" 400, Sab-sch, for Rio Chapel, for two additional pews 100 — 500; Fifteenth ch, Phila 17 96. *Fby of Philadelphia Central*—Alexander ch, A Friend 5; Chocksink Sab-sch 56 00. *Fby of Philadelphia 2d*—Brainard Sab-sch 70; Falls of Schuylkill ch 14; Doylestown ch 52 16; Deep Run ch 2 25; Abington ch, mo coll 55 31 932 23

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Fby of Ohio*—Long Island ch 50 50; Bethel ch 147 05; Sharon ch 50. *Fby of Saltsburg*—Glade Run ch, mo con 20, Master Willie C Guyer 1 25 — 21 25; 1st ch, Kittanning 126 30, Sab-sch 30 50 — 146 80; Saltsburg ch 86 71 602 31

SYNOD OF ST PAUL.—*Fby of Chippewa*—Eau Claire ch 50; La Crosse Sab-sch 1 75. *Fby of St Paul*—Westminister ch, Minneapolis, mo con 6 45. *Fby of S Minnesota*—Ashland ch 2 60 20

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Fby of Western Reserve*—Guilford ch, 48, Sab-sch 5 63 00

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Fby of New Lisbon*—Yellow Creek ch 49 75. *Fby of Staebenville*—Wellsville Sab-sch 14 86; Richmond ch 3 60. *Fby of St Clairsville*—Nottingham ch 83 75. *Fby of Washington*—West Alexander ch, mo con 14, A Member

to con John McDonald *Life member* 25, Sab-sch 5 — 45; 1st ch, Washington, mo con 12 70; Pigeon Creek ch 76 50 285 16

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Fby of Milwaukee*—Ottawa Sab-sch 8 50

Total Receipts from churches \$4,153 35

LEGACIES.—Legacy of Alexander Russell, dec'd, Mahoning Co, Ohio 25; A Friend of Missions, a soldier who fell in the war for the Union, add'l 250 275 00

MISCELLANEOUS.—From a Lady 3 50; Mrs R W G Lebanon, Pa 3; Interest from a fund left by Thos P Hope, dec'd, Philadelphia, for education in Africa for Alexander High School 103 23; Henry Brewster, Esq, Shirleysburg, Pa 5; Last earnings of Master Eddie Roseman 1 75; J Dimmick 2 50; A Friend 2; David Edwards 1; General G Loomis 5; Mrs W and children 15; Mrs M Abbott's Sab-sch, St Louis 5; A Lady, for Liberia 10; "To send out missionaries to China and Siam" 2 00; "Yorkville 3;" Dr E C Wines 10; A Friend 100; C 5; Union Prayer Meeting, Vinton, Iowa 4 35; John Mo—, Anderson's Mills, Pa 2; Rev Wm Scribner 10; Public School, No 4, Sinking Valley, Pa 5; N McGeary, Albany, Oregon 20; Lutheran ch, Mifflin, Pa 15 77; Rev Mr Shearer, of Tract Society 10; One who loves the Saviour, Elmira, N Y 1; A little Girl in Lower Tuscarora 10 cts; Cash 35; Mrs C Ashman 2; A X X 50; B 5; H 3 B and wife 5; E O B 2; Willie Clemens 1; A Friend, for Africa 25 2 468 20

Total Receipts in September, 1868, \$6,896 55

WM. RANKIN, Jr., Treasurer.

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Colportage in Iowa.

An efficient colporteur, whose field of labour is a vast missionary region in Northern and North-western Iowa, writes as follows:

"Since I last wrote you I have been away out towards sunset and came down through Emmet, Palo Alto, and Pocahontas counties. I did not sell many books, but I distributed tracts and found some good people. I also found many who are far from God, by nature and wicked works.

"I generally have prayer-meetings in settlements when I can get two or three, or more, together. I had a blessed time in a Sabbath-school a week ago. I talked to the school on *the love of Jesus*. Two young girls were much affected. I gave each of them the tract, 'Come to Jesus.' My hope and prayer is that they may go to Him.

"I find that, to get the last package sent me, I must go a few miles out of my contemplated route. But I am always on the right road if I can find houses and people.

J. S. L."

A Want of our Missionaries.

We are glad to have done something—even if it be but little—to help our missionaries, by sending them, through the aid of the generous donors, copies of the book mentioned. Were the means more abundantly furnished, we would gladly send accordingly.

The following extract is from a letter written by a Domestic Missionary in Iowa:

"It is very refreshing for the Western missionaries, whose means of support will scarcely ever permit them to buy a book, to receive, by donation, as good a one as 'Hodge on the Atonement.' Such a gift came to me two days ago, for which I am truly thankful. I hope by the grace of God to make good use of it. I am glad that many of my brethren in the same work will receive like favour.

"It is a good thing to receive a good gift; but the Master says, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' I hope for the benefit of the poor toiling missionaries, many will be blessed both by giving and receiving.

"Many very good laborious Domestic Missionaries are mentally famishing for want of books.

"They are in a condition analogous to a farmer without a plow. Yet they are doing a good work under all their disadvantages. How much more efficient might they be, were they supplied with fifty or more volumes of the most suitable books of our Board for a Minister's library! I am not a complainer, or a beggar for myself, though I have been twenty years a Domestic Missionary—have endured hard service, and been poor; yet I have enjoyed very much happiness and been much better provided for than I have deserved. Yet if, early in my work, I had been provided with a few good books I would have been a more efficient and useful minister.

Yours truly, D."

More Help Wanted.

An appeal has been made for contributions with which to send a copy of the invaluable work of Dr. A. A. Hodge on "The Atonement," to each one of our Domestic Missionaries. A number of donations for that purpose, a majority of them from ladies, have been sent in, for all of which the book has been sent. We quote a few lines from the letter of an unknown lady donor:

"I have been wanting to send *Hodge on the Atonement* out West, and thought I could not afford it, but the appeal in your last issue has changed my mind. Enclosed please find one dollar and fifty cents, with which please send *Hodge on the Atonement* to some Missionary. Keep on making 'those appeals,' for there are at least seventy-five Marys in this one town who would each give a copy, if they only understood the appeal, and with whom there is not the same necessity for being 'careful and troubled about many things,' as is

MARTHA."

Among the sums received was one of six dollars from a United States Senator, who says:—"I have noticed the proposition to give a copy of *Hodge on the Atonement* to each of the domestic missionaries of our Church, and I desire to aid in that good work. I enclose six dollars, which will pay for four copies, three of which you will please send to missionaries, the other to myself."

A good beginning has been made, but many more of the same size will be needed in order to give the book to every missionary. Who will help? Blessings will be sure to return upon the head and household of every donor. Send donations to the Board of Publication, 821 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

Children's Praise.

The following is from one of our most active and useful pastors in Illinois:

—————, Illinois, 1868.

Children's Praise contains the best selection of Sunday-school tunes I have ever seen. Our school likes it much. Many will rejoice at having such a book of praise within our own beloved Church. I have looked at an evil in this direction in many of the books in use—a trashy hymnology

very unsuitable to the young mind. But I find in *Children's Praise* no hymn but teaches some important truth or doctrine.

Yours truly, K.

We are glad to say that the Board is constantly receiving large orders for *Children's Praise* from every part of the Church. It has recently published also the *Hymns of Children's Praise* without the music. Price 20 cents.

Power of a Tract.

A carpenter, with his wife and family residing in a district where tracts were periodically circulated, were in a very impoverished condition, consequent on the dissolute habits of the father. The man always treated the subject of religion scoffingly; but, being fond of reading, he perused almost every printed page that came to his hand, and it is believed always read the tracts that were left at his house. The word of God however he never cared to read. The last tract he received in the district (for he left shortly after), he read as usual, and without any effect being immediately produced. "But," said he, "I was induced to read it again, and then, though hitherto my heart had been as hard as a 'bar of iron,' that tract was the means of its being broken to shivers. I then saw the dreadful state I was in, and knew not what to do; my mind was in a state of horror. I tried to pray, but thought God would not hear me. Still I kept looking to him for help, and after several weeks of mental suffering, light broke in upon my mind. I then felt I had lost a burden. I kept on praying to God, and reading his holy word. Now I am a happy man, and cannot feel sufficiently thankful that I ever received that tract, for it was the means of bringing me to the knowledge of the truth. My home is now a comfortable and happy one; my family and self are well clothed; my children go to the Sabbath-school; and my wife attends the house of God with me twice every Sabbath-day, and I hope soon to be engaged myself in the good work of tract distribution."

"Do not, my dear lady," continued he, addressing the lady who gave him the tract, "be discouraged in your work. I know I have often grieved you, but my conscience told me you were right, and that I was wrong. Take, I pray you, that blessed tract to every family you visit, and tell them what it has been the instrument of doing for me, one of the vilest of sinners. I think I now know by happy experience what it is to have a new heart—a heart that has felt the power of Divine grace; and what it is to enjoy communion with God. Pray forgive me all the injury I have done you by what I have said. I could not rest satisfied without your knowing of the change which has been wrought in me. That tract I always carry near my heart, for it is precious to me. I walked a long distance this morning in the hope of meeting you in the district, as I did not know your address. My heart's desire and prayer to God is, that he will ever bless you in your self-denying employment. Farewell: I hope to meet you in heaven."

The Reading of Childhood.

The deep impressions made by one's first reading are so delightful, that we are glad to renew them. It is like a first love. When the Bible opens before me at the story of Joseph, or the Prodigal Son, I am all at once arrested—my thoughts go back to childhood—a thousand perusals since have not dispossessed the first imaginations. They throng before my mental vision all the images of that dreamy time—all the tender cares—all the little innocent misapprehensions. What an unbought pleasure is here! Give me therefore my small shelf of books, in order that each one may be the centre of such remembrances. Let others throng the circulating libraries, and take the mingled alcohol and opium of the lecherous and envious Byron, the gushing and blasphemous Shelley, the seducing Bulwer; give me my Bible, my Milton, my Cowper, my Bunyan, my shelf of histories, my shelf of biography, and my shelf of travels, and I will have more "thick coming fancies" in an hour than they in a day.

J. W. ALEXANDER.

Wasters of Time.

Beware of bad books, because *they waste your time*. "Time is money;" it is more—it is *eternity*! You live in a sober, redeemed world, and it is worse than folly to fritter away the period of probation in mere amusement. God did not bring us into being, and sustain that being—the Redeemer did not shed his blood a ransom for our sins—the Holy Spirit has not bestowed upon us the book divine, that we might flit from flower to flower like the butterfly, neglecting all the ends of rational and immortal being, and go to the judgment mere triflers.

DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE COLPORTAGE AND DISTRIBUTION FUNDS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION, SINCE LAST ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

<i>Pky of Carlisle</i> —Rocky Spring ch, add'l 2; Lower Path Valley ch 10; Burnt Cabins ch 5	\$17 00	<i>Pky of Peoria</i> —Salem ch 2 96; Prospect ch	13 28
<i>Pky of Cedar</i> —Fulton ch	4 00	<i>Pky of Philadelphia Central</i> —North ch	62 82
<i>Pky of Chippewa</i> —Hixton ch	2 00	<i>Pky of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Bristol ch	11 84
<i>Pky of Cincinnati</i> —Walnut Hills 1st ch 15; Cincinnati 7th ch 71 15	86 15	<i>Pky of Radstone</i> —Connellsville ch	37 00
<i>Pky of Cleveland</i> —Elkton ch	3 00	<i>Pky of Rock River</i> —Franklin Grove ch 5; Foreston Grove German ch 8 85	13 85
<i>Pky of Columbus</i> —Pleasant ch	21 26	<i>Pky of Sangamon</i> —Williamsville ch	4 00
<i>Pky of Connecticut</i> —Gilead ch, of Carmel 10 33; Bedford ch 37 70	48 03	<i>Pky of Sidney</i> —Rushsylvania ch	1 65
<i>Pky of Dubuque</i> —Le Roy ch	1 50	<i>Pky of St Minnesota</i> —Lake City ch	5 00
<i>Pky of Ebenezer</i> —Concord ch 2 50; Millersburg ch 4; Carlyle ch 12; Sharpsburg ch 1	19 50	<i>Pky of St Clairsville</i> —Morristown ch	6 06
<i>Pky of Erie</i> —Warren 1st ch	11 67	<i>Pky of St Louis</i> —Bethel ch	12 00
<i>Pky of Fort Wayne</i> —Waterloo ch 3; Swan ch 75 cts; Hopewell ch 1 25; Albion ch 7 25; La Grange ch 8 50; Bluffton ch 1 80; New Lancaster ch 2 27; Decatur ch 3 65; Flat Rock ch 1 35; Eel River ch 2 35; Pleasant Ridge ch 3; Elhanan ch 1	36 17	<i>Pky of Susquehanna</i> —Rushville ch 2; Stevensville ch 4; Rome ch 2	8 00
<i>Pky of Huntington</i> —Milroy ch 16 42; Perryville ch 55	71 42	<i>Pky of Transylvania</i> —Lancaster ch 22; Paint Lick ch 59 75; Kirksville ch 27 90; Richmond ch 20 60; Stanford ch 6; Harmony ch 5	141 25
<i>Pky of Loganport</i> —La Fayette ch	29 00	<i>Pky of West Lexington</i> —Nicholsville ch 1; Lexington 1st ch 16 50; Lexington 2d ch 4; D A Sayre, Esq, 20; Hopewell ch 11 80	47 30
<i>Pky of Long Island</i> —Huntington 1st ch 16 75; Middletown ch 10 42	27 17	<i>Pky of West Virginia</i> —Newburg ch 10 75; Kingwood ch 7 75	18 50
<i>Pky of Luzerne</i> —Mahanoy ch	10 06	<i>Pky of Zanesville</i> —Salem German ch	6 86
<i>Pky of Miami</i> —Monroe ch	10 07		
<i>Pky of New Castle</i> —Lower West Nottingham ch 2; Red Clay Creek ch 5	25 00		
<i>Pky of Oxford</i> —Hamilton ch	5 00		
<i>Pky of Passaic</i> —Newark 3d ch	33 68		

MISCELLANEOUS.

C M Wilson, Menno, Pa 25 cts; Annie T. Wheeling, West Va 5; Vancouver Island, per Wm Gibson 1 76; Mrs R B, Baltimore, Md 1 50

\$53 43

WINTHROP SARGENT, Treasurer.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Corresponding Secretary, Rev. H. I. Coz.

Treasurer, DAVID KEITH, St. Louis, Mo.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION in part for AUGUST, 1868.

