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LETTER FROM MR. A. GROUT, JULY
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THE meeting of Zulu Christians, mentioned in this letter, to commemorate the arrival of the first missionaries, and the movement to set apart some of their own number to be also missionaries to the heathen around them, will be regarded by all the patrons of the Board as matters of great interest. Many will indeed now say, "Well done;" while they will hope and pray that their Zulu brethren may not be weary in well doing.

A Pleasant Occasion.

The members of the churches connected with our mission held a sort of general meeting at this place, two weeks ago. This meeting was originally held to commemorate the arrival of the first missionaries, in December, 1835, but circumstances occasioned the time to be changed to June. It is a matter of interest to us, that Christian Zulus should think so much of the arrival of missionaries among them as to celebrate that event by a yearly gathering from their several stations, spending a few days together in prayer and praise, and in considering what they can do in turn.

I did not count the persons who were

with us, but think the number was not less than two hundred; and some one who passed them on the road told me, I believe, that they had fifteen wagons—the large, African wagons—all, as well as the oxen which drew them, owned by themselves.

On the Sabbath which they spent here, we had an audience of five hundred and fifty, but only four hundred and twelve of them could get into the chapel. It was an interesting congregation to look at and preach to. Mr. Abraham preached in the morning, and I occupied the evening. Nearly all who could get into the house were decently clad, and behaved very orderly.

In the afternoon, we spent the time in commemorating the death of our Savior, by the Supper. I could not count the communicants, neither did I feel a disposition to do so. It filled my heart to look at them and speak to them. How quickly did my mind run back to 1835, when all those before me were wild, ignorant, debased heathen. Now, behold, a large collection of them sitting at the table of their Lord—joint heirs with him—members of his body! I could not but think, as I looked around upon them, that our mission had really done a good work—a great work.

Promising Movement.

But another thing interested me. They had several sittings at which they discussed the question of the personal consecration of themselves to God as missionaries—ministers; and as to how some of their own number, thus given to the ministry, could be supported. Three of those present arose and expressed a willingness to leave all and follow Christ in this work; and we were told that one who was absent was willing to do the same. We were interested to see this, as we would be glad, now, to have at least two places occupied by such men, if we cannot obtain men from home to fill them. It interested us, also, because the plan was one originating among themselves, which they have been considering for two years. And we hope and believe, that if we shall select and locate two of them, the others will contribute enough to support them. At such a result, will you not, at the Missionary House, say, “Well done.” Will there not be a spontaneous response all over our Fatherland, when the churches shall hear of it,—“Well done.” A Christian people have sprung up among the Zulus—a missionary people. Freely they have received, freely they now give. It is a small beginning, but, if really made, it is a good beginning.

We labor that the Zulus may become Christians, and then Christian *men*, able, and knowing how, to do all their work;—able and disposed to do all their worldly business, able and disposed to manage the business of their churches, and in nothing more than in fitting and sending out some of their own number to preach the Gospel in the regions beyond. At Amanzimtote, I am told, they employ and pay their own schoolmaster. At this station they pay the teacher one third of his wages, and I have no doubt they will soon pay him entirely, themselves. The chapel at this place, considered worth two hundred pounds sterling, was built by the people, and at their own expense, except ten pounds given them.

Who will say, “I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nought?” Shall your missionaries here say so, with so much already dug out of the filth of heathenism? Will our Board or our patrons at home say so, with facts like these before them? No, no one will say so. God has done and is doing his own work. He does it well, and he honors his own instrumentality abundantly. “The morning cometh.” Cheer to all who labor in this cause. And let all the re-deemed of the Lord say so.

Micronesia Mission.

P O N A P E .

LETTER FROM MR. STURGES, JANUARY 4, AND FEBRUARY 2, 1859.

SEVERAL letters have recently been received from the brethren of the Micronesia mission. The dates, however, are but little later than those of letters published in May and June of last year, and they do not contain much important intelligence. Mr. Sturges makes statements respecting the state of things at the commencement of the new year, generally of a pleasant character; but is called also to speak of one sad event, the death of his excellent Sandwich Island helper.

Encouraging Changes.

During the past year we have had little interruption in our work. Health has been continued, so that I have not failed in a single appointment at my regular stations. I have been able to procure more assistance from the natives than formerly, as also food, &c. There has been no war or fighting, on this side of the island, and much less feasting than usual. Feasting has ever been the great business of the people, who were stimulated to the greatest exertion by the belief that the spirits of their deceased chiefs required this service; and now that the common people are losing much of their dread of these departed spirits, they cannot be driven to extreme efforts in feasting their living chiefs. For instance—the father of our present Nana-kin is one of the chief gods ruling the

world; and Nanakin had but to intimate that his father's spirit required a certain feast to be made, and the people would drive night and day to execute the orders. It will be readily perceived that the chiefs must have complete control over their people through their superstitious fears; nor is it strange that they are so slow to receive our doctrines as to the spirit world, since it would completely undermine this power over their subjects. The most specious objection base foreigners have raised against us and our teachings, has been in connection with this overthrow of native feasting; and it has afforded us no small encouragement that the people have become alarmed at these predicted results.

There have been other changes in our tribe during the past year, and we trust the hand of God is preparing the way for greater blessings. We notice a manifest decrease of sickness and death—probably nearly as many births as natural deaths.

Decrease of Foreigners.

The changes among foreigners have been more marked. The "Negro Johnson" is dead; and what an event is this for our poor people, so long cursed with his wild ravages! Once Johnson had an almost unlimited influence over the people of this tribe, and was the dread of all. The external changes following his death, in his immediate neighborhood, are great. The mob of natives, women and dogs, always about his house, has quite dispersed, and now all is quiet. Two other foreigners have died within the year, leaving but four white men in the tribe,—a great change from the state of things a few years ago, when they were counted by the score.

We cannot help feeling that our teachings will now have clearer way, since positive opposition has pretty much ceased. It is a matter of wonder, as well as gratitude, that our families have never been disturbed by "Johnson" and others, in their drunken revels. When infuriated with liquor, and frightening the na-

tives with their threats and ravages, not one ever came nigh our house. We have dwelt under the shadow of the Almighty.

For some months past the people of this tribe have all been very busy in making canoes, so that they have found time to attend to little else. Our school has been a mere cypher, and our Sabbath congregations have been greatly reduced. Those who do not work on the Sabbath are so tired with their labors during the week that they excuse themselves from attending meeting. Some, however, have attended regularly, and seem to have an increasing interest in the truth. We think the time not far distant when great changes are to take place among this people.

Few Ships.

Feb. 2. More than half of the shipping season is gone, and not a single ship has been in this harbor since the Morning Star left! This is indeed strange for a port so long the resort of those who do business upon the deep. God seems to be preparing the way for a change, else why so many of the greatest obstacles removed? The natives now come about us, even those who formerly seldom saw our house. True, many come for trade, and the like; but it is pleasant to have them come even for selfish and worldly purposes, and we will hope that God will make their intercourse with us the occasion of doing them, spiritually, much good.

Extracts from Journal.

In his journal, forwarded with this letter, Mr. Sturges speaks of the negro Johnson, "that terror of the Pacific Ocean," as having been killed in a quarrel by another negro, from Edgartown, Mass., on the 5th of November. Johnson was born, he says, at Philadelphia; was early taken to New Hampshire, "where he was known as a perfect fury of a boy;" joined a whale-ship while a lad, and found his way to Ponape, where "his career has been a fearful one." Respecting other matters he writes:

Jan. 6. All our mission company are

present at this station, and to-night we have had the precious privilege of sitting around the table of our Lord. How rich these feasts when prepared in the wilderness, and in the presence of our enemies. The infant son of our native helper was baptized. May he walk in the steps of his father, and make as good a man.

How wonderfully our little mission church is blessed! Not a single death since we were organized, more than six years ago, and nine little ones engrafted into our number. Of the American families who first came to this field, and of those who have since joined them, not one has died. How good God has been—how undeserving we of such favors!