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<i>Pby of Benicia</i> —Vallejo ch	\$16 00
<i>Pby of Troy</i> —Second Street ch, Troy	85 68
<i>Pby of Crawfordville</i> —Terre Haute ch	27 10
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Tuscarora ch 4 60; Moscow ch 7	11 60
<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Orwell ch 2; Monroeton ch 4	7 00
<i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —Third ch, Fort Wayne 4 46; Wabash ch 11; Waterloo ch 9; Le Grange ch 6 25; 1st ch, Kendallville 10; Hopewell ch 2; Albion ch 4	45 71
<i>Pby of Kaskaskia</i> —Butler ch	3 70
<i>Pby of Madison</i> —Pleasant Township ch 5 40; Jefferson ch 2 40	7 80
<i>Pby of Loganport</i> —Remington ch 2; Rensselaer ch 1 35; Jefferson ch 2; Lexington ch 10; Sugar Creek ch 2	17 35
<i>Pby of Buffalo City</i> —Alden ch	6 00
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Genesee ch 3 25; Malden ch 11	14 25
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Chippewa ch 15 70; Dalton ch 59 25; Mt Eaton ch 4 50	79 45
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Bloomfield ch 15; Pleasant Hill ch 16; Coriath ch 10; Wellsville ch 8	49 00
<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Tent ch and Mt Washington chs 14 52; Sewickley ch 9 83; M'Keasport ch 15 48; New Providence ch 10	49 83
<i>Pby of St Louis</i> —Bethel German ch 12; Kirkwood ch, add'l 2	14 00
<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Salt Creek ch 5 50; Duncan Falls ch 6 25	11 75
<i>Pby of Michigan</i> —Westminster ch, Grand Rapids	21 50
<i>Pby of Western Reserve</i> —Tiffin ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Londonderry</i> —First ch Newburyport 60; Do, Sab-sch 15	75 00
<i>Pby of Ogdenburg</i> —First ch Oswegotahie	10 00
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Mahoning ch 20; Salem ch 14 20; Westfield ch, of which 10, special 7	61 20
<i>Pby of Des Moines</i> —White Breast ch 4; Columbia ch 1 25	5 25
<i>Pby of Rochester City</i> —Phelps ch	18 00
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Slate Lick ch 3 30; Worthington ch 6; Union ch 8; Centre ch 15 50; Scrubgrass ch 14; New Salem ch 9	60 80
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Harmony ch	35 00
<i>Pby of North River</i> —Mariboro ch 13 33; Middle Hope ch 6 39	18 72

<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Cottsville ch 8; Bethesda ch 10; 1st ch New Lisbon 32	\$50 00
<i>Pby of Vincennes</i> —Evansville ch 12; 2d ch Vincennes 17 50	29 50
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —New Alexandria ch 50; Cross Roads ch 12 33; Union ch 8; Elders Ridge ch 33 82; West Lebanon ch 25; Beulah ch 28	155 20
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Montours ch 17 59; East Liberty ch 81 97	99 47
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Leatherwood ch 7 75; Middle Creek ch 6 25; Bethesda ch 13 10; Oak Grove ch 2 50	29 60
<i>Pby of Richland</i> —Utica ch 3 60; Ashland ch 23 75	27 35
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Highland ch, special 14 39; Bridgewater, special 4 35; 1st ch Allegheny City, special 206 10; Freedom ch, special 7 40; Pine Creek ch, special 9; Central ch, special 36 85; Sewickley ch, special 63	346 09
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Kingston ch 11 40; Do Sab-sch 2 32	13 72
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Lawrence ch 54 25; 2d ch, Trenton 107 92	162 17
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Bensalem ch 5 60; Conshohocken ch 6; Newtown ch 21	32 60
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Lower Mt Bethel ch	15 00
<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —New York Avenue ch, Washington City	7 10
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Fagg's Manor ch 41 73; Downingtown ch 15; Oxford ch 115; White Clay Creek and Head of Christiana ch 27	198 73
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Slate Ridge ch 20; Middle Octonara ch 25	45 00
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Reading ch 5 50; Cummins-ville ch 12	17 50
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —New Paris ch	4 00
<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —Buck Creek ch	25 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

A Friend, in Baltimore 20; T B L 17 86; Kentucky 5; D M B 5; Rev P R V 10; Rev T S Childs, D. D. Norwalk 10; Mary Vance, Washington City 5; Mrs Mary C Donaldson, Philadelphia 1000; Mrs McArthur, Linn County, Mo 6	1,078 86
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Total receipts for August, 1868, \$5,250 10

DAVID KEITH, Treasurer.
St. Louis, Mo

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION in part for SEPTEMBER, 1868.

Total receipts in September \$6415 23, as follows:—

<i>Pby of Findlay</i> —Harrison ch	\$3 00
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Red Clay Creek ch 15; Lower West Nottingham ch 29; Forks of Brandywine ch 34 90	69 90
<i>Pby of North River</i> —Smithfield ch 12; 1st ch Newburg 56 75	68 75
<i>Pby of Missouri River</i> —Bellevue ch	10 64
<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —Williamsville ch 7 85; 1st ch Springfield 104 38	112 23
<i>Pby of Crawfordville</i> —Carpentersville ch 5 00	
<i>Pby of Londonderry</i> —Londonderry ch	11 25
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —North Tenth St ch, special 21 14; Cohocksink ch, special 50 16	71 30
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Slatting ch 27; Newtown ch, add'l 4; Deep Run ch 3 40; Doyles-town ch 27 10	64 50
<i>Pby of Huntington</i> —Hollidaysburg ch 51 50; Millroy ch 13 66; Sinking and Spring Creek ch 25	91 16

<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Rushville ch 2; Stevensville ch 3; Rome ch 2	\$7 00
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Mahanoy City ch	20 70
<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Salem German ch 11 24; Buffalo ch 21 17; Salt Creek ch 2	34 41
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Leroy ch 1 50; Farley ch 2 50	4 00
<i>Pby of Winnebago</i> —Kilbourn ch	6 12
<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Connellsville ch 37; Spring Hill Furnace ch 2 56	39 56
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Freehold Village ch	83 00
<i>Pby of Lake</i> —Goshen ch	13 75
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Burnt Cabins ch 15 10; Harrisburg ch 58 81	73 91
<i>Pby of Tuscarora</i> —First ch Paterson	37 73
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —South East Centre ch 20 36	
<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —First ch Huntington 20 68	
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Millersburg ch 10; Chester ch 2 25; Wayne ch 7 90; Congress ch 8 65	29 80
<i>Pby of Loganport</i> —Lafayette ch 13 42; Remington ch, add'l 1 50	14 92

(To be continued.)

FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS, AND THE NEEDY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

The following amounts have been received since last report, viz:

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Johnstown ch 40 94; Mariaville ch 9; West Milton ch 5 82; Galway ch 5 80; Princetown ch 17	\$78 26
<i>Pby of Mohawk</i> —Park Central ch	25 00
<i>Pby of Troy</i> —Troy South ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Brady's Bend ch	14 00
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Neshannock ch 25; Little Beaver ch 18	43 00
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Concord ch	8 00
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Broadway ch 40 25; Govanstown ch 20	60 25
<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —Seventh St ch	8 30
<i>Pby of Buffalo City</i> —Calvary ch	100 00
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Barton and Lonaconing ch 14; Shippensburg ch 32; Carlisle 2d ch 70 12; Paxton ch 22; Emmitsburg ch 17 10; Piney Creek ch 11 40	166 62
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Genesee Central ch 20; Moscow ch 7; Portageville ch 7 45; Oakland ch 7 25; Groveland ch 7; Wyoming ch 26	83 70
<i>Pby of Ogdensburg</i> —Hammond ch 12; Oswegatchie 2d ch 10 20	22 20
<i>Pby of Rochester City</i> —Seneca ch	26 28
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Princeton 1st ch 30 01; Aledo 1st ch 8 75; Genesee ch 10 50	47 26
<i>Pby of Chicago</i> —Ste Anne ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Sterling ch 28; Middle Creek ch 23; Foreston Grove German ch 11 15; Dixon 1st ch 23; Morrison ch 8 30; Scales Mound ch 3	90 45
<i>Pby of Schuyler</i> —Camp Creek ch 10; Ebeneser ch 10; Dodsaville ch 5 25; Ipava ch 17	42 25
<i>Pby of Warren</i> —Monmouth 1st ch 60 45; Shiloh ch 5	65 45
<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Red Oak ch 12 50; French ch 7 05	19 55
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Lebanon ch	28 00
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Oxford 1st ch	32 00
<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —Union City ch 12; Bellefontaine ch 9	21 00
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Clinton ch 23 65; Champaigne ch 14; Chatsworth ch 5; Atlanta ch 8; Farm Ridge ch 9 50; Waynesville ch 6 10; Towanda ch 18; Sab-ech of do 2	86 25
<i>Pby of Kaskaskia</i> —Chester 1st ch 4; Elm Point ch 7 30; Butler ch 12 10	23 90
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Peoria 3d ch 55 45; French Grove ch 7 50; Mason City ch 3 50; Salem ch 4 50	70 95
<i>Pby of Salina</i> —Richland ch 10; Salem ch 3 50; Olney ch 7; Wabash ch 1 50	21 00
<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —Farmington ch 10; Irish Grove ch 6 50; Virginia ch 8 50	34 00
<i>Pby of Indianapolis</i> —Indianapolis ch	25 25
<i>Pby of Madison</i> —Hanover ch 12 85; Donaldson ch 6 50	19 35
<i>Pby of Vincennes</i> —Evansville 1st ch	30 35
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Mechanicsville ch 10; Summit ch 16; Long Grove ch 4; Marion ch 18 35; Springville ch 6; Linn Grove ch 13 50	62 85
<i>Pby of Vinton</i> —Malaka ch 2 05; Big Grove ch 10; 12 05	12 05
<i>Pby of Topeka</i> —Auburn ch 2; Burlingame ch 3 00	3 00
<i>Pby of West Lexington</i> —Lexington 2d ch, Rev J W Scott 30; Miss L W Scott 25; Mrs E L Dudley 10; Mrs. H M Skillman 10	75 00
<i>Pby of Lafayette</i> —Knob Noeter ch	2 70
<i>Pby of Potosi</i> —Irontdale ch	3 00
<i>Pby of St Louis</i> —Bethel ch	12 00
<i>Pby of Upper Missouri</i> —Rev Wm Reed 5; Savannah ch 5; Sab-ech of do 30 cts	10 30
<i>Pby of Burlington</i> —Allentown ch 21; Borden-town ch 6	27 00
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Pluckamin ch 25; New Providence ch 15	40 00
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Kingston ch 21 35; Sab-ech of do 3 84; Wyoming ch 5; Rev A B King 5; Mahanoy City ch 12 22	51 22
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Stroudsburg ch 29; Phillipsburg ch 12 75; Yellow Frame ch 12	53 75
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Trenton 1st ch 147; Trenton 4th ch 17 41; Ewing ch 31 95; South Amboy Mission ch 3 75	200 11
<i>Pby of Baritan</i> —Clinton ch 10 42; German Valley ch 31; Musacontecong Valley ch 13 65	55 37
<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Canton ch 13; Towanda ch 52 50; Orwell ch 5 25; Rushville ch 2; Rome ch 2; Stevensville ch 2	76 75
<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —May's Landing ch 4 30; Tuckahoe ch 1; Fislerville ch 17; Williamstown ch 10	33 30
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Rye ch 55 25; Bridgeport ch 40	95 25
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Hamptonburg ch 27 10; Mount Hope ch 10 50; Cochection ch 6 25	43 85
<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —Huntington South ch 27 60	27 60
<i>Pby of North River</i> —Kingston ch 10; Smithfield ch 10; Rondout ch 40	60 00
<i>Pby of Crawfordville</i> —Crawfordsville ch 11; Bethany ch 14; Eugene ch 10; Lebanon ch 6 13	41 13
<i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —Fort Wayne 3d ch 4; Bluffton ch 1 40; New Lancaster ch 2 60; Wabash 2d ch 16; Pleasant Ridge ch 4; Elbanan ch 2; Waterloo City ch 6 54; La Grange ch 5	41 54
<i>Pby of Lake</i> —Valparaiso ch	15 11
<i>Pby of Loganport</i> —Sugar Creek ch 3 50; Jefferson ch 4	7 50
<i>Pby of Columbus</i> —Columbus 1st ch 55 14; Westminster ch 43; Truro ch 8 43; Worthington ch 7 77	114 24
<i>Pby of Marion</i> —Brown ch 9; Mt Gilead ch 5; York ch 3; Marysville ch 10; Milford Centre ch 6; Marefles ch 3 75	36 75
<i>Pby of Richland</i> —Ashland ch 30 30; Frederic-town ch 13 98; Martinsburg ch 4 85	57 08
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Chippewa ch 15 25; Keene ch 10; Jeromeville ch 6 15	31 40
<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Newark ch	13 00
<i>Pby of Benicia</i> —Napa City ch	20 00
<i>Pby of Donagat</i> —Columbia ch 125; Chestnut Level ch 48 50; Lancaster ch 34; Pequea ch 23 75; Little Britain ch 11	252 26
<i>Pby of Huntington</i> —Milroy ch 50; Tyrone ch 13 10; Birmingham ch 29 82; Sinking Valley ch 32 52; Spruce Creek ch 131 10; Beulah ch 12 65; Shade Gap ch 4 25; Milesburg ch 7 25	280 69
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Red Clay Creek ch 21; Green Hill ch 20; Downingtown Central ch 15; New Castle ch, Miss Spruance 10; Mrs Danforth 1; Mrs Canon 1; Mrs Dr Couper 10; Miss E Booth 5; Dr Ferris 1; Mrs Voorhees 5; Mrs Dr Lesley 5; Miss A Neven 1; Mrs Gemmill 2 50; Miss Scofield 5; James Truiss 5; John Janvier 5; Miss J Janvier 2; Miss Darragh 3; Mrs Rice 10; Mrs Smith and family 25; Mrs J B Spotswood 10; A Friend 4	166 50
<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Sunbury ch 20 50; Washington ch 16; Grove ch 104 06; Lycoming Centre ch 7; Chilisquaque ch 12; Mooresburg ch 7; New Berlin ch 6 10; Mahoning ch, Thomas Beam 50; Miss M A Montgomery 10; Geo N Geisinger 10	242 66
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Seventh ch 66 72; Gloucester ch 5	71 72
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Second ch 14 50; West Arch St ch 30 30; North Tenth St ch 20 65; Kensington ch 45 50; Councillor Given 5; Dorman & Brother 5; Henry Derbyshire 5; John Gordon 5; Mrs Gornley 5; Mrs Hughes 3; Wm McKay 1; James McCracken 50 cts; Spring Garden ch 73 58; G C 25, G R 3, W R G 2 50 — 30 50	249 53
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Germantown 2d ch 111 35; Conshohocken ch 7; Slatington ch 30; Newtown ch 21 25	169 60
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Clarion ch 15 75; New Rehoboth ch 7 40; Elkton ch 3	26 15

(To be continued.)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

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The First Sabbath of December.

The last Assembly changed the day for the Annual Collection in the churches for the work of the Committee on Freedmen from the first Sabbath in October to the first Sabbath in December. An additional column was also ordered in the statistical reports, so that each church may receive credit for the amount given to aid the missions among the Freedmen.

It will also be seen from the reported proceedings of a number of the Synods that they have appointed "the whole of the first Sabbath of December to be devoted to special services in the way of preaching and prayer with reference to the present unusually embarrassed condition of the general missionary work of our beloved church." May we not hope that the faithful presentation of the demands of the work among "the poor of the land," at this time, will awaken a far greater interest in these missions.