Sickness of a Valued Helper.

Jan. 8. Our native helper, Kaaikaula, is again sick. Scarcely had our friends left, yesterday, when he was taken down with inflammation of the bowels, a disease to which he has been much subject for years. These attacks have generally been not very severe, and have yielded to mild treatment, so that I have not been very anxious when left alone with him. But to-night, as I was sitting by his side, in the dark, a strange feeling of loneliness and responsibility took hold of me, and it seemed that I must have some one with the sick brother, knowing more of disease and remedies than myself; so I have dispatched a note to Dr. Gulick, asking him to come. I know not why such a feeling came over me. In all the scenes of diseases and death we were familiar with during the ravages of the small pox, I never felt so. I knew the doctor was very unwell himself, and might not be able to come; but the thought of being responsible for the life of a brother came over me, and I bowed by his bed-side and asked the great Physician for help. Now I feel more calm, and will try to do duty and leave results with God. What could we and the fatherless children do, if the brother dies!

His Death.

14. It is again Saturday, just one week since our native helper was taken down so sick; and what a week of change—change to us and to him. He is gone from us, and we are left to pursue our work alone. To-day we have buried the mortal of our brother; he sleeps in a lonely spot in our garden, under a magnificent bread-fruit tree. I know not how to be sufficiently thankful that Dr. Gulick was with us. He came down early in the week, and remained till after the funeral. Mr. Roberts came also, and our foreign residents were all ready to assist, and were present at the burial. Not many of the natives attended, as, at that hour, most of them were absent from the neighborhood. He died as only a Christian can die, and his wife bears her loss as one who knows how to cast all burdens on Jesus. He felt, from the first, that his sickness was unto death, and made his wishes and plans fully known to his wife, so that when he was called, he was not taken by surprise.

It is not easy for us to see why this faithful missionary, who seemed to be so much needed, is taken from us; but the Lord does all things well. We will look to Him for strength to bear the additional burdens now resting upon us.

Touching Incident.

15. "Papa! come, papa!" These pretty words, so thrilling to a father's heart, were spoken by the prattling son of our deceased brother, as he took his little cap to go home, after our morning service. The call, so innocent, so natural, and so familiar, went to my heart, and started again the flow of tears. We had been accustomed to hear it; for every Sabbath morning the boy was the first to move after the benediction, take his things, and start for home, saying, "Papa, come, papa."

And why, my little son, do you call? Your father cannot heed. Did you not see how pale he looked, and how cold, as we shut him up in the coffin yester-

day, and then laid him away in the dark ground? But we would not chide you. You may call, "Papa," as much as you like; it is a dear word; and though he will never more take your little hand and lead you home here below, we hope that, sometime, he will take you to a better home, where "papa" will always come when called.

22. There has not been a natural death, to my knowledge, for several months, [among the natives,] and yet, from my journal of events, I see that twelve healthy, stout men, have fallen by the hand of violence within these months! It really seems that our people are doomed to extermination; the Gospel must save them *soon*, or they will be gone.

LETTERS FROM OTHER MISSIONARIES.

A FEW brief extracts from other letters now received from this mission, in connection with the foregoing passages from Mr. Sturges's letter and journal, will put the reader in possession of all the facts mentioned which are of special interest.

Mr. Roberts.

Mr. Roberts, of another station on Ponape, refers to the death of the Hawaiian helper, and says:

Our brother Kaaikaula was to me an example of everything lovely and of good report. My knowledge of his history is limited; but the little known has convinced me that he was a remarkable man—not in the eyes of the world, but great in the eyes of his blessed Master, whose he was, and whom he served so faithfully. Trained up in heathenism, when light entered his heart, his will yielded; and when the call from Micronesia came, "Come over and help us," his reply was, "Here am I, send me." He came; and those who knew him best, found him a consistent, steadfast worker; working until the night came. He was ready, and has entered into his rest. Faithful in the least, he now possesses much, even the fullness of joy. To the young men in our colleges and semina-

ries of learning, who are looking forward with high anticipations, his example speaks: "Go thou and do likewise."

Mr. Snow.

Mr. Snow, of Kusaie, (Strong's Isand,) in a letter dated November 29, 1858, records his joy over the hopeful conversion of a lad living with him, and the apparent deep seriousness of several other school-boys. This was the more gratifying, as occurring at a time when there seemed to be quite a reviving, among the people, of interest in their old heathenism. He had also recently baptized a woman, apparently near to death, with the ready consent of her husband. He had cherished a hope that she was a true Christian for some time. The new king does not, he says, like his predecessors, exert himself to induce the people to attend on religious services.

In another letter, dated January 8, 1859, he refers to a little school which had been in operation for some months, and says: "There were four adults, and some ten to fifteen children. The adults are learning Kusaie from books which I write, and the children are continuing their English. All of them—I mean the children—can read my Kusaie books as fast as I can write them. In fact, they can teach the adults in their mother tongue, almost at sight."

He mentions, very gratefully, acts of kindness to himself and others, by captains Morrison and R. D. Wood, both commanding vessels from New Bedford. In regard to the population of the island, and religious prospects, he says: "I have just taken the census, and find that the population is eighty-two less than last year. Seven hundred and forty-seven is the number of people (natives) now on the island. But there is one hopeful feature; there are eight to ten infant children, and probably nearly that number have been born and died during the year. At our next communion, I am hoping to receive three other persons to church-fellowship. How should our hearts rejoice at the goodness of God. But O, the blindness that is still upon the people! Yet the grace of God can reach them. My Sabbath services, for some reason, are thinly attended of late."

Mr. Doane.

Mr. Doane, of Ebon Island, wrote February 18, 1859:

Captain D. is now at anchor in the Lagoon, with his vessel, trading for cocoa-nut oil. He expects to be back to Hono-

lulu by April. The mission families are all well. During January, and a part of December, the influenza prevailed here, to quite an alarming extent. I think all of one hundred died in that time. The sickness was among the grown people; hardly a child was sick, and none died. We noticed that the deaths were among the common people; the chiefs had better care bestowed upon them.

You will see that we are closely followed by traders. Hardly are we located here ere these come. And they come not, on the whole, to do our people much good; for *tobacco* is to be the article traded off. We are to have, here, tobacco eaters and smokers—are to have, I fear, a tobacco-cursed island.

We are permitted to prosecute our work unmolested. And I am happy to be able to say not only this, but also that we are gaining largely upon the confidence of chiefs and people. And not only are we gaining thus, but we feel that our teaching, from Sabbath to Sabbath, is making an impression. The Sabbath is becoming a sacred day, so far as work is concerned. On this day none, so far as I know, traded with this captain. We are pleased to see this, because such generally treat all days as alike for trade.

Let me mention, also, as another evidence that our instructions are having influence, the fact that after the death of a high chief, recently, a taboo was set aside, heretofore rigidly observed, namely, that no work, as such, must be done for six days after the death of one so high. But now, as we have spoken against such laws, it has been disregarded; all the people working the day after burial.

I mention these things, not as very important, but that you may know that we see some things to cheer us. Little clouds of mercy are skirting the black horizon about us. We cannot but feel that our Master is with us; and how delightful are such small tokens of his favor, to those toiling as we are! Our

feelings will be rightly appreciated by those who are in like circumstances.

If the system of prayer-meetings is still kept up with you, at Boston or New York, or in any other place, let me present the following request:—Prayer is requested in behalf of the Micronesia mission, that soon these benighted islanders may know and love our blessed Lord.

Ceylon Mission.

SEMI-ANNUAL STATION REPORTS.

THE customary semi-annual letters, of October, have been received from missionaries in Ceylon. They contain not very much of special interest, and on the whole, do not represent the aspect of the work in that field, so long occupied, as encouraging. Some of the brethren seem to regard the present as a time of great darkness, perplexity and trial; and there is much occasion for earnest prayer, that they and those for whom they labor, may receive the special influences of the Spirit.

Batticotta and Panditeripo.

Mr. Quick speaks of "a gradual improvement in some things, and a going back in others," at Batticotta. At times, a portion of the members of the church have seemed earnestly to desire a blessing, yet "there is prevalent in the church a spirit of worldliness." Some are meeting with sore temptations, in connection with the opposition of heathen relatives. A part seem to stand firm as yet, and one suspended member of the church has been restored; but another individual is mentioned, "who seems to have yielded to the pressure upon him." At Panditeripo, he says, "I have some things to deal with, which I am at a loss to know how to manage." There is a want of harmony, and "some members are under suspension, whose cases must soon come before the church to be disposed of." On the other hand, "in some parts of that field the helpers report matters of interest." "We labor and pray," he says. "We look for fruit, but the fig-tree does not blossom, nor is fruit found in the vine. We seem yet to be clearing away the rubbish in order to lay foundations; or, if the foundation has been laid, we are but the rougher workmen." "Our faith needs strengthening; our spirits need reviving; our spiritual eyes need a clearer

vision; and our hearts need to be more in sympathy with the Savior."

Mr. Sanders reports in regard to "the theological and training school." The term closed September 14. The application of the pupils to study, and their general deportment during the term, were satisfactory, and their progress "fully equaled expectations." "Though there is no special work of grace to report, our little meetings for prayer and conference were not devoid of spiritual interest." One pupil left irregularly, one was dismissed to take charge of a school in Sangany, and another for other reasons. On the first of October six new pupils were admitted. The present number is twenty.

During the vacation Mr. Sanders was engaged in examining the village schools of the mission, connected with the different stations. He gives a tabular view showing, in all, 47 schools, with 1,756 pupils; 1,336 boys and 420 girls. Of these, 83 boys and 87 girls are baptized children. In the same field he found 9 other Christian schools, with 215 pupils, (4 supported by the Native Evangelical Society and one by the Batticotta church; the others are private schools.) The Roman Catholics have 9 schools, with 250 pupils, and the heathen 119 schools, with 2,507 pupils. The instruction in all these is in the Tamil. There are also 14 English schools, with 404 pupils.

Tillipally.

Mr. Hitchcock writes:

Of the station work connected with Tillipally, I may truly say, there are things encouraging and things discouraging. In my last semi-annual, I mentioned several interested persons. Of those, the three women and one other—a man formerly a professing Christian, suspended by the Wesleyan church a year or more since—were admitted to our fellowship, June 19. Thus far, I have reason to think, they all adorn their profession.

At the time of our last communion, September 25, five persons made a public profession of faith in Christ, but were not received to the church. Our design in thus receiving them is, to bring them more particularly under our care, while their experience is so brief that we fear to admit them to church fellowship. There are two others, an old blind man,

who says he is one-fourth Christian and three-fourths heathen, and a young man, of whom I have much hope; and others still whom we follow with our prayers and labors, but of whom I may not speak particularly.

The attendance at the various meetings, of the Sabbath and the week, has not materially changed since I last wrote. The Christians do not seem to feel the necessity of constant attendance at the church.

We have found it very difficult to maintain the interest in our Sabbath schools. At times I have been almost ready to despair. We have scarcely made a beginning in this direction, yet I trust a beginning has been made, and I am happy to say, that at no time since we commenced have I been so much encouraged as now.

The teachers, and such of their pupils as felt inclined, have held a prayer-meeting once in two weeks. For a time considerable interest was manifested, but the determined opposition of parents has diminished the attendance of late. There are three lads who really appear to have become Christians. Thursday, of each week, we have devoted to the heathen villages, quite beyond our ordinary influence.

The catechists (two together) go in the morning, and I follow in the afternoon. At four and a half or five o'clock, under the wide spreading branches of some tree, we address the people—men, women and children—among whom the catechists have labored during the day. The number in attendance varies from 25 to 145. The usual attendance is not far from 75. Much interest is manifested; but, doubtless, the novelty of the services has excited a good share of it. We have not been over the field once yet; when we go a second time we can tell better where there is any real interest.

Of the state of piety in the church I fear lest I may speak too disparagingly. Brethren in America and England write, that Jaffna church members compare fa-

vorably with those at home. Be that as it may, it is very clear to me that Jaffna Christians are far from what they should be; and far from what they must be, if we are to receive any considerable blessing. Yet there is much in the conduct of these Christians which is gratifying. I may mention, particularly, the zeal and earnestness with which some have entered into all my plans, whether new or otherwise; thus helping me carry them out, to the best of their ability. But there is much short-coming.

Oodooville and Oodoopitty.

Mr. Spaulding reports having received eleven individuals to the church at Oodooville since April 1, eight of them pupils in the female boarding school. In this school, (with 41 pupils,) "the influences of the Spirit still seem to be encouraging. Six or eight, though still very young, are hopeful candidates for church membership." In the free schools connected with the station, he thinks "there may have been a very small gain," but says: "The increase of little village schools, purely heathen, and the increase of indifference among a large part of the people to any school, or any education (excepting English) beyond the limits of stammering reading, strike my mind very unfavorably, not to say alarmingly. The most popular native village school at this station is of some ten years' standing. It is taught by a Brahmin, who allows no one to speak in it of Christianity. He draws away the larger boys from other schools within a mile of him, (even from our school,) and gives them a popular *heathen* education."

In regard to Oodoopitty, under his care in Mr. Lord's absence, Mr. Spaulding mentions, that the principal catechist has left; the wife of another catechist died suddenly, and family cares have interfered with the work of the husband; the health of another helper has failed, and the central schoolmaster has left the service of the mission and gone into an English school. "Just at this date, that station has almost no one to care for it. We hope soon to secure at least a second or third-rate catechist, and a schoolmaster, for the place, though even such men are exceedingly scarce."

Manepy.

Mr. Hastings does "not know that the position of things has materially changed." "Our complaint still is: 'Who hath believed

our report, and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed.'" In July one person, and in September three, were admitted to the church on profession; but "there have been some cases of apostasy, which have given the heathen occasion to revile," and "there are others whose walk is far from satisfactory." The station congregation was divided in July, and a service commenced at a new preaching bungalow, in Navâly. This led to effort to bring in others, to fill the places left vacant, and "the result, thus far, has exceeded expectations." At the request of some members of the church, a daily prayer-meeting was commenced in July, held in the chapel, at 12 o'clock. "The attendance has varied from five to fifteen." The five mission schools of the station number 192 pupils; but Mr. Hastings says: "There is so little appreciation of education, except as it is connected in some way with worldly advantage, that our encouragements in this department are exceedingly small."

Chavagacherry—Out-stations.

The native pastor at Chavagacherry, Mr. Hunt, takes an encouraging view of the work in that field. At Mukumaly, he reports "a work of grace more clear and progressing than in any other part of the field;" and Mr. Hastings remarks of this work, that "it seems to be genuine—more like the working of leaven than any other interest I have become acquainted with."

Mr. Cornelius, native pastor at Caradive, mentions, (in the hope of leading others to sympathize and pray for those thus tried,) the deep poverty of the native Christians in that field. They will not, like the heathen around them, "gain their living by cunning, wicked practices," and as the price of food has risen, and also the price of materials used by them in manufacturing cloth, they have not sufficient means to purchase materials or tools, and so can earn but little by their labor, and suffer much; their children often crying for food when the parents have none to give. In this time of trial however, he says, "they remain firm in their faith in God, and maintain a good name among men." Their consistent deportment, and "union and happiness in religion," have exerted a happy influence. Four families among the heathen have talked of joining them, and two heathens, of high rank, attend a daily meeting held in the houses of the Christians, and openly "acknowledge that the Christian religion is true;" yet "are afraid to come out and unite themselves with the people of God."