Our limited space forbids any just presentation of the condition, success, and necessities of our missions. By a reference to the last Annual Report, pastors will find such details as they may desire as to the fields occupied, and the mode of conducting the work. The statement of the Treasurer, below, shows the present liabilities of the Committee. The salaries of missionaries must be promptly paid each month. And nothing so touches our hearts as the sacrifices these Christian men and women have made to encourage the Committee in their difficulties. "Keep back my salary for two weeks," writes one, "I have not a cent of my own, but I have enough of flour left to last that long." "We are teaching at half salary for September," write two of the ladies, "because we know the embarrassment of the Committee." Yet we have been compelled to go to the banks for money enough to keep such missionaries in the field. The success that God has given makes it necessary that the force should be doubled in the field, and yet we begin the Master's work with over four thousand dollars' debt, which must be paid with the first collections that come to hand. Sixty-five churches must be supplied, not only with a preached gospel, but with schools, that they may be able to obey the Saviour's command to search the Scriptures.

From forty to fifty catechists labouring to build up these churches, and at the same time prepare themselves for the sacred ministry must have one hundred dollars each for the year, or turn aside and leave these feeble flocks to waste away. Poor ignorant Christians, in rags and wretchedness, gather for worship without shelter, and appeal to our church for teachers and houses of worship. Let every church hear the cry of these Freedmen on the first Sabbath of December. There must be a blessing in store for these who remember the poor. "He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth, but he that hath mercy on the poor happy is he."

Action of the General Assembly.

In order to show in a condensed form what was done last year, we extract the following from the *Minutes of the General Assembly*, for 1868:

"The Report of the Committee has also been examined, and we find that the

work has been prosecuted during the past year with great fidelity and zeal, and with increasing and most gratifying success. As the result of their work we have *Three organized Presbyteries* represented upon the floor of this Assembly, to which belong *Twenty Ministers*, and which have under their care *Four Licentiates*, and more than *Fifty Churches*, containing *Four Thousand Two Hundred and Eight Members*. In addition to these churches, we have churches connected with other Presbyteries, which have over four hundred members. The success of this work is indicated by the fact that the membership of the church has been doubled during the past year.

"They have built *Twenty-three houses of worship* and *Seven manses* or teachers' houses. Over *Eight thousand dollars* have been raised from the Freedmen themselves in support of this work. The Committee have had in their employ, since the last report, *One Hundred and Sixty-five Missionaries*, who have performed eighty-one years and eight months' service at an average salary of \$250, one hundred and ten of these were of the African race. The Committee have in successful operation *Thirty-eight schools*, with about *Three thousand pupils*, and *Fifty-one Sabbath-schools*.

"Your Committee are of opinion that this recital of facts, showing what has been already accomplished with the comparatively meagre amount of means placed in the hands of the General Assembly's Committee, entitle those who have conducted this work to the thanks of the church, and the cause to the sympathy and aid of all who love the extension and glory of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

"Manifestly the church is called by Christ to a great work for the race which God has connected so intimately with all the interests, political, social, and religious, of this land and nation. Her past success on this behalf should be gratefully accepted as the fruit of God's blessing upon her work, and as an incentive to increased earnestness and faithfulness in the task which we have taken upon us to fulfil."

The following resolution was then passed by the Assembly :

"1. In view of the responsibilities of the Presbyterian Church to this race, and of their immediate necessities, as well as the success which has attended our efforts in their behalf, this General Assembly declares its purpose to continue as a permanent work the effort to plant the church, with its educational and gospel privileges, among the African race in this country, and earnestly calls upon the ministers and churches to support the Assembly's Committee in the effort to fulfil the purpose thus distinctly and solemnly announced."

DONATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN IN SEPTEMBER, 1868.

<i>Pby of Atlantic</i> —Charleston. 8 C, in June 33;	<i>Pby of Rochester City</i> —Port Byron ch	23 26
Edisto Island ch 9; St Andrews ch 5; Wadmalaw ch 6; St. Paul's ch 7; John's Island ch 1 50; James Island ch 6	<i>Pby of Salina</i> —Salem ch	2 50
	<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —Springfield 3d ch	18 00
<i>Pby of Catawba</i> —Lewisburg coloured sch 3 50; Brookville sch 9; Brookville sch in July 15; Manson school in July 2; Concord coloured ch 4; Mocksville ch 1 90; Metansville ch 9; Lexington ch 3 25; Salisbury ch 80 cts; Poplar Tent ch 18; Greensboro ch 7	<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Rushville ch 1; Stevensville ch 1	2 00
	MISCELLANEOUS.—A lady, Uniontown, Pa 5; "Annie," Wheeling, Va 10; Harriet Huntington, Danville, Iowa 10; Mary B Couper, New Castle, Del 10; "P," Summit Hill 20; Russell Grove coloured sch 1 75; Columbia coloured sch 30	86 75
<i>Pby of Chicago</i> —Manteno ch		
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —South Salem ch		
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Mercer 1st ch, Mrs E McCollough donor		
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Westfield ch		
<i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —Pleasant Ridge ch 90; Elhaven ch 3 50		
<i>Pby of Knox</i> —Russell Grove coloured sch		
<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —Huntington 1st ch		
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Carlin Station ch		
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Williamsburg South Thrd st ch		
<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —Washington New York ave ch		
<i>Pby of Russia</i> —Newark 3d ch		
	Total receipts for September,	\$543 52
	D. ROBINSON, Treasurer,	
	No 78 Fourth Street, Pittsburgh.	
	NOTE.—To meet the demands for salaries of missionaries during the past three months, the Committee has been compelled to borrow money upon the individual responsibility of the members. The balance against the Treasury to date is \$3822 06, of which two notes of \$1200 each, discounted in bank, must be paid out of the first collections from the churches.	

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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Annual Collections for the Board.

NOVEMBER 10th, 1868.

As many of the churches will take up their annual collection for the Board of Domestic Missions after the issue of the present number of the RECORD, it may serve, perhaps, to stimulate their liberality, to inform them briefly of the present condition and wants of the Board.

We are happy to inform our readers that, up to this writing, all the missionaries that have reported, have been paid. This has been done, not by the contributions of the churches alone, but chiefly with money borrowed from the bank. A note of five thousand dollars will mature on the 15th of December, and another of similar amount will fall due on the 15th of the month following. To enable the Board to take up these notes and meanwhile pay the missionaries punctually as they report, will require prompt and liberal contributions from the churches and friends of the cause.

As the liabilities of the Board were so much greater than the means at their command, they were reluctantly compelled to reduce the salaries of the missionaries, most of whom had been previously but poorly paid. To many of them, no doubt, this reduction will prove highly inconvenient, and in some cases it will be productive of positive suffering. The Board have felt the deepest sympathy with them, and nothing but the most stern necessity could have induced them to reduce their salaries. They are earnestly desirous of preventing any further reduction, and if the churches will adequately replenish the treasury, they will gladly restore a portion at least, of the amount that has been taken from them.

In addition to the reduction of the salaries of the missionaries, the Board have been compelled to decline numerous applications for the support of missionaries in new fields, which might be at once occupied, and which give promise of great future usefulness. Our very success has been one cause of our financial embarrassment. Our missionaries have extended their operations, especially on the frontier, "to the region beyond;" and by occupying numerous preaching stations, have prepared the way for the organization of numerous new churches. They have likewise, by their explorations, discovered many points along the various railroads, extending in different directions, where villages and towns are rapidly springing up, and which, if we could at once occupy, would be of great advantage to our

Church. In many of these places congregations could be gathered, which would soon become self-sustaining and contributing churches. It is with extreme reluctance that the Board have been obliged, for the want of funds, to decline such applications, and thus forego opportunities for extending our Church.

The truth is, that the Board of Domestic Missions cannot answer the demands that are made upon them by the Presbyteries, nor do the work to which they are provisionally invited, without a much larger amount of funds than has ever been placed at their disposal. We need annually at least a quarter of a million of dollars; and cannot the great Presbyterian Church furnish two hundred and fifty thousand dollars yearly, for the proper sustentation of her missionaries, and the extension and establishment of Presbyterianism throughout the United States?

And now, dear brethren, will you not make an earnest effort to double, if you cannot treble, your contributions to this great and important object? In the name of the Great Head of the Church, and on behalf of our toiling and poorly paid missionaries—for the sake of the interests of our beloved Church, and the salvation of thousands who are destitute of the means of grace, we implore you to respond to this additional appeal for aid promptly and liberally. Would to God that every minister, elder, and church member felt his personal responsibility in this grave matter. If every individual would consider this appeal as addressed to him personally, and would give according to his ability, the treasury of the Board would soon be filled, our missionaries relieved, and many destitute places supplied with the means of salvation. We await with great solicitude your answer, praying that God will incline each one of you to do his duty.

North-Eastern Iowa.

Five or six counties, in this region, constitute the territory of the new Presbytery of Frankville. It is composed of six ministers, and seven churches, with fine missionary surroundings. Frankville church is the oldest, and the only self-sustaining one in the Presbytery. To this end, one good elder therein, pays annually two hundred dollars, and seems literally to realize that the liberal soul shall be made fat. In like proportion he gives to the Boards of the church, and others of this noble band come up to the work of the Master much in the same way. Brother C——, their devoted and earnest pastor, had almost decided a few weeks since to accept a call to another church, but his people rallied and remonstrated, and raised his salary, so that he was compelled to say, "I will remain with you, my beloved people." It is expected that by another season they will erect a new church edifice, as their present one is entirely too strait for them. May God multiply such pastorates, and build them up more and more abundantly. This is in the southeastern part of Winesheik Co., and a little north and east of the McGregor and St. Paul Railroad.

In the town of Lansing—the extreme northeast of the State, on the Mississippi, in Allamakee Co., there has sprung up, during the past three years, a very important charge, under the ministerial care of Rev. J. J——. They have a membership of from thirty to forty, and a very neat and substantial brick church, costing about four thousand dollars, all complete and paid for. An excellent elder and family, from Wheeling, Virginia, hold up the minister's hands, and encourage the people to work. Judging from the past, here too will soon be a self-sustaining and co-operative church. This is a growing town of some three thousand inhabitants, and will no doubt continue to be one of much commercial importance.

There are two new and vacant churches in this county, *i. e.* *Mount Hope* on the Upper Iowa River, twelve miles west of Lansing; and *Rossville*, ten miles north-

west of McGregor, our upper railroad town, and opposite Prairie du Chien, connected by railroad with Chicago. This Rossville church is feeble, yet they have a mind and heart for the work. They have just purchased an Academy building and grounds, and are refitting them as a place of worship and prayerfully await the coming of a "man of God amongst them to break unto them the bread of life."

An excellent father in Israel—a Scotch Elder—is in their midst, and gathers them together in Prayer-meeting and Bible-class, from Sabbath to Sabbath, and we doubt not that the Lord of Zion will smile upon them. A wide and effectual door of usefulness in one, or both these churches, is here open for some faithful brother ready to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

The face of the country is more rolling and broken by the Upper Iowa and Yellow Rivers, and their tributaries, than most of the State; and hence is well supplied with timber and building rock, and the finest springs of running water imaginable, sometimes powerful enough at the very fountain to run a mill. No better wheat-growing community is any where to be found.

Now, for the sake of this new Presbytery, for the sake of these vacant churches, and other fields around whitening for the harvest, and for the sake of multitudes of souls perishing for the lack of the glorious gospel of the Son of God, brethren of the laity, and of the ministry, "come over and help us!"

And beloved Christian friends through all the church, to whom the great Jehovah hath committed the silver and gold, and the cattle upon a thousand hills, which are His—or, in modern parlance, bonds and greenbacks—will you not see that the Lord's treasury is supplied!!

D. M.

Resolution of the Synod of Buffalo.

The Synod of Buffalo at its last meeting in Wyoming passed the following resolutions, and directed me to send it to you to be published in *The Record*.

"Resolved, That in the opinion of this Synod our missionaries at the West should be encouraged to report their destitutions, and that such statements be furnished for the information of the churches. A. G. HALL, *Stated Clerk*."

P. S. The medium of communication between the destitute missionaries and the churches, intended by Synod, is *The Record*, first and principally.

Yours, &c.,

A. G. HALL

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN OCTOBER, 1868.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Luserne ch 10; Corinth ch 3; State St ch, Albany, from a member 250 \$253 00

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Centre-ville ch 19; Sunbury ch 7 86; Scrub Grass ch 40; New Salem ch 13. *Pby of Allegheny City*—First Ger ch, Allegheny 3; Sugar Creek ch 8. *Pby of Beaver*—New Castle 1st ch, from "Shenango," a Friend of Missions 15. *Pby of Erie*—Cochranston ch 10 115 86

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—South ch, Baltimore 5 25; 12th ch Baltimore 20. *Pby of Carlisle*—Bedford ch 50; Middletown ch 36 59. *Pby of Potomac*—Seventh St ch, Washington, from the Youth's Missionary Society 35 145 84

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Genesee River*—Oakland ch 7; Caledonia 1st ch 49 55; Sparta 2d ch 7 63 55

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Bloomington ch, special col 16 37. *Pby of Cincinnati*—Walnut Hills 1st ch 5; Rev Bayres Gasley 10;

Reading ch 10; Somerset ch 12 05. *Pby of Oxford*—College Corner ch 16 69 42

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Bloomington*—Dwight ch 8. *Pby of Kaskaskia*—Richview ch 6. *Pby of Palestine*—New Hope ch 4 50. *Pby of Peoria*—French Grove ch 14; Princeville ch 31 60 64 10

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Madison*—Madison 1st ch, add'l 20. *Pby of New Albany*—Jackson Co Ger ch 14. *Pby of Vincennes*—Evansville ch 74 20 108 20

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—Fulton ch 1 20; Princeton ch 4; Le Clair ch 4; Mt Union ch 4. *Pby of Dubuque*—Prairie ch 4. *Pby of Fort Dodge*—East Friesland ch 10. *Pby of Frankville*—Lansing ch 7 34 20

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Topeka*—Manhattan ch 6 00

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Ebenezer*—Burlington ch, from Hon J M Preston 30. *Pby of Transylvania*—Lancaster ch 14 44 00

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Lafayette*—Lexing-

ton 1st ch 33 30. *Fby of Southwest Missouri*—
Carthage ch 7 50 39 80

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Fby of Elizabethtown*—
Westfield ch 43 22; Liberty Corner ch 30;
Elizabethtown 1st ch 341 45; Rahway 1st ch 70.
Fby of Luzerne—Summit Hill ch 30, of which
3 94 from Jamestown Sab-seh. 2 76 from Summit
Sab-seh. 9 71 from P. *Fby of Monmouth*—Shrews-
bury ch, extra col 20; Port Washington ch 18, of
which 8 from the Sab-seh. *Fby of New Brunsw-
wick*—Trenton 3d ch Sab-seh 30. *Fby of New-
ton*—Danville ch 8 10; Newton 1st ch 162 24; Bel-
videre 1st ch 150; Marksboro' ch 32. *Fby
of Passaic*—Westminster ch, Elizabeth 265 35
1,200 39

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Fby of Connecticut*—
Thompsonville 1st ch 33. *Fby of Hudson*—Hamp-
tonburg ch 36 18; Scotchtown ch 103 60; Monroe
ch 10. *Fby of Long Island*—Smithtown ch 10 41;
South Haven ch 16; Bellport ch 7. *Fby of New-
York*—Brick ch, New York, special col 975; Poits'
Memorial ch, add'l 6. *Fby of New York 2d*—Mt
Washington ch 157 04; Tenafly ch 103. *Fby of
North River*—Cold Springs ch 20; Wappinger's
Falls ch 59 75 1,737 98

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Fby of Muncie*—
Brownsburg ch 4 10; Clermont ch 50 cts 4 60

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Fby of Wooster*—East Hopewell
ch Sab-seh 6 50; Nashville ch 26 25 32 75

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Fby of Oregon*—Clatsop ch
4 30. *Fby of Puget Sound*—Steilacoom ch, from
W M Kincaid 5 9 39

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Fby of Donegal*—Lan-
caster ch 76; Bellevue ch 50 46. *Fby of Hunting-
don*—Alexandria ch Sab-seh 10; Logan's Valley
ch 23. *Fby of New Castle*—Female Missionary
Society of Forks of Brandywine ch 28 47; Oxford
ch 227 70; Coatesville ch 45 50. *Fby of Philadel-
phia*—West Spruce St ch, from a member, an-
nual col, in part 500, Rev J H Jones D.D. 20;
Tenth ch, annual col. 921 93. *Fby of Phila-
delphia Central*—North ch Sab-seh 35, of which 5
from Infant sch; Rev G W Musgrave D.D. 50.
Fby of Philadelphia 2d—Huntingdon Valley ch
11; Norristown 1st ch 125 10; Newtown ch 51 64.
Phila Synod—Synodical col 187 71 2,865 51

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Fby of Blairsville*—Union
ch 25; Fairfield ch 6; Blairville ch 80 35; Sum-
mer-set ch 7. *Fby of Clarion*—Licking ch 20 30;
Leatherwood ch 12 50. *Fby of Redstone*—Union-
town ch 142 50, Indian Creek ch, add'l 1 50. *Fby
of Saltburg*—Concord ch 32; Leechburg ch 37 68;
Washington ch 4 40; Kittanning 1st ch 100; East
Union ch 3 96 473 19

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Fby of St Paul*—Sab-seh
Westminster ch, Minneapolis 15 68; St Anthony
ch 34 66 50 34

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Fby of Western Reserve*—
Springfield ch, from Mrs E Harris 1 00

SYNOD OF S. IOWA.—*Fby of Des Moines*—Garden
Grove ch 13 10. *Fby of Fairfield*—Libertyville
ch 13 45. *Fby of Iowa*—Evangelical St Peter's ch
12; Middletown ch 15. *Fby of Missouri River*—
Rev C D Roberts 5; Clarinda ch 15 78 55

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Fby of New Lisbon*—New-
ton ch 10 35; Brookfield ch 7. *Fby of St Clair-
ville*—Cadis ch 63; New Castle ch 6; Buchanan
ch 2; Woodfield ch 4. *Fby of Steubenville*—Che-
nut Grove ch 7 50; Steubenville 2d ch, from Dr
and Mrs B 150; New Cumberland ch 10; Kilgore
ch 5; Still Fork ch 10; Minerva ch 9 50. *Fby of
Washington*—Buffalo ch 100; Moundsville ch 16;
West Alexander ch, add'l 5, of which 2 interest
on Craig bequest 403 35

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Fby of Dane*—Oregon ch
13 50 of which 7 50 from the Sab-seh. *Fby of Win-
nebago*—Oxford ch, add'l 1 60; Depers ch from a
Lady 10 25 10

Total receipts from churches, \$7137 06

LEGACIES.—Bequest of Edgar C Wilson, dec'd
late of Morgantown, W Va 25; "From the funds
of J S E, recently dec'd 37 71 63 71

MISCELLANEOUS.—L P Phelps, Macomb, Ill 10;
"A N," Wellsville, Ohio 1 20; Norfolk, Va, Hon
O M Dorman 10, Miss Rachel Gould 10; Jacob
Sutphen, Sweden, N Y 5; M E Drake, Clarkson,
N Y 5; "J O," Brooklyn, N Y 1; "S R L, Mary-
land 5; M A L, Delaware 1 25; M A L, Maryland
5; "The Misses G," Washingtonville, Pa 10;
"Orange," 20; Three members of Peristemo Pres
ch, N Y 35; A Friend, Bridgehampton, N Y 5;
M H Foley, Kittanning, Pa 10; "M O," 400; A
friend of the cause of missions 100; H M Perine,
Nashville, Tenn 10; Mary Martin, Broadhead,
Wis 3; "W," Southbury, Conn 20; Dr Jas M Steele,
Kansas, Ill 40; A friend of missions, a soldier
who fell in the war for the Union, add'l 250;
Amelia Mission churches, (Freedmen,) Va 4; Pres
ch, Austin, Texas 30; F J S, Trenton, N J 25;
A lady, Minn 5; A N, Wellsville, Ohio 2; Wm
McMeans, Watson's Station, Ohio 5; A friend of
the mission cause, Mo 5; Mrs Mary C Nassau,
of Benita, Corisco Mission, West Africa 64; J S
L, Rockford, Ill 20; Mary 2; Rev C J Collins,
Wilkesbarre, Pa 5; J L 2000; per New York Ob-
server 10; Annie 5; Mary B Wey 10; J S Boon and
family, Iroquois, Ill 1 50 3141 95

Total Receipts in October, 1868, \$10,341 69

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CLOTHING.

1 box from Mr L L P, Baltimore, Md, value not
given.

1 trunk from a friend in Baltimore, Md, value
not given.

1 box from the ladies of Chestnut Hill Pres ch,
valued at \$400 00

From the ladies of the 1st Pres ch, Oswego,
N Y, 2 barrels valued at 206 50; 2 barrels valued
at 168 98; 1 trunk valued at 100 475 48

1 box from the ladies of South Third St ch,
Williamsburgh, N Y, valued at 338 77

1 box from the ladies of Mahoning ch, Pa, valued
at 300 00

1 package from the Rev Alexander Proudft,
valued at 11 00

1 box from the ladies of Plainfield ch, N J, value
not given.

1 box from the ladies of Spring Garden ch,
Philadelphia, Pa, valued at 139 68

\$1,569 93

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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTHOUS, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

Therefore, seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not. But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty; not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but, by manifestation of the truth, commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.—2 Cor. iv. 1, 2

A Visit to French Mission Schools.

Within a few weeks past the Secretary, in behalf of the Board of Education, visited the two French Mission Schools at St. Ann's, Kankakee Co., Illinois, and at Robinsonville, near Green Bay, Wisconsin.

ST. ANN'S MISSION SCHOOL.

The county of Kankakee in Illinois is the second one south of Cook County, in which Chicago is situated. Its scenery is flat, and its soil the sandy loam prevalent in that region. Here the French Canadians have made several settlements; the larger part of whose populations are yet Romanists. St. Ann is a pretty village, wholly French, eleven miles from the thriving town of Kankakee, which is fifty-six from Chicago, by the railroad. The conflicts of Father Chiniquy with his bishop was the first means by which numbers were led to break from them the fetters of the papacy; though of the sincere conversion of their leader, there is reason to doubt. The Rev. Theodore Monod, son of the eminent Dr. Frederic Monod of Paris, was sent there to aid in instilling sound doctrine. He gathered into a church many of the most spiritual and intelligent converts. To him the Rev. Henry E. Lippert is successor.

The visit to the school under Mr. Lippert's care was very satisfactory. During the past year the names of seventy children were enrolled. They come from poor families, some of them *very* poor; walking sometimes long distances across the open windy prairies, where the cold is intense, and their bodies but partially protected by insufficient clothing. Yet they love the school and their teachers, and are anxious to acquire knowledge, which is imparted both in the French and English tongues. I made some examination of those present in the various branches taught in schools, and afterwards in the catechism, both in French and English, and was satisfied of the capacity and fidelity of the instructors. I was much impressed with the earnest, patient, self-sacrificing devotion of Brother Lippert to his work. And God is adding the tokens of his favour to it. Three of the young men are now studying for the ministry; one of them is in the theological seminary at Chicago. And this one is hard at work already in that city among its largest French population. He has secured a hall in one of the principal streets, and addresses audiences which already average fifty each Sabbath.

This is but the first fruits, we may hope, of the French Mission at St. Ann's. It deserves encouragement, and it needs it. A few boxes of clothing, which need not be entirely new, would be most gratefully received by those poor children, and would enable many to continue regularly at school, who now of necessity spend some of the most bitter cold days at home for the want of it. And a few hundred dollars would enable their devoted teacher and pastor to make the building comfortable, which now has in the severest weather to be closed.

FRENCH MISSION SCHOOL AT GREEN BAY.

The region of the North where the three great lakes, Michigan, Superior, and Huron meet is one of great historical interest. It was visited early by the French in their efforts to secure the great North and West. Mons. Jean Nicollet, a trader, in 1639, went up Green Bay, and crossed over what is now Wisconsin to the Mississippi River. Upon the shores of it, and of the grand neighbouring bays, the Jesuits, filled with a wonderful enthusiasm for their order, their church, and their country, and it cannot be doubted, in some cases also, a zeal for the glory of God, established numerous missions. Their missionary spirit, their bold courage, their patience under hunger, nakedness, fatigue, persecutions, even to the endurance of martyrdom in the most bloody and terrible forms, stand as an example which it would be our glory as Protestants to imitate for Christ. Claude Allouez founded a mission near the head of Green Bay in the winter of 1669. Romanism has had in this region one of its strongholds. And a strong hold indeed it would have been in time, as that beautiful region rose in wealth, which its vast mineral resources must confer. The pouring in of faithful Belgian colonists was one of the means employed to subdue and hold the country. There are twenty thousand of them upon the peninsula between the Bay and Lake Michigan.

But the blessed Lord has made these plots of man to praise Him in a way they could not anticipate. Among the Belgians were a few who had in Europe been brought to the saving knowledge of Christ. They met month after month in their loneliness, poverty, and trials, and prayed until the Lord heard, and sent them a preacher of the gospel. In the winter of 1861 the Rev. Henry Morell, a faithful French minister, found them out, and was welcomed by them "as an angel of God." He has been preaching, aided by our Domestic Board; and with the assistance of his wife, daughters and others, has carried on the school which is supported by the Board of Education. And the Lord has been with him. The church at the point where he has laboured has now about a hundred communicants, and a wide leavening of the mass of Romanism has been effected which promises abundant fruits in days to come.

An address was made by me to the school, and a sermon preached to the people, which were each translated into French by Mr. Morell. The impression made upon me was, that a good seed has been planted here which we should cultivate with generous and faithful care. The Board trusts the Church will enable it to exercise such, and confidently asks the means to do it. An earnest young Christian, who wishes to do much good, and to have an opportunity of learning the French language, might make himself useful at this time by entering the school as a teacher. Mr. Morell would receive him into his family, and direct and aid his employment.

What a Young Man may Do.

High religious purpose and increasing activity, sustained by the Divine blessing in answer to prayer, may, even during a brief term of life, accomplish wonderful results. Robert Murray McCheyne had been the means of the conversion of hundreds of persons, and had given a lasting impulse to foreign missions in the hearts of the Scotch people, by his visit to the Jews on the continent of Europe and in Palestine, before he died at thirty years of age; and his biographer (Rev. And. A. Bonar) says: "Perhaps never was the death of one whose whole occupation had been preaching the everlasting gospel more felt by all the saints of God in Scotland." David Brainerd kindled a flame of interest in the salvation of the poor savages of this continent, and set an example of burning zeal for Christ which has,

perhaps beyond that of any other one man, inspired and sustained others in labours for the most benighted and degraded of our race, before he finished his brief thirty years. Jonathan Edwards, in his memoirs, says of his "love, meekness," &c., "I scarcely know where to look for a parallel instance in the present age;" and that his memory should "teach and excite to duty us who are called to the work of the ministry, and all who are candidates for the great work." John Summerfield, whom Dr. Bethune styled "that most apostolical young man," and whose labours created such an intensity of popular interest in Ireland, England, and America, did not reach twenty-eight. Felix Neff filled the Alps with the light of the gospel and ascended to the glory on high, before he was thirty-one. Henry Martyn died at the same early age, leaving a name precious in England, India, Persia, and wherever Christ's cause is loved throughout the world. Walter M. Lowrie, whose life and death have so powerfully drawn the heart of the Presbyterian Church to China, was but twenty-eight when pirates drowned him in the muddy waters of the Bay of Hangchau. That prodigy of talent, fervent zeal, and industry, Isador Loewenthal, had served the church but seven years in India before he was master of the Affghan, the Persian, the Arabic, the Cashmeri, and the Hindustani languages, had translated the New Testament into the former of them, and nearly completed a dictionary of it, besides contributing a large amount of valuable matter for publication in America, and in England. How animating, and how encouraging, are such examples! With similar ardor of love for Christ, unceasing prayerfulness, and patient perseverance in labours for good, it may be within the reach of the reader of these words to be as blessed and honoured as were they. These are illustrations taken from men whose memory is sweeter from their having been taken early away. But possibly a more useful impression might have been made upon young men by pointing them to some others, who to as shining a morning of life have added the power of a long and glorious day. Let them aim not alone to live near to God, and to accomplish all that is possible for His cause at the present moment. They should care religiously for health. They should lay such plans, pursue such studies, and make such other preparations, as will qualify them, if it please Him to spare them, for long lives of great usefulness in His behalf to mankind.

Death of Mr. T. C. Manor.

Our sympathies have been touched from time to time during the past two years by accounts of the struggles of a devoted young man in Ohio, whom the Board was assisting to obtain an education for the ministry. With a strong desire to press forward, he was embarrassed not only by poverty, but also by the necessity of aiding in the support of a poor blind old father. Often the noble son went out with him to work with his hands, in order to procure bread for them both. On a cold and stormy day last winter he was thus employed; his father sawing wood, and he splitting it. Over-exertion and exposure caused the breaking of a blood-vessel in the lungs. His kind teacher, Rev. S. T. Boyd, of Savanna, writes lately that he "has gone to his eternal home. He died in peace, willing to go and be with Jesus. His poor blind father is left childless; two sons having been killed in the war." The Board gladly makes *extra* appropriations for cases such as this. It asks the churches to enable it to do so, as a duty to Christ and to his deserving servants.

Our Ministry must be Raised up on the Field.

A minister addressing the Synod of Iowa said: "We must raise up our own ministry. If we trust to distant theological seminaries to supply our wants, we will not obtain as many as we need, and of those who come some will not be contented, and leave us. If we send our own young men away to be educated, they may not return, or return unsuited to work in new settlements. Our great need is an educated ministry, raised up from our own young men. Our ministry must be raised up on the field."

This was precisely the experience of the fathers of Presbyterianism in their efforts to plant it in new regions; and where men of faith and energy addressed themselves to this duty the church was established and multiplied; where it was neglected, the church has continued weak, or been choked out by more vigorous growths.

Wishes "to Add another Hundred Men to the Ministry."

What a lesson of patient Christian zeal does the following extract reveal. The writer has trained "one hundred" men for the ministry. But he is unwilling to turn from his noble task till he has added "another hundred." With what energy the work of sending the gospel abroad would proceed were many animated with the same spirit!