Mr. Stickney, native pastor at Valany, mentions, specially, two cases occasioning discouragement, in one of which they have felt constrained to suspend the individual from the privileges of the church, but says they see reasons for encouragement also. The members of the church "appear to increase in knowledge," and "there are now three persons who express a desire to be received" to church fellowship.

Madura Mission.—India.

MANDAHASALIE.

LETTER FROM MR. TAYLOR, AUGUST 10,
1859.

IN this letter, Mr. Taylor first presents a general view of the condition of his field, and then, passing over that field, names many of the principal places where he has congregations, giving some particulars in regard to each. From this latter portion of the letter, a few extracts will be given here.

General Aspect of the Work.

If I should give you a sketch of the work at this station simply according to the impulses of my own mind, as I see and hear of it at different times, it would be a varied one. There is no part of my field where continued observation does not show for a time apparent advance, and then for a time a check, or perhaps a drawing back. These different outward appearances, and different states of my own mind, are owing, no doubt, partly to differences that really exist, but probably more to imperfect observation of all the facts in the several cases, and to a proneness to walk by sight rather than by faith. "The husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience."

At the last quarterly gathering of our sungkum, while the general state of our cause as there represented was encouraging, there was an inclination, on the part of a few, to look on the darker aspect in their particular localities, and their depression seemed to dispirit, for a time, the minds of others. But though this kind of feeling appeared, more careful inquiry and reflection raised again, re-

specting each case, a hopeful tone, and we at last closed our meeting, feeling that it was good to be there. The cases which tended to dispirit, on being scanned, afforded instruction; for they showed that, in this work, all merely worldly plans and inducements furnish no firm ground to build upon, and that the Gospel, and the Gospel alone, is the power of God and the wisdom of God unto salvation. Our system of village congregations, since it does not necessarily require, nor presume upon, true conversion as a preliminary, needs to be watched with care; that the mere congregation for instruction be not rested in as the end, instead of being used as the means to the great end, which is conversion.

In my last regular report, prepared last year, in July, I spoke encouragingly of what appeared to me to be the work of the Holy Spirit. More observation gives me no reason to doubt that it was so. In a few cases hopes have not been fully realized, and a few individuals that promised well have disappointed us; but generally good results remain, and still, more and more, does the seed fall into good ground and bring forth fruit.

Of the places then mentioned, Arpuccottay, Rasacopalium and Paraliche are three in which there is some cause for grief. At the first, only about one-half of those who then promised well remain steadfast. In Rasacopalium, the particular Naicks then mentioned have drawn back, and in Paraliche, though those who were reported as newly connected with us remain, evil has sprung up among the church members, which may yet result in the exclusion of some. But this statement gives only the dark view of the subject. In each of these three places there is something good also. In Arpuccottay, if one half are unstable, the other half are in advance, I trust, of their former position. In Rasacopalium, though the Naicks then referred to have drawn back, perhaps not to return, others, in a village near by, step in to fill their places, and a good mud-church is in pro-

cess of erection, entirely at their expense. They have purchased the ground, erected the walls, and procured timber and thatch, without any help from the mission. In Paraliche there is a necessary sifting, but I am confident there is much there which is not mere chaff.

Particular Places.

Mandahasalie.—The native pastor, Yarsardian, continues to justify, in every respect, the confidence reposed in him. He is faithful, beloved, and of good report among the people generally. The church increases somewhat, and there is an encouraging opening before it. The members are scattered in seven different villages, in which meetings are held as there is opportunity and ability. In one of them, the work at this time assumes a very encouraging aspect.

Valenooranee.—The church and congregation here have been much afflicted. The robbery and pillage which occurred about three years since, and the long legal proceedings which followed, were quite a drawback on their prosperity. Since then, two catechists and one teacher sent to them have been successively cut off by cholera, and an impression has arisen that it is dangerous to live there. But now, one of their own young men, zealous, but not so discreet as I could wish, has returned to them, after a year's study in our seminary, and again their prospects begin to brighten.

Coilapoorum.—Till recently, our people in this place have been mostly confined to one caste. This shackle is there also giving way. The Chucklers of the village, the lowest of all, have expressed a desire to come. Some seemed to hesitate about receiving them, on account of their great degradation. Among the higher castes there are favorable signs. One person has been with us for some months, and appears well; and others, of other castes, have taken up the subject for formal consideration. In a neighboring village, but under the care of the same catechist, the Carpenters have come

under instruction, together with a few families of Pullers, and are zealous. They offer to do more than half toward erecting a church in their village. I have some hope that they will do well.

Poothoocoolum.—Our people here have been much oppressed by the Zemindar of the village, and the dread of this oppression keeps away some who would otherwise come under our care. Those with us show considerable patience, and this year do more to aid in repairing the church and the catechist's house than they have done at any time before. In another village near, there is an encouraging movement. The Chucklers take the lead in this, though Pullers and Pariahs are concerned. They have given a piece of ground, and with the aid of only three rupees from the mission, for the walls, are building for themselves a church. Some Naicks near by encourage them, and talk of joining themselves, when the church is finished. I mention this only to indicate a feeling that is abroad in the field. They have at least countenanced and encouraged the work.

Canjampetty.—This is only five miles south from Mandahasalie. There is no rapid, open progress in any of the four villages here counted as one. Their catechist has returned from a year's study in the seminary, and is doing well. The small church appears to be in a healthful state, though the members are poor, and all old habits are not entirely or easily overcome at once. Among the higher castes, the elements of change seem to be increasing, and prejudice has been softened. Considerable attention is given to the truth. In villages that are near, three such men have joined with our people, one of whom is influential, and a bold and zealous advocate of the truth. A little farther west is Maravulanggoody, in which four men have joined with us in a manner that is interesting. First one man, a Naick, who was very thoroughly acquainted with the heathen systems, took up the study of Christianity and was convinced. He read, and con-

versed with catechists when he could, and frequently came to the station to converse with pastor Yasardian. After a time he brought with him another, and now there are four who openly profess to receive the truth. They can all read well, and spend much time in searching the Scriptures. They say they will furnish a house, and a place for meeting, and only ask that some one may be sent to instruct them regularly. There are a few others, men of influence among the higher castes, who have recently joined us, and who are going on boldly and very successfully in advocating our cause. Near the four men just mentioned, and the first promoter of the work among them, is the Chuckler I mentioned last year. He perseveres, and is still doing good.

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*BATTALAGUNDU.*

LETTER FROM MR. CHANDLER, AUGUST  
AND SEPTEMBER, 1859.

*A Hopeful Movement.*

MR. CHANDLER is called to speak of sickness in his family, interfering with his labors, of a residence of some months at the sanitarium, and the death of an infant child, August 13. He returned to his station before the close of August, but was soon laid aside for some days by illness. He writes :

I was, however, able to go out eight miles, to a village, and solemnize two marriages, where I met a large number of people, the relatives of some of the principal Christian men in the village, who have for some months been agitating the question of changing their religion for Christianity. They say they have long been convinced of the truth of our religion and the falsehood of their own. But to such an extent are their pecuniary and family interests intertwined with those of the heathen, that they have found it very difficult to break away. Of course, not being spiritual, they do not yet discern things spiritually. A catechist, and some of the church members, have labored assid-

uously to bring them to a decision; and within a few days they have had a large meeting of all in their caste, from several neighboring villages, to discuss the proposed change. They called in a Zemindar, one of the aristocracy of the country, to aid in settling preliminaries. Respecting the result of this meeting, the catechist who was present reports very favorably. The Zemindar offered no objections, but rather encouraged the people to join us if they chose. They appointed another meeting for the next week. The catechist, with much exultation, says: 'Now, after so many years, my prayer is heard.' I would not speak more confidently of this matter at present. My illness, last week, prevented my going to visit the people. I have several times visited one of the villages represented in that meeting, and preached to attentive audiences; and now, if the Spirit of the Lord accompanies the truth, we may hope much good will come out of the movement.

*Meeting of the Mission.*

Mr. Chandler refers to the meeting of the mission in September, at which, he says, he reports from different stations and the native pastors, though indicating no remarkable movement, "brought out many facts of deep interest." Respecting the meeting on Wednesday afternoon he writes :

Mr. Tracy preached the Tamil sermon from the words, "Who is sufficient for these things?" delineating the magnitude of the work in which we are engaged and the necessity of divine aid. Immediately following this was our communion season, at which more than a hundred and fifty natives partook, with us, of the emblems of Christ's broken body and shed blood. It was a precious season. Our regular weekly prayer-meeting occurred in the evening, the interest of which was much increased by the presence of an unusually large number of children, and the baptism of two infants. Mr. Tracy, after some very interesting and appropriate remarks, placed upon little Joseph Herrick, and

little William Chandler, the divinely appointed seal, after which, nearly all the brethren present made brief remarks, chiefly directed to the children. It was a meeting we shall long remember.

The anniversary meeting of the Native Evangelical Society occupied the afternoon of Friday. At this meeting, two native pastors gave their reports, as they now receive no support from the mission, this society furnishing what their own people are unable to give. Several very interesting addresses were made. The whole business of the meeting was conducted by the natives, the President of the Society, Cornelius, showing himself quite competent for his position.

### Satara Mission.—India

LETTER FROM MR. MUNGER, OCTOBER 1, 1859.

#### *Review of Ten Years.*

THE darker as well as the brighter aspects of missionary effort should be presented to the churches. It is well understood, that our brethren at Satara have been called to labor in hope, without being permitted, as yet, to see, in any great measure, the results for which they hope. This "review" is not such a one as might be presented of some other stations; but if the facts should have the effect upon Christian readers which the writer had in view—leading to deeper sympathy for brethren thus tried, and to more earnest prayer—they will not have been presented in vain. Mr. Munger's letter is long, and only portions of it can be given here.

The first decade of years of missionary labor in this city and region has just closed. Previous to the year 1849, missionaries had occasionally visited this place, and labored among the people as they found opportunity. But in those days, the Government exercised a special care to keep the people of this pagan land ignorant of the fact that Christianity is a light which is to be set upon a candlestick, that it may give light unto all who are in the house. Then, the missionaries were cautioned about making

this light too conspicuous; and in some instances they were forbidden to publish that precious name which all heaven adores. But those days are past. There is no restriction laid upon the missionary now, as to the place or time of preaching the glad tidings of redemption by the blood and the cross. Within the period above specified, all kinds of missionary labor have been employed here. Three missionaries of the American Board have labored in the place, but at no time have there been more than two contemporary in this work of the Lord; and some part of the time, only one has been engaged.

#### *Afflictions—Little Fruit of Labor.*

These have been years of toil and of sorrow. Each of these missionaries has had the desire of his eyes taken from him with a stroke; the cherished dust of these dearly loved ones now mingles with the dust of this pagan land; and one has more than once wept at the grave of a sweet babe. It may, then, be truly said, that the precious seed of the Gospel has been sown here in tears. Yea, the tears of the dear departed have often bedewed the lessons of the Savior's love, which they communicated. And though this seed may long lie buried deep, we cannot believe that it will all perish. We will rather believe, that the reapers shall gather, here, many precious sheaves for the garner of the Lord. True, almost all that we witness of the results of our labor, and in the disposition of this blinded people in respect to the Gospel of salvation, is adverse to the expectation that the word of the Lord will at any time have free course and be glorified here. After all the proclamation of the Gospel which has been made by missionaries, who have been preaching almost daily in the city for the last ten years, and by those who, previously, sometimes visited this place; and after all the instruction which has been communicated by means of schools, and the distribution of the Scriptures and Christian tracts, there is scarcely to

be found in this city of thirty-two thousand people, the man or woman or child, who has any proper knowledge of the way of salvation—who has any thing like the amount of right conception respecting sin, and its pardon, which is possessed by the younger children in the Sabbath schools in America. And we have yet to hear of the first person in the city who has truly wept for sin—who has truly known the plague of his own heart.

#### *Times of Interest.*

We have reported times of great religious excitement among this pagan people. There was such a time in 1852, when Krishna was baptized and received into the church. I have repeatedly mentioned what seemed to be interest in the truth, as indicated by the numbers of people who frequented the places of preaching, and who often visited us at our dwellings. Several persons have applied for admission to the church, and some of these gave more or less evidence of being sincere in their professed desire to escape from the wrath of God, by Him who was made sin for us. Repeatedly have our native brethren expressed their conviction of the sincerity of such persons, declaring themselves satisfied with the evidence of their faith and repentance, and urging their admission to the privileges of the church. We have withstood this urgency, and I am sorry to say, that with the exception of a single individual, all these persons have subsequently proved, to the full satisfaction of the brethren who favored their baptism, their unfitness for the sacred relation into which they proposed to come. They were wholly influenced by the hope of worldly gain. The person excepted is still proposing to join himself to the people of God, while we are not well assured as to his fitness or unfitness. Perhaps I should except another—a poor leprous man who, up to the time of his death, professed to trust in the Savior.

#### *Few Hearers of the Word.*

Those who now come to our places of preaching are much less numerous than formerly. We should not much regret this if these fewer persons manifestly came to hear the Word, and were regular in their attendance; but I fear this is not the case. We seldom see the same individuals in our congregations, at the regularly recurring periods of worship, unless they are those who come for some other purpose than that of hearing the glad tidings of the Gospel. It is more frequently the fact, that those who are seen in our assemblies are strangers—persons who have come to the city for business or pleasure. They come into our meetings to hear the singing, to witness our manner of worship, and to see and hear some new thing. The Hindoos generally have no wish to become acquainted with Christianity. It is the religion of foreigners—the religion of a people whom they very much dislike. Their religion is Hindooism, which has blasted and spoiled the whole nature of man. There is no faith; there is no morality.

#### *Prayer Called for.*

In view of the facts here presented, will you not say that we, who are appointed to labor among this people, have need of much faith, much resolution, and much love; that we need a fitness for the work of preaching the Gospel among this pagan people, which only God, by his Holy Spirit, can supply? And do your missionaries in Satara specially need the work of the Spirit of God within their own hearts, and in the hearts of this people, in order that the work of the Lord may have free course and be glorified, even as it is with you? Then do we need to share in the prayers of the people of God—the daily, importunate prayers of those who cry earnestly unto God—“Thy kingdom come.” And yet the facts which we communicate, in regard to the progress of the truth in this land, are so little fitted to gladden the

hearts of Christians, that I very much fear we fail to share so largely as we should in the supplications of the church. We do need the blessings which God bestows. What but answers to prayer can fill our hearts with the love of the Savior, and make us fit instruments for communicating to this pagan people the knowledge of God in Christ? What but answers to prayer can fill us with the comforts of the Holy Ghost, keep us from fainting in the fight, sustain our faith and hope, and thus give us strength and courage for the battles of truth in this land, where the father of lies finds a friend in every mind and heart? What but answers to prayer can prepare a people here for the Lord, and dispose these multitudes of blinded, deluded men, women and children, to consider their ways, to acknowledge their blindness and folly, and to turn to God from idols, to serve the living and true God?

#### *Encouragement to Prayer.*

It may be proper to state here, that at no former time, probably, has there been so much to encourage the people of God to pray for India as now. Never before was there so much prayer offered in behalf of this land, by Christians residing here, as within the present year. Many are pleading with increased earnestness and importunity. In various places there are daily prayer-meetings, sustained by ministers and laymen together, and by laymen apart from the ministry. Faith in the efficacy of prayer, and in the faithfulness of God to grant early answers, has been greatly quickened by the tidings which have come from America, and Wales, and Ireland. And the Lord has put it into the hearts of the brethren of the Presbyterian mission, in the North of India, to appoint an eight days' prayer-meeting, beginning on the second Sabbath in January, 1860. This fact has had much influence, in stirring up minds and hearts to take hold on God; and now there seems, manifestly, a work of preparation for that season of prayer and

praise, going forward in the churches in this land. Oh, if the Holy Spirit will come, and work mightily for the glory of the Savior, then how will all the angels of God, and all the glorified saints, rejoice! And what thanksgiving and praise will the whole people of God upon earth render unto Father, Son, and Spirit. I do earnestly hope, that the churches in America will find themselves stirred up to plead continually, for the reign of their Lord and Savior over all the nations of the earth.