Dear Sir,—I would with gratitude acknowledge the kind words of encour-

agement and sympathy, with which you favoured me in yours of ——. About one hundred of my students are preaching the gospel—nearly fifty of whom are in the Presbyterian Church. And yet yours are the only words of cheer that have ever reached me. I graduated at ——, in 1851, and have since been in the school-room; and I desire to continue there for fifteen years to come, if I can secure a support from my labours. I would love to add another one hundred good, earnest, working men to the ministry. * * *

Yours, in Christ.

Truly Encouraging Items.

The Presbytery of Carlisle has commenced vigorously the establishment of a female college at Chambersburgh, with an endowment of \$200,000. A noble lady, Miss Sarah Wilson, has given \$30,000 of the amount.

Otoe University, a new Presbyterian institution at Nebraska City, Na., under the presidency of Rev. Dr. Diefendorf, has begun a career of usefulness, which we trust will long continue and increase.

The Rev. Geo. Morrison, of Terre Haute, Ind., is energetically and it is to be hoped successfully engaged in the effort to obtain \$30,000 for an institution there; upon the receipt of which a gentleman in that place will add \$10,000 to complete the sum of \$60,000, necessary for the purchase of a fine property, and will then endow it with \$100,000 additional.

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN OCTOBER, 1868.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Ebenezer ch	\$3 00
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Poke Run ch 19 60; Unity ch 24 50	44 10
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —First ch, Iowa City	20 00
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Bethesda ch 22; Oak Grove ch 8 75	25 75
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Southeast ch, Rev. R D Smith	5 00
<i>Pby of Dane</i> —Bookville Ger ch 4 75; Hurricane ch 2	6 75
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Cochranon ch 5 50; Sugar Creek ch 5 50	11 00
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Perrysville ch 02; Altoona ch 43	105 00
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Jeffersonville Ger ch	6 00
<i>Pby of Kaskaskia</i> —St John's ch	4 75
<i>Pby of Marion</i> —Delaware ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Missouri River</i> —Clarinda ch	7 05
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Ross St ch, Brooklyn	42 78
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Second ch, Trenton	112 03
<i>Pby of North River</i> —Wappinger's Falls ch	18 00
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Sharon ch	18 55
<i>Pby of Oregon</i> —Clatsop ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Central ch, add'l, Matthew Newkirk, dec'd	25 00
<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Mt Pleasant ch	18 00
<i>Pby of Schuylcr</i> —Macomb ch	18 50
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Second ch, Steubenville 60; Annapolis ch 11	61 00

<i>Pby of Troy</i> —Cambridge ch	\$16 20
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Second ch, Wheeling 10; Unity ch 7 45	107 45
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Clark ch	15 00
<i>Pby of Western Reserve</i> —Springfield ch	1 00
	\$699 91

REFUNDED.

S J M \$30 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs Rev J G Ribheldaffer, St Paul, Minn 10; Nameless 2; Rev C J Collins, Wilkesburre, Pa 5; John Anderson, Anderson's Mills, Pa 5; "Cash" 162 50	184 50
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\$912 31

II. FUND FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, &c.

<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —German ch, East Williamsburg, N Y	5 00
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —2d ch, Princeton	10 00
	\$15 00

Total amount acknowledged, \$929 41
WILLIAM MAIN, Treasurer.

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Recent Intelligence.

DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL OF MISSIONARIES.—The Rev. John L. Nevius and his wife, on their return, and Miss Mary M. Patrick, a daughter of General Patrick, U. S. Army, sailed for China on the 31st of October. The Rev. James M. Roberts, of the Presbytery of Richland, and his wife set out for New Mexico on the 6th of November, with the hope of forming a mission among the Navajoe Indians. The Rev. Theodore A. Wynkoop, of the Presbytery of Long Island, lately pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, Huntington, Long Island, embarked for India on the 12th of November. Mr. Lemuel Worcester and his wife, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mrs. Mary Wilson arrived at the Creek Mission on the 9th of October. The Rev. G. W. Chamberlain and his wife arrived at Rio de Janeiro on the 23d of September. The Rev. Patrick L. Carden and his wife, of the Mission in Siam, arrived at New York on the 15th of October. Mrs. Carden's health is somewhat improved, but it will not permit them to return to Siam.

MISSION TO THE NAVAJOES.—We are glad to report the first step taken towards sending the gospel to these Indians. They are an interesting tribe on the borders of New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado, about seven thousand in number. They were brought to the special consideration of the Committee about a year ago by interesting letters of the wife of a General of the army, then stationed in New Mexico, and by letters also of the Rev. D. F. McFarland, of Santa Fe. The removal of the Navajoes (pronounced Navahoes,) to their present reservation, and other things, caused delay in entering upon this mission, and there are still some serious uncertainties connected with it, of which we may not speak at present; but we trust, in answer to the prayers which we hope this notice will call forth, that all difficulties will be removed, and a good work be done for this tribe. We expect to give further information concerning the Navajoes in our next issue.

THE CREEK MISSION has received a valuable reinforcement of labourers, but still needs one or two teachers. Mr. Worcester gave up a very eligible sphere of usefulness and comfort for himself and his family to enter on his present work, as business superintendent and assistant missionary; and Miss Wilson also enjoys the great respect and esteem of her Christian friends, her pastor at Rochford, Illinois, commending her to the Committee in the warmest terms.

AMONG THE SEMINOLES, the Rev. J. R. Ramsay reports interesting religious services at two "big meetings" recently held. Mr. Ramsay is still teaching in one of the day schools, which is supported by the Indians, and he turns over the salary received to the mission treasury, thus considerably lessening the expenses of the mission, while doing proper missionary work.

IN LIBERIA.—We regret to learn the very serious illness of the Rev. E. Boeklen, but he was slowly recovering. [Later accounts report his death, as we learn with much regret. Particular information will be given in our next issue.] From **CORISCO**,—interesting accounts will be found in another column.

FROM CHINA.—We are glad to learn the licensing of two young men to preach, by the Presbytery of Shanghai, after a very satisfactory examination; the application to the same Presbytery for the organization of a church at Suchow; the desire of the church at Hangchow to call Mr. Tsiang as their pastor; the opening of a

school for girls at Canton under Miss Noyes' charge, with fourteen scholars in attendance; besides other matters that cannot well be stated in our brief space.

IN INDIA.—Amongst other matters of interest in the letters reported this month, we observe that Miss Beatty is still very anxious to have an efficient teacher associated with her in the girls' school at Dehra, and we hope it may be practicable to send one at an early day; the reduced allowance for schools at Mynpoory was a cause of much regret to Mr. Wikoff; several references are made to the progress of Christian knowledge among the people,—see interesting examples of this in the extract from a letter of the Rev. E. M. Wherry, in another column.

CONVERTS ADMITTED TO THE CHURCH, reported in the letters here acknowledged. In Brazil, two at Rio de Janeiro, and one at Sao Paulo; in India, three at Lodianna; in China, three at Chefoo, two of them old men. At Hangchow the church received twenty new members during the year, making the whole number more than fifty. The Rev. D. D. Greene, in reference to this says, "Those coming to us from heathenism have their 'ups and downs,' but they have generally held on in the good way."

LETTERS RECEIVED—To November 16th: from Rawal Pindi, August 31st; Dharamsala, September 18th; Lodianna, September 20th; Dehra, September 15th; Mynpoory, September 3d; Futtehghurh, August 10th; Allahabad, September 11th; Petchaburi, August 5th; Bangkok, August 23d; Canton, September 12th; Shanghai, September 16th; Ningpo, September 15th; Hangchow, September 9th; Chefoo, September 24th; Tungchow, August 4th; Yokohama, September 25th; Monrovia, September 9th; Corisco, September 14th; Sao Paulo, September 18th; Rio de Janeiro, September 25th; Bogota, September 17th; San Francisco, October 30th; Seminole, October 16th; Creek, November 2d; Omaha, October 22d; Winnebago, October 12th; Chippewa, Grand Traverse, October 15th, and Little Traverse, October 21st.

OUR LIFE IN CHINA, by Helen S. C. Nevius, New York: Robert Carter and Brothers; 12mo, pp. 504. Price \$1.50. We wish to commend this book to our readers. It is full of interesting accounts of missionary life and work in China, related in a sprightly pleasant manner by a devoted Christian woman of fine culture. We hope to take some extracts from it hereafter for our columns. No one who reads it can doubt the useful labours and influence of married ladies on missionary ground. From the notice in another column our readers will learn that Mr. and Mrs. Nevius are now on their way to China. Her health is improved, though still far from being fully restored. Much sympathy and many prayers will follow her, as she returns to her work for the Saviour in China.

Facts and Thoughts for the first Sabbath in December, and afterwards.

The missions are generally prospering, see proofs abundant in the last Annual Report and the "Recent Intelligence" columns of the *Record* from month to month. Let us give thanks to God for his favour to the work of our hands.

More men are called for, especially in China and Africa. Several missionaries, including seven persons returning to their field, have been sent forth since the 1st of May, in all twenty-five persons to Japan, China, Siam, India, South America, and three of the Indian Tribes; of this number ten are ordained ministers. On the other hand, several missionaries have had to come home for a season, and some of them are not expecting to return. Some missionaries are under appointment, hoping before long to go out to their work. But the great fact remains, that the labourers are few, while the harvest is plenteous. How many mission-

aries ought our Church to have in China to-day? And the same question might be asked concerning other heathen countries. We call to mind the myriads of their people perishing for want of the gospel, and we may well consider with dismay and deep regret that we are doing so little to send labourers into these open lands. Here is an urgent reason for prayer. It is to the Lord of the harvest we must look.

Financially, the Board needs a large increase of funds for its work, and without such increase this work must be greatly embarrassed; indeed, this is already the case. We need not repeat, however, the statements contained in the last and the preceding numbers of the *Record*. If the receipts of the mission treasury were in funds of gold value, over \$50,000 would have been saved last year, and no debt would have existed, but a balance of \$23,000 would have been in hand. This fact strongly shows one of the things to be considered by the supporters of the missions, —that when practicable their gifts should be increased to a gold standard. Another fact to be thankfully borne in mind, is, that by the blessing of God the missions have been considerably enlarged in the last few years. In May, 1862, after the Southern churches had ceased to co-operate with the Board, and in May, 1868, the returns of missionary labourers were as follows:

	Ordained Ministers.	Assistant Missionaries.	Native Helpers, not ordained.
1862,	66, and 2 natives	83	82
1868,	79, and 12 “	85	189

Of the 189 native helpers 10 are licentiate preachers. These figures show progress, far less indeed than we could wish to see, yet such as, with reference to the point now before us, calls for enlarged pecuniary support. Add to these, the steady growth of the work. This is in answer to our prayers, but it involves growing effort on our part. And besides there are “the regions beyond.” What can we do for them? We are all interested in Messrs. McGilvary and Wilson's new mission among the Laos, but there are the Cambodians and the Cochin Chinese, who might also be reached from Siam, and for whom there is no Protestant missionary. The same statement may be made of many other heathen tribes.

With these brief remarks, we commend the interests of this cause to the prayerful and liberal consideration of our Christian brethren. We trust that the instructions of the pulpit and the prayers of our people will be acceptable to God, and by his blessing greatly promote all this work of missions, at home and abroad. We would appeal only to the highest motives. We would say but little of sacrifices, hardships, and privations, as incentives to greater zeal; our missionary brethren and their friends well know what these are, but they seldom speak of them. The Apostles seldom if ever based their appeals to the churches for missionary zeal on their own sufferings; our blessed Lord, never. But the glory of God, the love of Christ to us, the salvation of men who are perishing, the duty of earnest consecration, the cheering progress made, the glorious prospect of success, the blessed hope of our Saviour's approval here and reward hereafter—these may well occupy many of our thoughts on the first Sabbath in December, and afterwards.

A Visit to the Mainland from Corisco.

The chief sphere of influence of the Corisco Mission, Western Africa, as our readers are aware, is among the tribes on the main land. In the follow-

ing paper, the Rev. C. De Heer, under date of August 14th, gives an account of a recent journey to spread the gospel among them.

Having been very much interested in a journey I recently made to the main

land, I thought an account of it might not be uninteresting to you. My original purpose was to visit the Mbiko tribe; by their people I was most kindly received, and my message was listened to by a large number of persons with attention and apparent interest. They expressed themselves very desirous to have a missionary stationed among them, and asked me whether I would not come, or send some one. I could give them but an indefinite answer, for the saddening question arose, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us," saddening when there are so few to answer "Here am I, send me."

Learning from the Mbiko people, that the Bondemi, formerly an interior tribe, had recently come down, and were settled a few miles from the coast, I was anxious to visit them, and accordingly started early in the morning to reach their settlement. I was accompanied by some of the Mbiko people, who acted as guides. Our road, if road it may be called, lay through the forest, and was almost impassable; part of the way I was obliged to ride on the shoulders of my guide. We were not, however, the only travellers on this road, as was proved by the fresh tracks of the elephant and leopard, plainly perceptible in the soft soil.

On approaching the village, the people fled in various directions. Inquiring the cause of this, I was told that they thought me to be Ukuku, one of their great spirits, notwithstanding my substantial appearance. Evidently they had never seen a white man before. At length I succeeded, with the help of my guide, who acted as my interpreter, in persuading them that they had nothing to fear from me. Gradually they began to emerge from their hiding places and approach me. When all were quietly seated about me, I had the privilege of preaching to them, and they of hearing for the first time the tidings of salvation.

Reluctantly I left them to their darkness and superstition. Through the eye the heart is most easily affected. I was overcome with a sense of their degradation and misery, destitute of all that can make life desirable, and fearfully destitute of a hope beyond death and the grave.

There seems no obstacle in the way of an extensive work in their region.

If the heathen plead their wants in vain, what shall I say, what can the missionaries in Africa say, to induce labourers to come to this portion of the

world, where Satan still reigns triumphant?

But in view of all this, "though cast down we are not dismayed," our faith will look up to the Lord from whom cometh our help.

We learned with profound regret the resignation of your venerable father, but rejoice that we still have his prayers. Please present to him our most hearty Christian regards.

I have been suffering recently from protracted debility, but hope soon to be myself again. Mrs. De Heer is at present quite well.

We unite in kind regards to all.

Truly yours, C. DE HEER.

The Girls' School, Corisco, re-opened.

We quote the following paragraphs from a letter of Miss Isabella A. Nassau, written at Corisco, August 18th. It is a reason of thankfulness that the school for girls, after being so long suspended, is again open, and that its teacher is encouraged in her work for these girls, and also for some of the native women.

It is just one month since I entered upon the duties of my school. At present there are ten girls, several more have made application; I expect to receive them.

While I have so much to learn, I do not feel anxious for numbers, but to have such as I can most readily bring under some kind of system, which others may learn from them.

The work is exceedingly interesting. I love it more and more, as each rapidly passing week completes a routine of duty.

I am much encouraged by the eagerness of some of the women to come to me regularly for instruction.

One from a near town, exhibits decided interest; she has had less opportunity than many others to hear of the "things of God." She came at an unusual hour one day, and remained a long while. When I asked her if she wished to return to her town, she answered that she would stay long, and the reason why she did not bring the book of her lessons, was that Ukuk called her to dance, but she had run away; she would not return until the dance was finished. This was a brave thing for a woman to do. She has come alone sometimes, and timid, as these women are, has gone home alone at night.