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#### *Nestorian Mission.—Persia.*

##### *OROOMIAH.*

LETTER FROM MR. COCHRAN, SEPTEMBER 30, 1859.

#### *New Station Suggested.*

THE statements in this letter respecting the ordination of a young man, the marriage of Mar Yohanan, and the readiness with which this people admit these and like innovations upon their former customs, are encouraging. Old things are passing away. Mr. Cochran first speaks, however, of a visit to villages on the northern portion of the plain of Oroomiah, twenty five or thirty miles from the city, and says:

There is a manifest and encouraging growth of the work there, under direction of the five helpers now employed. In each of the villages where these helpers reside, respectable and reliable congregations have been gathered, and, in all, between thirty and forty individuals have been received to our communion. To meet these little groups, and to hold sweet counsel with them, is one of the richest privileges we enjoy. But I have alluded to this section in order to commend it to your notice as an eligible locality for a new missionary, after our indispensable wants at the city and Seir have been supplied. This has been long contemplated by us. It was always most zealously urged by our departed brother Stocking, and more especially in his later years, when he felt his vigorous frame giving way under the severities of his itinerancy in that region.

Mr. Cochran proceeds to speak of considerations in favor of this as a new station, or place of residence, which he says are many, and then refers to "the derelictions of two prominent helpers, from whom better things had been expected." Having left their work in the service of the mission, they had become involved in debt, and "left a few days since, for a begging expedition in Russia, and perhaps in Central Europe." He then turns to incidents of a more pleasant character.

#### *Ordination—Marriage of Mar Yohanan.*

Yohanan, one of our ablest and most promising young men, has recently been ordained as an evangelist, according to apostolic forms. He is to be located at Amadia, and being a Turkish subject, there could be no Governmental objection to his receiving ordination from us. It was accordingly arranged that Mar Elia, provided he should be willing to dispense with the usual mummeries and readings in a dead language, and join in a simple Gospel ordination, should be invited to participate with us on the occasion. The good old man gave a hearty assent to the arrangement, saying: "Now you are doing well; I knew you would come to this." A few natives were invited, including Dea. Isaac, Mar Yohanan and several Priests, and an impressive and we trust profitable occasion was enjoyed.

Mar Yohanan, pleading the example of Luther and the Apostles, has abandoned his vows of celibacy, and was married a few weeks since. The step was one of his own choosing, and made in the face of many threats, as well as imputations of unworthy motives. But he bids fair to survive the shock—the excitement, in fact, being much less than was apprehended—and we may hope that, in obedience to natural and revealed laws, he will become a happier and more useful man. The Evangelicals almost universally approve of his course, and regard his marriage as one of the heaviest blows the old hierarchy here has received.

#### *Innovations Received Quietly.*

The comparative quiet affords another

illustration of the indifference with which the masses hold to their old ways. We have many such. For years they have endured, almost in silence, the proselytism of whole villages to the Romish church. Multitudes, under our instruction, have violated their fasts—their household gods, as they are not inaptly denominated—and yet, after a strife of a few days or occasions, the point has been yielded. Recently, hundreds have been drawn off to our communion, virtually leaving the old church with its essential ordinances, and yet no excitement has been occasioned. And now their Bishop, whose hand they have so devoutly kissed, and in whose celibate sanctity many have heartily trusted, has, in their view, apostatized; and yet this too, with a few remonstrances, will be given up, and a calm will follow, the interlude only to some more important reformation. Nor are we to suppose they are duped by these gradual innovations. The thinking portion understand, quite well, the goal to which all these things are tending. *They have stoically resolved to submit to the inevitable destiny.*

The usual communion season occurred at the city the present month, and with its accustomed interest. The season at Seir has been postponed a few weeks, to wait the assembling of the seminary pupils. Notwithstanding a bountiful harvest, prices still continue three or four-fold higher than they were a few years ago. Our helpers, in their embarrassments, have generally resorted to a limited amount of husbandry, or to some petty traffic, to help supply the deficiency in their support. To many, who are stationed in small villages, and over small congregations, where only partial employment can be found, this resort will always be unavoidable. But it will prove a snare to some, and it certainly ought to be avoided by those who find full employment in the ministry. An increase of wages seems at present inevitable, if we would retain many of our helpers.

## Assyria Mission.—Turkey.

## MOSUL.

LETTER FROM MR. MARSH, OCTOBER  
15, 1859.

*Death of Maphrian Behnan.*

IN this letter, Mr. Marsh first gives a full account of the sickness, death, and funeral rites, of the Jacobite Archbishop, whose vacillating course has been so often referred to in communications from this mission. At times, he has awakened much hope that he would fully embrace and preach the truth; but in his last sickness, Mr. Marsh was "pained to find that he was altogether bent upon care for his body," instead of being ready to give "dying testimony to the truth which he secretly professed." Our brother remarks:

The recent sympathy of Maphrian Behnan with us and our doctrine was so well known, that many rejoiced in his death, as the removal of an enemy to their church. Others thought he would be saved, because he preached, to such an extent, Protestant doctrines. He did, at times, seem almost ready to preach the entire truth. After the [funeral] services, some were eager to know my opinion as to his present state. I told them, that as he secretly professed to be with us, I feared he must be regarded as a hypocrite. One prominent Jacobite replied, that he was so covetous as to render his fate pretty certain. In fact, the Jacobites in Mosul, with a lingering unwillingness to cast off their superstitions, yet generally acknowledge their worthlessness, and even pride themselves upon being so much more Protestant and Biblical than the Papists. Their treatment of me, now, is in singular contrast with their attitude ten years ago; and more like their relations to Dr. Grant, Mr. Hinsdale, and Mr. Laurie. A great work of enlightenment as to Biblical truth has gone on, year by year, and it only needs the descent of the Spirit to break up forever the sway of weakened superstitions.

*Disturbed Condition of Eastern Turkey.*

The state of this part of the Turkish Empire is more discouraging than I have ever known it before. The Aneza Arabs, (who belong in the region of Palmyra and Damascus,) after plundering the villages about Oorfa, Severeck, and Mardin, and plundering two Shammar Arab tribes near Jezirah, during last week fell, like locusts, upon the villages of Mosul. The Pasha is nearly powerless, within and without the walls. The camel-route to Aleppo is cut off. The wheat, and copper utensils, and carpets, and flocks, from the plundered and burnt villages, are sold by the Aneza to the Yezidees of Sinjar mountain, who have been in rebellion for several years. Omar Pasha has crushed a part of the Hamawend, (Rebel Koords,) on the frontiers of Persia, and pays five hundred piasters for a dead Hamawend, and one thousand for a live one. He has literally shod men, like horses, and paraded them in the streets of Solimanizeh, and afterwards shot them. A large branch of the Aneza Arabs are threatening the villages of Hillah and Bagdad; and at last, Omar Pasha has suddenly left the Persian frontier, and levying the Tye and Shammar Arabs, is said to have crossed the Tigris, between Mosul and Bagdad. After doing us great harm, the Aneza have drawn off towards Sinjar, in Middle Mesopotamia.

In the city, robberies and house-breakings are frequent. Armed bands walk the streets at night, and defy the police. A police officer was recently shot, and died of his wounds. The price of wheat is four times as high as last year, and fifteen times as high as I have sometimes known it. Last week it was almost impossible to get it at any price. Several times, robbers have descended into private houses and demanded a supply of wheat on pain of instant death. The wheat has been given, and then they threatened certain death in case they were made known. An insurrection was

threatened, and much feared, last week. This week affairs are mending; violence is not so common, and wheat is growing more abundant. The whole occasion of these distresses is mismanagement on the part of the Turkish authorities, who seem mighty for oppression, and impotent to protect.

In Jezirah district, the Shammar Arabs have just plundered two flocks of sheep, from the village of our friends at Naherwan. At Mar Aha, Shemmas Ishak was compelled, by two rebel Koordish chiefs, to pay fifty piasters, and his uncle, priest Gabriel, to pay six hundred. The Government neither protects nor secures redress. Priest Gabriel has since died, and the Protestant cause in Jezirah district, among the Nestorians, is steadily gaining ground.

#### *The Missionary Work.*

The work among the Protestants, and others at Mosul, is discouraging, but not hopeless. We have nineteen church members. S. Ishak, and the Bishop of Bootan also, are in communion with us. Our audiences average from forty to fifty adults, or from sixty to seventy in all; and considering that four members of our church are absent in Jezirah, Mardin and Diarbekir, our work shows, evidently, a steady, though very slow growth. Over two hundred scholars are being taught in our schools, and the labor is not lost. Many Jacobites talk of joining us; but we need, distressingly, the mighty work of the Spirit of God.

We miss the dead, and we beg of you to join with us in earnest prayers for the descent of God's Spirit. If you do not intend to abandon this field, (which may God forbid,) at least two missionaries ought to be sent out at once.

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*Southern Armenian Mission.—Turkey.*

*AINTAB.*

LETTER FROM MR. COFFING, OCTOBER 20, 1859.

THIS letter, though written for the Herald, should, perhaps, be published in the Day-VOL. LVI.

spring, were it not quite too long for that little paper. It has special interest for those connected with Sabbath schools, but will be felt by all to be a valuable contribution to the missionary literature of the day, presenting an aspect of the Protestant movement at Aintab somewhat new to most readers, and not less pleasing than new.

#### *The Aintab Sabbath School.*

It has occurred to me, that many readers of the Missionary Herald would be glad to see a detailed account of our Sabbath school in Aintab; especially as it presents some features not usually met with in Sabbath schools in America, and promises to do much for the evangelization of this city and the surrounding region.

For several years there had been a Sabbath school here, with an average attendance of about one hundred and fifty; but about the first of December, 1858, an effort was made to increase its numbers and usefulness. The school was reorganized, and its superintendence assumed by one of the missionaries and his wife, together with the native brother who had been its superintendent for a year or two before. It was believed that the school could be made a means of putting into exercise the pious talent of the church, and of reaching various classes in the community and city, to an extent not heretofore experienced; and the result, thus far, has been more than we dared to hope for.

The school has increased until the number of members has become one of its most striking features. So far as I know, it is now one of the largest Sabbath schools in the world. Since the first of February last—about two months after it was reorganized—the average attendance has been more than nine hundred! and on not a few Sabbaths, more than one thousand have been present, participating in its lessons! Nor have its numbers yet reached their limit. By proper effort, we believe it practicable to increase the attendance, before very long, to twelve or fifteen hundred souls.

*Who Compose it.*

Another striking feature of the school is the variety of materials of which it is composed. The pupils are divided mainly into three departments.

1. *The children and youth who are able to read in the Bible*; such as compose the body of Sabbath schools in America. Of these there are about four hundred and fifty. But as people marry young here, there are found, in this department, not a few who are married. These all have the same Scripture lesson. The younger portion of them commit it to memory, and recite it to their teachers, after which, by means of questions and explanations, they are made to understand it. The teachers themselves are the better prepared for this work by means of teachers' meetings—which they nearly all attend—where they hear the lesson explained by the missionaries, and take notes for use on the coming Sabbath.

2. *Adults who cannot read.* These are mostly elderly persons, both male and female. Their ages are from forty or forty-five to *ninety* years. Their average attendance at the school, for the last nine months, has been one hundred and fifty; one-half, or more of them, being women. They are divided into classes of twenty or twenty-five each, and are taught by the deacons of the church, and by some members of the class now under theological instruction in Aintab; who explain the Scriptures to them in an easy, familiar way, while they listen with the deepest interest. Such remarks as these are often heard from them: "This is better to us than a sermon." "It is plain." "We understand it all." "It is sweet to us." We trust the truth, thus familiarly and plainly taught, may yet lead many of these ignorant and aged ones to the Savior, before their lamp of life expires.

3. *Little children who cannot read.* These are gathered into rooms—or rather into *holes*, outside of the church, and

taught after the manner of infant classes in America. When we first proposed to start an infant class, we thought perhaps one hundred of these little ones might be gathered into it. But one hundred soon came—then one hundred and fifty—two hundred—two hundred and fifty—three hundred and fifty—and more! And now the number is limited only from want of room. The *holes* will hold no more. Should some good friend of missions and of little children, who reads this letter, be kind enough to send us aid, to purchase a spot by the side of our church and erect on it suitable rooms for these classes, we promise him, with the blessing of the Lord upon our labors, to have, within one year, five hundred such little ones gathered into them, singing our Savior's praises, every Sabbath, in Turkish!

These little ones spend a part of the hour in singing, and a part in catechetical exercises, translated for them from week to week, and adapted to their comprehension. The facility with which they sing and answer questions is astonishing, and often not a little edifying to their parents and others, who gather around to hear. Were it not that we have often to clear the doors and windows, to let in air for the children, these little singers would have not less than a hundred attentive hearers every Sabbath, many of whom, probably, never listened to a Protestant sermon, and some of whom are Mussulmans, and the children of Mussulmans. We have had to give way to the pressure, in this respect, and consent to let the children have a general exercise in singing and answering questions, once a month, in the body of the church, where all can see and hear them.

4. *Brides.* Besides these three departments, there are some classes of young married women, both Protestant and non-Protestant, who are taught by some of the best instructed female members of the church; because either they, or their friends, are not yet sufficiently freed from the influence of that custom

of the Armenians which enjoins silence, and a veiled face, especially in the presence of men, upon a bride, for a long time after she is married, to permit them willingly to be taught, at present, by any except persons of their own sex.

Thus to every class of persons the Gospel is preached, in language adapted to their comprehension. Children, parents, grand-parents, and great-grand-parents, to the number of nearly a thousand, all sitting together, as it were at the feet of Jesus, and learning of him—all studying together the same Bible! The sight is a very interesting and impressive one, and one which, before coming abroad, I never expected to behold on missionary ground.

#### *Happy Effects of this Movement.*

1. *It has raised into notice quite an army of little folks*—and is blessing them, and making them an element for good—many of whom were before considered an annoyance rather than otherwise, and for whose immediate good, little or no thought was taken. But now, every Sabbath, their hearts are filled with thoughts of Christ and heaven, and they go home to repeat these thoughts, during the week, in a way which is exerting a great influence on their parents and friends.

2. *It has introduced Juvenile singing into this region.* And if this ever ceases again, in this part of the world, it is not likely to be the fault of the children. It is the instrument they delight to use, to make themselves and their friends happy. Every day, their homes are made to resound with their songs—“Happy land;” “I want to be an angel;” “Jesus, tender Shepherd, hear us;” “Joyfully, joyfully, onward we move;” “We’ll not give up the Bible;” and others of the same kind, which have recently been translated into Turkish. Their neighbors’ children hear them, and want to come to the Sabbath school. They sing them in the streets; and Mussulmans often stand and listen to

them, and Moslem children learn them. When we visit a family, the children of that quarter collect around us to sing, and their parents to hear; and this often gives us an opportunity to preach the Gospel to many not Protestants, in a very pleasant way.