This is only *one* of the many things which encourage me.

Continued Encouragement in San Poh.

The Rev. J. A. Leyenberger, writing at Ningpo, China, September 15th, gives us the following items of interesting news.

About two weeks ago I returned from a trip to the *San Poh* out-stations. I was much encouraged by the progress of the gospel in that region.

At Yiu-Yiao I administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, at which time there were four persons baptized. There were also several other applications, but it was thought they had not been sufficiently tried as yet. Among the latter was a silversmith, who, though he had only heard the gospel for about three months, exhibited a remarkably accurate knowledge of the leading doctrines of the scriptures.

Among those received was an old woman, sixty-nine years of age, who had travelled on foot over thirty *li* (about ten miles). When I saw how frail she was from age and disease, I thought it at first a physical impossibility, but they all said she did it. To add to her troubles, while on the way, she fell into a ditch from weakness, and soiled her garments, so that she had to borrow clothing to appear next day at church. These things show some of the difficulties with which native members have to contend.

The native pastor of the Yiu-Yiao church, the Rev. Mr. Bao, is an earnest worker, and his labour is not without its fruit.

Very truly yours,
J. A. LEYENBERGER.

Examples of Christian Knowledge in India.

The Rev. E. M. Wherry, at Rawal Pindi, August 31st, writes as follows, showing some of the happy effects of Christian education.

Here and there we hear of one who is reading the Bible, or some work on the evidences, and occasionally people apply to us for religious books. . . .

I will relate a couple of anecdotes to show you the effect of our Christian education upon the minds of many youths.

A little boy, the son of the most in-

fluent native gentleman in this city, (Sirdar Nahal Singh, K. S. I.,) created quite a stir amongst his relatives a few days ago. Seeing them engaged in worshipping their household idols, he said, "What is the use of worshipping those gods? They cannot see, neither can they hear. They cannot do you any good, for they are only dumb stones and metal." The relatives went to the Sirdar, and said, "Your son will become a Christian if you are not careful." The father, who has been intellectually convinced of the falsity of Hinduism, said, "Yes, he will be a Christian some day!" There are other incidents connected with this boy, which prove that his mind has been awakened to the absurdity of the superstitions of his father's religion, and also to the *truth* of Christianity.

I must tell you another anecdote of this little boy's father—Sirdar Nahal Singh. One day while talking with him, a Brahmin priest came to make his "salams." The conversation presently turned upon the liberty of thought and opinion among the people in England and America. I remarked that intelligent men in those countries did not believe in the Christian religion because their fathers have done so, or because religious teachers declared it to be the true religion, but because they have been convinced of its truth, after having considered the arguments both for and against it. The Sirdar then began to eulogize those countries which permit every man freely to follow the dictates of his own reason. In the midst of his eulogy, the Brahmin getting up in very ill concealed rage, made a jerked salam, and went away. The Sirdar, laughing, pointed after him and said, "*That fellow* don't like to hear anything favourable to freedom of thought and opinion."

This anecdote shows the effect which is wrought upon the minds of those natives who, like the Sirdar, have associated a good deal with pious European officials in India. It also shows that the power of the Brahmins to command respect is rapidly declining, as far as the better classes of natives are concerned. Is not the *leaven* quietly doing its work?

I should also have said that another son of the Sirdar's is now seriously considering the plan of salvation by Christ. He has been reading and praying in secret for eight months, and really seems to be a child of God. Lately he was laid upon a bed of sickness. Since his recovery he seems like a new creature. He is a very mild, earnest, and

intelligent youth, and we are deeply interested in him. May God give him grace to confess Christ before the world! There are others in whom we have great interest, and for whom we have good hopes. I may write of these again.

The Gospel in Belgium.

The Belgium Christian Missionary Church is the name of a Protestant Society whose headquarters are at Brussels. Its object, as stated in its constitution, is to work for the advancement of the kingdom of God. The means employed for this end, are preaching the gospel, establishing churches, supporting schools, and printing and circulating tracts and religious books. The importance of this work in a country such as Belgium, where Romanism is the prevailing religion, and where infidelity is making rapid advances, can hardly be over-estimated. The Thirtieth Annual Report of this Society has lately been published, and some extracts from it may not be uninteresting.

Among other means of reaching the people, the plan of public lectures has been successfully tried. One pastor writes — "The dean, having commenced an exposition of the Apostles' Creed, chose, in the course of it, to attack our faith, and accused us of not believing the Creed, or at least of not believing it rightly, because we did not accept the authority of the church, as it results in his view from the expression 'I believe in the Holy Catholic Church.' We heard of this through some of the Catholics, and on the very day of the attack, after M. Nicolet's lecture, I announced that I would give the next lecture, and in answer to the dean, would consider the following question, 'Whether it is the Catholics or the Protestants who really believe the Apostles' Creed.' I wrote to the dean, inviting him to come and hear me, and promising that, if afterwards, he should think it his duty to answer me, I would go to listen to him in his own church, if he would let me know the time. As the Catholics knew of this invitation, they were much interested in the prospect of the lecture, and on the appointed day, many of them were present, even of those who are thought the most bigoted. My efforts made a deep impression; I was

heard with marked attention, and people are still speaking of the lecture, and wishing to have it printed. Need I tell you that the dean remained quietly at home? He even affected to take no more notice of us, but made his vicar speak for him. He, indeed, preached against us, and called us pagans. On hearing this, I wrote a long letter to the vicar, which has had the effect of closing his lips so far. He no longer speaks of us any more than his superior. All this is known and commented upon by their parishioners, and it leads them to seek conversation with us."

Another pastor writes: "At the public instructions of Monday evenings, anyone is free to answer that choose. Catholics sometimes come with this purpose. It is only a few weeks since one of them exclaimed, while I was explaining how we ought to pray. 'Sir, you are lying, you are teaching falsehood. God will be adored in his beloved saints, and will have us pray to the mother of God.' I answered him, and we argued for three-quarters of an hour. He knew his Catechism very well, and I compared its teachings with those of the Word of God. At last he cried out, 'Then I have been led into error till now; I have been taught wrong. Oh, woe to all who are brought up in the doctrines of our priest!' Before leaving us he bought a New Testament."

Open air preaching is carried on by members of the Society in many places, both in the city and country, and generally with satisfactory results, as to the number and disposition of the hearers. This is the case in the cities of Louvain, Ghent, and Brussels, among other places. At Bruges, the preaching having been announced beforehand on one occasion, there was a disturbance made, and despite the efforts of the police, the preacher was obliged to stop. But nowise discouraged, he returned to the same place later in the day, at an hour unknown to the rioters, and collected an assembly of more than a thousand persons. He preached to them from John xvi. 8-11, and was heard, not merely with respectful silence, but with interest and emotion. "It was a touching sight," he says, "to behold that great crowd listening for the first time

to the blessed news of pardon and salvation in the crucified and glorified Jesus."

This Annual Report contains reports from all the churches under the care of the Society, to the number of more than twenty. The pastor of Charleroi writes:

"We sometimes have prayer-meetings originating with the people, which have been excellent. Thus, some time after the strike of the Catholic workmen, of which you have heard, the Protestant workmen assembled also, not to break and destroy as did the others, but to kneel down and pray to God for his pardon and assistance for this poor people, crushed and led away by real suffering. I was not astonished but moved by the wisdom, the impartiality of thought shown in their prayers, for it must be remembered these were workmen who were praying. These were the leading ideas in their prayers—confession of our sins, and of those of masters and men; petitions to God to move with compassion the masters, and to make them just toward their people; to incline the hearts of the workmen to wisdom, to resignation in trial, and to the submission that they owe their masters; to show masters and workmen His hand in this trouble, to grant that they may profit by this warning to consider, understand at last the cause of our griefs, repent and open their eyes and hearts to the gospel."

The reports of the churches in general are encouraging. They speak of interest among the people, of Sabbath-schools, Bible classes, singing-schools, prayer-meetings. Sometimes they refer to blame and opposition.

A tavern keeper in one place complained, "Before the Protestants came to Nessonvaux, everything went on nicely, and we were all good friends. But to-day it is another thing; there is

an end to good fellowship; the Protestants separate themselves from others and one cannot do a thing to help it." But as the pastor remarked, "This display of ill-humour from an interested man is a good witness to the power of the gospel and the firmness of our principles." Nor is dislike shown by words only; at Wasmes the chapel windows were left open one night, and in the morning it was found that all the books had been taken from their places and thrown into a cistern of water. When taken out they were nearly all spoiled. Converts from Romanism have often much to endure from their friends, and priests and infidels, differing in all else, agree in striving to hinder the Protestant work. But it is of God, and they cannot overthrow it.

During the past year the society has distributed over 180,000 tracts, principally its own publications. It has ten colporteurs under its care, and could easily employ more, but the means are wanting. The report gratefully acknowledges assistance from different societies in Great Britain and from the Tract Society in this country, and from our Board of Foreign Missions. But larger receipts are greatly needed to extend and carry on what has been begun. Feeling this deeply, the writer of the Report closes thus: "But who is sufficient for these things? From whatever point of view we regard our work, we feel our extreme weakness, our inability to accomplish the great task that has been assigned to us. But we firmly believe that the words with which the Lord re-animated the courage of the Apostle, are addressed to us also. 'My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness.'" A. L.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN OCTOBER, 1868.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Northampton ch 4; Northville ch 3; State St ch, Albany, a member 25; Sab-sch 100 — 350; 2d ch, Albany 315 93; West Galway ch 20, Sab-sch 5 — 25. *Pby of Londonderry*—Windham ch 51; Legacy of Ira Dinsmore, dec'd 205 — 256. *Pby of Troy*—Second St, ch, Troy. 207 56 \$1,161 61

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Bridge-water Sab-sch, for Tungehow sch 32; Providence Sab-sch 15; New Salem ch 17. *Pby of Allegheny City*—Fairmount ch 13; Freedom Sab-sch 5. *Pby of Erie*—Sandy Lake ch 9; Cochranon ch 15 40 106 40

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Central ch, Baltimore 31 08; 12th ch Baltimore Sab-sch 20. Mrs Maxwell's Bible-class 20 — 4; Union Orphan Asylum 5. *Pby of Carlisle*—Paxton ch, children of an Elder 3 50; Greencastle ch, add'l 9. *Pby of Potomac*—Seventh ch, Washington, Youth's Missy Soc'y 30 118 88

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Ogdensburg*—Rossie ch 7 10

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Bureau*—First ch, Princeton, Ill, Sab-sch 42. *Pby of Chicago*—Rockford Sab-sch 33, Hattie Cooper 88 cts — 35 83.

Fby of Rock River—Albany ch 10. *Fby of Schuyler*
—Ebenezer Sab-sch 7 94 88

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—Synodical col 88 29. *Fby of Cincinnati*—First ch, Walnut Hills Sab-sch 34; 7th ch, Cincinnati, mo con 7; 1st ch, Glendale, Ladies' Sewing Socy, to con Rev Wm H Babbitt *Life member* 30. *Fby of Oxford*—First ch, Oxford Sab-sch 5.—*Fby of Sidney*—Zanesfield Sab-sch 2; West Liberty ch 8 55 194 84

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—Synodical col 91 25. *Fby of Bloomington*—Towanda ch 5. Sab-sch 25 — 30. *Fby of Kaskaskia*—St John's ch 27. *Fby of Palestine*—Kansas ch 17 51. *Fby of Peoria*—Manassfield Sab-sch 6 68. *Fby of Sangamon*—North Sangamon ch 11 31, Sab-sch for schools at Lodiann 50 — 61 31 233 74

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Fby of Indianapolis*—Union ch 11 25. *Fby of Madison*—Hanover ch, Little Girls' Sewing Circle 50 26. *Fby of White Water*—Mt Carmel ch 16 77 61

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Fby of Cedar*—Summit Sab-sch 14 50. Class No 2 1 75 — 16 25; Marion Sab-sch 30 30. *Fby of Vinton*—Salem Sab-sch 15; Newton Sab-sch 5 66 55

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Fby of Muhlenburg*—Hopkinsville Sab-sch 40

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—Synodical col 68 50. *Fby of St Louis*—Bethel ch, St Louis 100; Carr Place ch, St Louis, for Naples ch 20 188 50

SYNOD OF NASVILLE.—*Fby of New Orleans*—First Ger ch, New Orleans Sab-sch 12 00

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Fby of Elizabethtown*—Westfield ch mo con 30; Elizabethtown Sab-sch, quarterly col 5; 1st ch, Metuchen 10 75. *Fby of Luzerne*—Wilkesbarre Sab-sch 175; Summit Hill ch, from "P" 20. *Fby of Monmouth*—Red Bank ch mo con 24 31; Tom's River Sab-sch 15 22. *Fby of Newton*—Newton ch 30 16; Belvidere ch 150; Stewartville Sab-sch 2; 80; Upper Mt Bethel ch 10 70, Sab-sch 3 36 — 14 06. *Fby of New Brunswick*—First ch, Trenton, Mission Sab-sch, for China 2 50. *Fby of Passaic*—Third ch, Newark, mo con 28 90, Sab-sch Vine Tenders 7 50, Truth Seekers 8 — 44 40; 1st ch, Morristown 624 50, mo con 108 44 — 732 94; Wickliffe ch mo con 7 02; Central ch, Orange, a friend 100. *Fby of West Jersey*—Washington Sab-sch 1 55; Cedarville ch Fom Missy's Socy 14 75 1,401 46

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Fby of Connecticut*—South East Sab-sch 2 15; 1st ch, Hartford 30; Rye ch, for Brazil Chapel 166, for Waldensian ch, Naples 100, mo con 17 30 — 273 30. *Fby of Hudson*—Westtown ch 39 43, Sab-sch 17 55 — 57; Washingtonville ch mo con 31 15; Hamptonburgh Sab-sch 10; Campbell Hall Sab-sch 10; White Lake ch, Bethel Sab-sch 2. *Fby of Long Island*—Smithtown ch 13 75; Fresh Pond ch 10; South Haven ch 16; Bellport ch 7 35. *Fby of Nassau*—Hempstead ch 53 50; Astoria ch mo con 39 03; South Third St ch Williamsburg, mo con 39 88; 1st ch, Jamaica 83, mo con 9 24. Mrs A Denton to con Sam'l E Hendrickson *Life member* 30 — 122 24; 1st ch, Brooklyn, mo con 42 13; Geneva ch, Brooklyn, to con Wallace A Lee *Life member* 42 63. *Fby of New York*—Brick ch mo con 116 82, Mission ch 6 41 — 123 23; Palisades Sab-sch to educate child in India 42 90; 1st ch, New York, mo con 72 01; Potts' Memorial ch mo con 1 20, Sab-sch 6 — 7 20; University Place Mission Sab-sch, No 118. 36. *Fby of New York 2d*—Washington Heights ch 28 32; Hempstead ch, to con Abraham Smith *Life member* 30. *Fby of North River*—Calvary ch, Newburg 28 40; Cold Spring Sab-sch 20; Wappinger's Falls ch 23 1,205 12

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Fby of Fort Wayne*—Second ch, Wabash. Sab-sch 40; Kendallville Sab-sch 12; Hopewell Sab-sch 1; Pleasant Ridge ch 3 75. *Fby of Lake*—Valparaiso ch, 40 15. Flint Lake Station 1 80 — 41 95 98 70

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Fby of Columbus*—Blendon ch, Westerville. Sab-sch, for Bangkok sch 10. *Fby of Marion*—Cardington ch 5 50; Delaware Sab-sch 23. Wong Sa Kee, for Tunghow sch. 12 — 37. *Fby of Richland*—Fredericktown Sab-sch 30; Haysville Sab-sch 4 50; Ashland Sab-sch 75 65. *Fby of Zanesville*—Washington ch 48 210 66

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Fby of Oregon*—Clatsop ch 3 21

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Fby of Donegal*—Middle Octorora ch 75; Chancelor Sab-sch, for China 36 10. *Fby of Huntingdon*—Alexandria Sab-sch 20; Clearfield ch 15; Waynesburg, for McVeytown 106. *Fby of Northumberland*—Williamsport ch, Miss S C Huling, 1. Little James H Barr 2 75 — 12 75. *Fby of Philadelphia*—Tenth ch, Philadelphia, mo coll 28 41. *Fby of Philadelphia 2d*—Newtown ch, for Bogota Chapel 14; Bristol ch, mo coll 19; Abington ch, mo coll 27 84; Chesnut Hill ch 100 433 09

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Fby of Blairsville*—Salem Cross Roads Sab-sch 74 70; Jolintown ch 146 55; Murrysville ch 25. *Fby of Clarion*—Mill Creek ch 12; Mt Tabor ch 7. *Fby of Ohio*—Shady Side Sab-sch 50; Bethany ch Ladies' Missy Socy, 40 25, Gentlemen's Missy Socy 71 25; — 111 50; Bethel ch 3; Sharon ch 11 50; East Liberty ch 143; Valley ch 10. *Fby of Redstone*—Laurel Hill ch 31 70; West Newton ch 6; Dunlap Creek ch 21 21; Uniontown Sab-sch 36 57; McClellandtown Sab-sch 5. *Fby of Saltsburg*—Apollo ch 53 15 746 88

SYNOD OF ST PAUL.—*Fby of St Paul*—Westminster ch, Minneapolis 6 05; Rockport Sab-sch 3; Central Sab-sch 50. *Fby of S Minnesota*—Lake City Sab-sch 9 53 68 58

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Fby of Findlaw*—Van Wert Sab-sch 3 75. *Fby of Maumee*—Barrett Corners Sab-sch 1 20; West Eagle Creek Sab-sch 2 90; Mt Salem Sab-sch 10. *Fby of Michigan*—Westminster Sab-sch, Grand Rapids 55. *Fby of Western Reserve*—Springfield ch, Mrs E Harris 1 73 85

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Fby of Des Moines*—Agricola ch. 4. *Fby of Iowa*—New London ch 15; West Point Sab-sch 2 78; St Peter's Evangelical ch 18; Ger ch, Burlington 13; Ger ch, Mt Pleasant 6. *Fby of Missouri River*—Plattsmouth Sab-sch 13 50 72 28

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Fby of New Lisbon*—Glasgow ch, Rev J N Swan, for Africa 2. Sab-sch 10 — 12; Hubbard ch 10; Clarkson ch 9 25; Bethel ch 54 50; Rehoboth ch 10 82. *Fby of Steubenville*—First ch, Steubenville Infant Sab-sch for Ningpo sch 1 65; Corinth ch 17. *Fby of St Clairsville*—Rock Hill Sab-sch 10 64. *Fby of Washington*—First ch, Wheeling, col Sab-sch 13; Claysville Sab-sch 8; Beach Glen Sab-sch 18; Lower Ten Mile ch, Brick Sab-sch 1 78; New Cumberland ch 68 232 64

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Fby of Dane*—Oregon ch 9, Sab-sch 7 50 — 16 50; Pulaski Ger ch 10; Richland City Sab-sch 70 cts. *Fby of Milwaukee*—Waukesha Sab-sch 51 91. *Fby of Winnebago*—Deperre ch, a lady member 10 69 11

Total Receipts from churches \$6,897 58

LEGACIES.—Legacy of Ira C Whitehead, dec'd, Morristown, N J 7,213 16

SYNOD OF REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Salary of Assistants 1,000; Scholarships 240; Native Assistants 120; Rev D Herron's Account 189 88 1,549 88

MISCELLANEOUS.—Mrs Jas Pollock, to educate a boy at Tunghow 45; Miss E S C I; F 1 50; J L 5,000; Gen'l Loomis 5; Little Willie Condit, Missionary Hens 2; Peach Tree 1 95; A Friend, to educate Ah San, Shanghai, gold 35; St Augustine ch, Fla 74 45; A Boy in Philadelphia, for Rev J L Nevius 1; Little Annie Clement, dec'd 70 cts; M E Brown, Valparaiso 10; Rev R B Moore, for Bogota Chapel 15; M H Foley, Kittanning, Pa 10; Miss Julia A Patrick, Manlius, N Y 13; An Aged Disciple, Minnesota, in gold 2 50; Mrs E Marsh, Bridgeport 12; J S L, Rockford, Ill 20; B W Thompson, Williamsport, Pa, to sup Teacher at Ambala 64; Stellacoom ch, Puget Sound, W M Kincaid 10; C G, Jr, Philadelphia 6; Jacob Sumpfen, Sweden, N Y 5; A Friend of the Mission Cause, Mo 5; M E Drake, Clarkson, N Y 5; Ladies' Mite Society, Lawrenceville 33 5,376 40

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The First Sabbath of December.

Nearly every one of our Synods has by formal and solemn resolution set apart the *first Sabbath in December*, for the following purpose. 1. That special prayer be offered in all their churches on behalf of *all the Boards* of our church, that God would supply the means for carrying forward and extending their various operations, and would accompany those operations with the Almighty power of His blessed Spirit. 2. That all our pastors and stated supplies preach on that day upon the duty of all—rich and poor—to consecrate to the Lord's work a larger proportion of their income, and to come up to a higher standard of giving than has heretofore been common in the church.

If this day be observed according to the purpose above mentioned, we may confidently expect that unspeakable blessings will follow its observance. But *will the pastors* generally devote the day to the object named? Will they lead their people to the throne of grace in devout and earnest intercessions for the blessing of God upon the work of all our Boards? And will they solemnly and pointedly urge upon their several charges the duty of giving a larger proportion of their worldly property to help the Boards, and of giving systematically and regularly? These are questions which excite some fears. Many will wait and watch in every part of the church to see whether the *leaders* of the Lord's host are themselves in a right frame to make a grand advance. We trust they will be found ready. But if they are to any extent unready, then will it be utterly in vain to expect the people to go in advance of their ministers.

We trust the observance of the day may not only be general throughout the churches, but that it may be distinctly understood to have reference not merely to one or two of the Boards, but to *our whole system of Boards*. This was the idea of the majority of the Synods. The writer of these lines was present in five Synods and he knows that this was their intention. He learned that the same was true of most of the other Synods. *All* our Boards need always the Divine help and blessing. And all of them are just now, or very soon will be, in great need of pecuniary help from the churches.

One word in regard to the Board of Publication. It now has about one

hundred and fifty colporteurs in the wide field, whose salaries and expenses must be regularly paid, and who need continual supplies of books and tracts for giving away to the poor and destitute. Besides this, earnest solicitations are continually coming from needy and mission Sabbath-schools for grants of books and papers, and from our Domestic Missionaries for donations of books and tracts for gratuitous distribution. To keep this fountain always open and always flowing requires a large amount of money. Thus far during the year we have been enabled to meet all demands, but our resources are now beginning to run low, and we shall soon need the active efforts of all friends of the Board to prevent our "*Colportage and Distribution Fund*" from becoming utterly exhausted. This Board, therefore, in common with all the other Boards, needs and solicits a place in the prayers and instructions given to the churches on the first Sabbath in December.

May the Lord make that a very memorable day. May he make it the beginning of better and grander things for all the benevolent enterprises of our beloved church.

A Letter from Minnesota.

Rev. W. E. SCHENCK, D.D.

Dear Brother :—Though not labouring so directly in the interest of Home Evangelization as those who are connected with the Board of Domestic Missions, yet we who serve the Master along the great western frontier, following the tide of emigration as it advances towards the Pacific, feel truly grateful to you for your fraternal sympathy, and the aid you have given us in our work. The tracts you have sent us have greatly facilitated our approaches to the unconverted masses, and enforced the truth we have uttered from the pulpit, and from house to house. The contributions of books and papers to our missionary Sabbath-schools have encouraged many feeble enterprises which, without timely assistance, might soon have ceased to exist. Domestic Missionaries feel greatly indebted to the Board of Publication, and are resolved to labour more zealously in the future, that its power for usefulness may be augmented.

But my chief object in addressing you at this time, is to transmit to you a paper adopted by the Synod of St. Paul, at a recent meeting held in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

"We desire, through the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Publication, to express our grateful appreciation of the kindness of the unknown friends who have supplied many of our ministers with that admirable and valuable book, *Hodge on the Atonement*, which defines so clearly and establishes so fully the great doctrines of the cross. Such tokens of sympathy encourage us in our work, and we rejoice in the assurance that our Lord and Saviour will abundantly reward those who show kindness to even the least of all his brethren."

Reference was also made to *James' Earnest Ministry*, which has been widely distributed, and which, we trust, will stimulate to more zealous and

faithful labour all who shall read it. Praying that God may bless you in your important work, I remain
Your brother in Christ,
A MINNESOTA PASTOR.

Where Hast Thou Gleaned To-day?

It is being found out that the true way to bring our churches up to the mark of proving their faith by their works, is, to make inquiry about it.

It is refreshing to see the principle of accountability taking strong hold in some parts of our church. In the Synod of Indiana, close questions have been put with fidelity for the year or two past to every church of the Synod. Comparative statements of beneficence have also been presented. The result has been decisive and charming. This year, for the first time in its history, this Synod reports a *majority* of its churches contributing to *all* the Boards. It is not yet what it ought to be, but the scale is rising steadily and by system. Other Synods of the West are adopting the same plan of putting the inquiry before every church and getting an answer to it. When it shall become universal, and every year each church shall answer to all our Boards, "here am I and my sheaves with me," we shall begin to take our place as a church of Christian enterprise, as we now hold it as a church of sound faith. S—D.

Beware of bad books, because *good books are plenty and cheap*, and it is folly to feed on chaff or poison, when substantial, healthful food may as well be obtained.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

I. **Ulrich Zwingli, the Patriotic Reformer.** A History. By the Rev. Wm. M. BLACKBURN, Professor of Ecclesiastical History in the Seminary of the Northwest, and author of "Wm. Farel," "Aonio Paleario," "College Days of Calvin," &c., &c. With a map of Switzerland. 12mo. Price \$1.30.

A valuable contribution to the Board's library for the young and for readers of all ages. It is written in a sprightly style, and its life-pictures of the Reformation are in the highest degree attractive. The reader, on laying down the book, feels as if he had formed a personal and familiar acquaintance with the Reformer and the leading men of his time.

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3. Irasule.
4. Cousin Amy.
5. Footsteps in the Light.
6. Tell the Truth.
7. Edith's two Account-books.
8. Margaret Lawrence.
9. The Silversmith of Jerusalem.
10. The Bitter Dose.
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12. The Little Street-sweeper.
13. Mabel Clarke.
14. The Brave Heart.
15. Stories for the Little Ones.
16. Golden Hills. 12mo. A Tale of the Irish famine.

The above are all choice works, handsomely illustrated by pictures, and are suitable for Christmas gifts or for the Sabbath-school library.

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<i>Pky of St Paul</i> —White Bear Lake ch 1; Le Seur ch 4 50	5 50
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MISCELLANEOUS.

J W Smith, Chicago 20; "Pauline," Chicago 1 50;	
Miss Mary Vance, Washington, Pa 5; "Nameless" 2; Rev C J Collins 5; 1st ch Madison, N Y 21 42; St Augustine ch, Florida 18 87;	
John Anderson, Esq, Anderson's Mills, 5	

78 79

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The Church Extension Work.

In the last thirteen and a half years the Board of Church Extension has received a little over \$400,000, and has aided in the erection of 900 churches capable of accommodating about 200,000 worshippers. The average cost of these sanctuaries is less than \$3000, and the entire church property, thus secured, free from debt, is not far from \$3,000,000. In the seven months that have elapsed since April 1st, 1868, the contributions received exceed \$26,000, and are somewhat in advance of the corresponding period of last year. The rapid growth, however, of the Church in the last two years has created so many demands for aid, that we have now on file awaiting the receipt of the usual information, applications calling for \$60,000 more than the means on hand to meet them.

"We shall Sleep less."

This was the self-denying resolve of the members of a frontier church in Wisconsin, as set forth in the following statement of their worthy pastor. He says:

"These poor people are truly zealous to do, even above their strength, all they possibly can to secure to them and their children a decent place to worship the Lord. All their time being required for their farming labours to secure a living for their young families, they then said, 'We shall sleep less, only three or four hours per night, and we shall give that part of our time to work for the Lord's house.' Besides what they could give in cash (for some of them gave their last cent) they have worked the night to make shingles and to draw materials with their teams some from thirty-five miles far off, and some from twelve and fifteen miles. Some of them have passed whole nights on the road with their teams, and worked the day on their fields to gather their crops."

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION in part for SEPTEMBER, 1868.

(Continued from page 269.)

<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Winona ch 14 25; Caledonia ch 8 22 25	<i>Pby of Albany</i> —State Street ch. special 500; Galway ch 6 75; Johnstown ch 80, special 586 75
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<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Hamilton ch. balance 34 25	<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Mansfield ch 7 50; Lewistown ch. special 125 85 132 35
<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —First ch Dixon 55 50; Forest Grove, German ch 12 42; Sterling ch, special 50 117 92	<i>Pby of New London</i> —Canfield ch 8 70
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<i>Pby of Western Reserve</i> —Northfield ch 5 00	<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Claysville ch 45 00
<i>Pby of St Paul</i> —St Paul Central ch 87 77	<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Beaver Falls ch 24 10
<i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —Pleasant Ridge ch 4; Elhanan ch 2 5 00	<i>Pby of Saltburg</i> —Pine Run ch 10 00
<i>Pby of Dana</i> —Richland Centre ch 1 50; Richland City ch 1 50; Fancy Creek ch 2 5 00	<i>Pby of Warren</i> —Galesburg ch. special 143; Monmouth ch, special 206 40; Prairie City ch, special 78; Knoxville ch, special 100; North Henderson, ch, special 162 689 40
<i>Pby of Palmyra</i> —Callao and Macon City ch 5 00	<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Princeton ch, special 100 00
<i>Pby of Maumee</i> —Gilead ch 1 75; 2d ch Toledo 3 75; Union ch 3; Hickmansville ch 2 50 10 00	MISCELLANEOUS.
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Oakland ch 6; Groveland ch 3 50 8 50	Friends in Ohio. special 300; Friends N. Y. and Pa. special 1250; "C" special 500; C G Jr, of Philadelphia 2; Annie 10; Friends, special 650 2713 00
<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —Seventh St ch, Washington 10 30	

Total receipts for September, 1868, \$6415 23

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St. Louis, Mo.

FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS, AND THE NEEDY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

(Continued from page 270.)

<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Long Run ch	\$15 00
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Canonsburg ch 11 50; Mt Washington ch 6 25	17 75
<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Cherry Tree ch 13 65; Bethesda ch 5 20; Glade Run ch 15 00	33 85
<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Chippewa Falls ch 5 60; Sheldon ch 3	8 60
<i>Pby of St Paul</i> —St Anthony ch 18 50; Greenleaf ch 7; Medina ch 4; St Cloud 1st ch 5; Rockford 1st ch 3 70; St Paul Central ch 40 77	78 97
<i>Pby of Maumee</i> —Union ch 3; Hicksville ch 2 50; West Bethesda ch 5	10 50
<i>Pby of Michigan</i> —Westminster ch	11 70
<i>Pby of Des Moines</i> —Chariton ch 7 50; Albia ch 7	14 50
<i>Pby of St Clairville</i> —Bealville ch	11 65
<i>Pby of Fairfield</i> —Washington ch 7 50; Bethel ch 3 25	10 75
<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Unity ch 5 25; Pilot Grove ch 3; West Point ch 4	12 25
<i>Pby of Missouri River</i> —Council Bluff ch 72; Plattsmouth ch 13; Bellevue ch 11 45	96 46
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Bethesda ch 8; Castfield ch 9	17 00
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —New Philadelphia ch 11; Bacon Ridge ch 10; East Springfield ch 10;	
The following amounts have been received since last report, viz:	
<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Dr Sprague's ch 179 25; Amsterdam 1st ch 27 65; Tribes Hill ch 10 50; Carlisle ch 5; Esperance ch 5; Kingsborough ch 25 85	\$254 33
<i>Pby of Londonderry</i> —Newburyport ch	40 00
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Centre ch 9; Buffalo ch 5; Manchester ch 36; Slate Lick ch 11 42; Concord ch 8 50; North Butler ch 3 25; Muddy Creek ch 6; Amity ch 10; Harrisville ch 12; Glade Run ch 9 25; Worthington ch 9 75; Leesburg ch 11	180 17
<i>Pby of Buffalo City</i> —East Aurora ch	8 50
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Sharpsburg ch 30 40; Leetsdale ch 38; Allegheny City North ch 95 91; Sewickley ch 58; Glasgow ch 3 60; Freedom ch 10 45; Allegheny 1st ch 92 32; Emsworth ch 4 20; Allegheny 1st German ch 3	325 97
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —West Middlesex ch 18 55; Pulaski ch 6 87; Hopewell ch 4 63; Westfield ch 12; New Castle 1st ch 28; Clarksville ch 10 30; Salem ch 10; Mahoning ch 22 95	120 30
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Park ch 53; Oil City ch 12; Sugar Creek ch 5; Millledgeville ch 4 25	74 25
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Froestburg ch 6; Green Castle ch 35	40 00
<i>Pby of Lewis</i> —Pitts Creek ch	9 04
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Bath 1st ch 12 40; Tuscaraora ch 5	18 40
<i>Pby of Rochester City</i> —Rochester ch	56 58
<i>Pby of Chicago</i> —Chicago North ch	144 00
<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Galepa German ch	4 00
<i>Pby of Schuyler</i> —Carthage ch 21 30; Mt Sterling ch 9; Perry ch 11; Chili ch 7; Wythe ch 5	53 30
<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —South Salem ch 19; Greenfield ch 18 25; Pisgah ch 10; Chillicothe 1st ch 30 50; Bloomingburg ch 12	87 75
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Springfield 2d ch 53 50; Middletown ch 9	61 50
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Avondale ch 32 52; Cincinnati 1st ch 25; Central ch 62 60; Glendale 1st ch 34; Walnut Hills ch 24 20; Reading ch 10 25; Springdale ch 34 45; Cincinnati 5th ch 25 38; Cumingsville ch 7	255 46
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Harmony ch 18; Harrison ch 5; Hamilton ch 45 75	68 75

Big Spring ch 5 50; Cross Creek ch 5; Pleasant Hill ch 7; Steubenville 1st ch 4	92 50
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Fairview ch 12 09; Cross Roads ch 7	19 09
<i>Pby of West Virginia</i> —French Creek ch 15 00	15 00
<i>Pby of Dane</i> —Oakland and Cambridge chs	15 00
<i>Pby of Milwaukee</i> —Milwaukee ch	45 00
<i>Pby of Winnebago</i> —Kilbourne City ch 9 50; Beaver Dam ch 12 50; Weyauwega ch 4	23 00
<i>Pby of Frankville</i> —Frankville ch	16 00
<i>Pby of Neosho</i> —Geneva ch	3 65
	<hr/> \$4,658 80
H S B and wife, of Poundridge, N Y	35 00
A Chapman, of Alquina, Ind	5 00
An Unknown	25 00
Robert O Colt, Esq	100 00
"Mrs. I K"	5 00
"C"	5 00
Annie	5 00
	<hr/> \$4,803 50

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<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —West Liberty 1st ch 9 49; Turtle Creek ch 3 05; Buck Creek ch 22; Rushsylvania ch 8 32; Sidney 1st ch 11	\$49 37
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Deer Creek ch	6 00
<i>Pby of Kaskaskia</i> —St John ch 4 75; Zion ch 5	9 75
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Yates City ch 10; Brunswick ch 4	14 00
<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —Williamsville ch 11 15; North Bangamon ch 10; Springfield 3d ch 60; do Sab-sch 7 31	88 46
<i>Pby of Indianapolis</i> —Shiloh ch 5; Acton ch 4	9 00
<i>Pby of Madison</i> —Pleasant Townshp ch 3 50; Bethel ch 7	10 50
<i>Pby of New Albany</i> —Charlestown ch	6 50
<i>Pby of Vincennes</i> —Peterburg ch 4 60; Union ch 2; Vincennes 2d ch 25; Washington ch 10; Upper Indiana ch 5	46 50
<i>Pby of White Water</i> —Union ch 7; Connersville ch 13 25	29 25
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Muscatine ch 12; Fairview ch 3 50; Cedar Rapids ch 13 50	24 00
<i>Pby of Highland</i> —Salem ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Zion ch 3 40; Waverly ch 5; Scotch Grove ch 8	16 40
<i>Pby of Vinton</i> —Salem ch 13; Vinton ch 7	20 00
<i>Pby of West Lexington</i> —Lexington 1st ch 18 00	18 00
<i>Pby of South-west Missouri</i> —Deep Water ch 2 50	2 50
<i>Pby of Pulmyra</i> —Macon City ch 2; Callao ch 2; Kirksville ch 2	6 00
<i>Pby of St Louis</i> —Kirkwood ch 70 80; St Charles ch 10 70	81 50
<i>Pby of Burlington</i> —Mt Holly ch 13 06; Tuckerton ch 7 12	20 17
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Lamington ch	20 00
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Red Bank ch	25 00
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Kingston ch 62 67; Pennington ch 30	92 67
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Rutherford Park ch 16 96; Springfield ch 32 33; Wickliffe ch 12 50; Chester ch 15; Paterson ch 70	146 59
<i>Pby of Barton</i> —Bloomsburg 1st ch 4 21; Flemington ch 30 76; Lambertville ch 50; Milford ch 21; Holland ch 4 25	110 22
<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Troy, Pa, ch 12 10; Barclay ch 7 20	19 30
<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Salem ch 52; Absecon ch 4	56 00

(To be continued.)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

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The Work.

The monthly reports keep the Committee in constant communication with the missionaries, and thus there is a profound sympathy in constant exercise between the work and its supporters. Would that we could transfer the impressions made upon us by the varying experiences of the devoted men and women, who are preaching the gospel to the Freedmen, to the whole church.

During the autumn there has been much sickness. Three of our most useful ministers have been compelled to suspend their labours, and one of them, the Rev. T. Hempstead, to retire from the field. Most of the brethren have had sickness in their families, and all the congregations have suffered from prevailing fevers. The schools in many places have been diminished one-half by sickness among the children. In one congregation the prayer-meeting goes from the church to houses of members where the people are sufficiently convalescent to enjoy it. But God is with his servants in all their afflictions.

The reports show one hundred and twenty-one additions, by examination, to the churches during the month.

A special work of the Spirit has been manifested in the churches in Charlotte, Centre, and Concord missions in North Carolina, and in Freedmen's Chapel in Va. In one of the churches a sinner of a hundred years gave good evidence of a work of grace and was baptized in the name of Jesus. A general improvement of the habits and condition of the people, wherever the church and school have been planted, cheers on the labourers. This improvement is so manifest that in many places the prejudices of good people, who have hitherto set their faces against northern missionaries, are beginning to give way. Southern ministers are beginning to examine candidly the work done, and in some places have offered a helping hand, which has been gladly accepted, and we are persuaded that a brighter day is about to dawn upon these missions. The genial life-giving sunshine of Christian charity will drive away the clouds and death-chill, and the people of the Lord will "close up the ranks" in the army of faithful soldiers, who now fight in squads, or as forlorn hopes where Satan holds four millions of poor people in the bonds of ignorance and sin. The great problems, which the condition of the freedmen have pushed upon the consideration of all thinking men in the South, and which grow more profound and perplexing by every new effort of theory, are being gradually solved by the providence of God, or lose their threatening aspect as Christians cast away their theories, and attempt to do their duty, "walking by faith," and not by sight.

What is needed now is that our churches shall all give generous help, and cheer on the work, by their gifts, their sympathies, and their earnest prayers. Every mission already established is calling for help; men who have laboured long in the home field as successful ministers are asking to be sent now to preach to the poor, who have none to help them. Men who are preaching twenty and twenty-five sermons a month, and yet not able to overtake their work, are left to work on

and wear out because the Lord's people "will not consider." For six months of the year already gone the contributions from all sources have not reached *six thousand dollars*, and not more than one-fourth of our churches have ever yet given anything to sustain this work of the Lord.

We ask the whole church to remember the missions among the Freedmen on the *1st Sabbath of December*, and to heed the injunction of the General Assembly to make their offerings on that day. Let the committee not only be enabled to meet the honest obligations incurred to keep the missionaries from want, but allowed the unspeakable gratification of doubling the force of missionaries, and so of gathering precious sheaves in the harvest of the Lord. The work is glorious, and the reward is at hand. "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord."

Rev. JOSEPH PLATT of Sangamon Presbytery has been commissioned as missionary to the Freedmen, and has entered upon his duties at Raleigh, N. C. Correspondents will note the change in his address, from Virginia, Ill., to Raleigh, N. C. Mr. Platt has a large and perplexing field, and he brings to it a large and varied experience in missionary work. We trust that he will find many seals to his ministry among "these outcasts." Let him and his work find a place in the prayers of the pious.

The First Sabbath of December

Is the day appointed by the Assembly for collections in behalf of its Committee on Freedmen. If not on that day, as early thereafter as the convenience and obligations of the churches will permit.

DONATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN IN OCTOBER, 1868.

<i>Pby of Atlantic</i> —Coloured sch. Smithville 54 50; Coloured sch. Newbern 18 49	\$72 99	<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Deerfield ch 26 52; Salem ch 11 40	\$37 92
<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Johnstown ch 20 68; State Street ch. Albany 75; Mariaville ch 13; Galway ch 5	113 68	<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Central ch. Pittsburgh, add'l 71 51; Sub-sch Shady Side ch. special 100	171 51
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Centreville ch	22 61	<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —North ch 30; Infant sch 6	36 00
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —First German ch, Alle- gheny	3 00	<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Sterling ch 23; German ch 4	27 00
<i>Pby of Buffalo City</i> —Central ch. Buffalo	23 26	<i>Pby of Raritan</i> —Milford ch 14 75; Holland ch 4 11	18 86
<i>Pby of Blairville</i> —Union ch 9 75; Fairfield 3 95	13 70	<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Crow Creek ch 5; Steuben- ville 2d ch 30	35 00
<i>Pby of Catonsville</i> —Coloured sch. Stateville 80 cts; Coloured sch and ch. Salisbury 2 85; Coloured sch and ch. Oakland 6 20; Coloured sch and ch Poplar Tent 48; Coloured ch. Concord 11; Col- oured sch and ch. Manson 2; Coloured sch and ch Salisbury 5 65; Coloured sch and ch. Mocke- ville 34 30; Coloured ch. Manson 1; Coloured ch. Brookville 19; Coloured ch. Bladen 32; Coloured ch McClintock and Charlotte 15	175 80	<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —Buck Creek	29 00
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Linn Grove ch 7 60; Springfield ch 2 40	10 00	<i>Pby of Schuyler</i> —Ipava ch	11 00
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Licking ch	11 00	<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Second ch. Washington 17 75; Cross Creek ch. 30; Fairview ch 4 15	61 90
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —South East ch	2 00	<i>Pby of Winnebago</i> —Kilbourn City ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Hixton ch	2 00	<i>Pby of West Lexington</i> —Second ch, Lexington	140 75
<i>Pby of Curiale</i> —Fayettestown ch 11 50; Lower Path Valley ch 11 50	23 00	<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Canal Falton ch 6 13; Chippewa ch 17	23 13
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Cumminsville ch 6 70; 5th ch, Cincinnati 23 21	34 91		
<i>Pby of Ebenezer</i> —Hon James M Preston, Burling- ton ch	15 00		
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Sturgeonville ch	8 00		
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Warsaw ch 37 25; Moscow ch 8; Wyoming ch 19 69; Sparta ch 8 25	73 19		
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Cochecton ch	5 40		
<i>Pby of Indianapolis</i> —Union ch	10 35		
<i>Pby of Londonderry</i> —First ch, Newburyport 47 00	47 00		
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Scranton, add'l	122 00		
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Springfield ch 28 30; South Charleston ch 7	35 30		
<i>Pby of Marion</i> —Marselles ch	5 38		
<i>Pby of Neosho</i> —Geneva ch 5 50; Neosho Falls ch 1 25	6 75		
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Central ch, Brooklyn	28 44		

MISCELLANEOUS.

Myron Phelps and wife, of Lewistown, Ill 100.
Nehemiah Choate, Derry, N H 50; W McChin-
toek, Pittsburgh, Pa 50; Rev J C Platt, Raleigh,
N C 10; H. Philadelphia, Pa 10; Rev R C Adams,
Iowa 2; Rev S C Logan, Pittsburgh 6 63; Synod
of Northern Indiana and ch, at Logansport,
col 78 20; I S L, Rockford, Ill 10; Miss M E Fin-
ley, Philadelphia quarterly 25; E Harris, Spring-
field, Ohio 50 cts; Wm Linn, Pequa, Ohio 5;
Miss Mary Brown, Ohio 1; Russell Grove col-
oured sch 7 92; Clarksville, Tenn, coloured,
sch 3; Columbia, Tenn, coloured sch 60 44;
Big Oak coloured sch 2 25; Freedmen's Chapel
sch, Va 2 74

Total receipts in October, \$1850 29

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