These hymns have reached the common schools, and threaten pretty much to banish the rod. These schools now seem to the children like new places. The number in them has greatly increased on account of the singing; and more than half that attend them are not the children of Protestants. This disposition to sing seems contagious. It has communicated itself to places outside of Aintab; so that now, at Killis, Orool, Birijik, Marash and other places, there are infant classes singing these little hymns. The talent among these children for singing seems universal. Among the three hundred and fifty children, now in the infant classes in Aintab, I have as yet discovered scarcely one who, after trying a few Sabbaths, cannot follow the tunes of these little hymns. I think they have, in general, more natural talent for music than American children. This impulse to sing has awakened the genius of native poets. One of these—an old man nearly blind—has eulogized, in Homeric strains, the principal actors in the school; while others, not aspiring so high, but confining their muse to a more legitimate purpose, have produced some little hymns for the children, of which they need not be ashamed.

3. *It has done much, among other causes, to increase the attendance at church.* The study of God’s Word in the Sabbath school has awakened a desire on the part of many to hear it preached, such as they never felt before. Since the Sabbath school has thus filled up, the attendance at church has been nearly three hundred more than it was before. And this increase has been mostly of women; the number of whom, at the noon service, is now nearly equal to that of the men.

4. *It has compelled the Armenians to start a Sabbath school in their own church,* in order to keep their people away from ours. Their school is superintended, and mainly taught, by an excommunicated member of our church. They try to pattern it after ours; but as they pervert the truth to the support of their own errors, and do not teach it in its simplicity to the children, this effort to retain their own people has not been very successful. There are not less than two hundred and fifty persons in our school, large and small, who are not Protestants. Many think it no harm to come and study the Scriptures with us, who are not yet willing to listen to a sermon in our church. But the Armenian teachers are compelled to open the Scriptures more or less, in their own school, and we hope that some good may result from their thus preaching Christ, *out of self-defence.*

5. *It gives employment to the pious talent of the church,* in a most useful way. There are more than sixty teachers here now—twenty of them females—who feel that they are not living for themselves, but for the highest good of souls immediately around them. And this active expression of their love for every class in the community is not only increasing their own growth and enjoyment in the divine life, but is making an impression upon all classes respecting true Christianity, such as was never felt here before.

#### *The Work Pleasant.*

We find it a pleasant and useful work to instruct these persons in teachers' meetings. One cannot resist the impression that he is preaching to a large audience; for the explanations given in these meetings are not only used in the Sabbath school in Aintab, but they go to the out-stations, and other places around, and are used in the Sabbath schools there, and by the native helpers, in their discourses. As there are yet no commentaries on the Scriptures in Turkish,

except on the Gospel of Matthew, these explanations are prized in a way scarcely to be conceived of in America. The church and community here seem ripe for a development of this kind. It has been brought about by no forced means, by no attraction of picture-books and papers. The Bible is the only book. But this is studied with a zeal and earnestness which it would do the friends of missions in America good to behold. We believe that these infant songs of praise to Jesus, and this systematic employment, by means of Sabbath schools, of the pious talent of the churches already organized here, is to make an onward step in the progress of true Christianity in this part of Turkey. May the Lord speedily bless these means to the salvation of many souls.

Yesterday, our Sabbath school children had their first celebration, or jubilee. They marched out of town in procession, and spent the afternoon on the green banks of the creek, above Aintab. Hymns were sung, addresses made, and apples, cakes, &c. distributed to the children, five hundred and sixty of whom were present, with seven hundred lookers-on. Among the latter were the Governor of the city, and other Mussulmans. It was a great day for the little ones, and, indeed, for all. They had never seen any thing like it before.

In a letter to the Treasurer, written three weeks after the foregoing, (November 10,) Mr. Coffing says: "I thank you for the little volume of infant hymns, which I suppose you sent me. Some of them are already turned into Turkish. We have found a little more room for our infant class, and the number in it is now swollen to 400!—last Sabbath it was 418. The members of Baron Alexander's school had their first exhibition yesterday, and 60 of these little ones sang, after one of the addresses. The whole number in our Sabbath school last Sabbath was 1,085." Miss Proctor, sent as a teacher for a female boarding-school, reached Aintab November 5, Mr. Coffing says: "She will find plenty of material here to operate upon. Many will wish to enter her school who cannot be received."

Northern Armenian Mission.—Turkey.  
NICOMEDIA.

LETTER FROM MR. GREENE, NOVEMBER  
7, 1859.

MR. GREENE, associated with Mr. Parsons in the Baghchejuk field, resides at Nicomedia. In this letter he gives a full account of a tour which he made in September, in company with Mr. Trowbridge, through the whole eastern portion of that extensive field. A few extracts only can find a place in the crowded pages of the Herald.

In Koordbeleng, which "occupies a magnificent position, near the summit of a lofty ridge of hills, and contains a population of four thousand Armenians," they found a great change had occurred. "Mr. Parsons was driven away by a mob only one year and a half ago; now, there are three or four brethren, avowed Protestants, and entirely unmolested." "Our helper assured us, that he could enter the coffee-shops and preach the Gospel without fear, whenever he pleased."

*Turkman—Eagerness to Hear the Scriptures.*

The first Sabbath was spent at Turkman, about seventy miles from Nicomedia, a town of forty Turkish, three hundred Armenian, and thirty Papal Armenian houses. The people were very friendly, and eager to hear the reading of the Scriptures. Indeed, the whole day was spent in reading and explaining the Word of God. Mr. Greene writes:

One of the men to whom, for a little while, we loaned a Bible, after two hours brought it back, saying that twenty men had been reading it during the whole time; that he would buy it at once if he could read; and that, if others would contribute, he would yet purchase it. Such eagerness for the Bible I never saw before. Men who pleaded that they had not money wherewith to buy, would kiss the book, press it to their bosoms, and in many other ways exhibit their affection for it. It is a most blessed thing, in efforts for the good of the Armenian people, that with them all, and on any subject, the Bible can be appealed to as a final authority. Show them Pilgrim's Progress, Doddridge's

Rise and Progress, or any other book, and they care comparatively little about it; but read or speak of the Bible, and they are attentive and respectful. They seem to have an inborn reverence for the Scriptures, which no infidel theories or doubts have ever disturbed. Yet, for their actual conversion, the influence of God's Spirit is as much needed as in the case of a proud, unbelieving Turk.

*Geol-Dagh—Teacher Wanted.*

Geol-Dagh, (to which place we proceeded on Monday,) as well as Turkman, contains a house for guests, which we found very comfortable. As soon as we were rested, our room was filled with quite a crowd of men and boys. The men said that, last year, the native preacher of Bilijik spent a week with them, and that, this year, they had been visited by one of our colporters; yet they complained that though they had sent a letter to Mr. Parsons, signed by twenty names, and asking for a teacher, they had received no answer. We explained, that we were not satisfied with their *motives*; that we feared quarrels with their brethren had occasioned the letter; but that if they really loved the truth, and desired a teacher for the truth's sake, one might be sent. They replied, that the twenty men who sent the letter had separated from the old communion, and did not now visit the church, though they sent their children to the school. We made no definite promises, for, indeed, how *could* we, with the fact of the Board's debt so often in our minds and on our tongues. Yet we assured them that they should not be forgotten. Would to God that they might truly receive the Gospel! But "how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?"

*Mooratchai—Means Wanted.*

At the distance of three hours, either from Turkman or Geol-Dagh, is another

Armenian town, of about the same size, called Mooratchai. We did not visit this town, but learned, from many persons, that the people are in about the same state of mind with reference to the Gospel as at Geol-Dagh. What we now wish to do, and what the circumstances of the case seem to require, is to send one native brother to labor for these three towns. Together they have a population of eight or nine thousand. In a wonderful way the Lord has opened the door, and bids us go in and possess the land. We could only promise that they should not be forgotten: but how shall they be remembered? Let the dear churches of Christ in America answer! To maintain a native laborer in this region, for one year, will not cost more than two hundred and fifty dollars. Shall we not have the money? This is a step *forward* which the Lord seems to require us to take. Oh, how shall we go back?

#### *Bilijik.*

The next day, after a very cold, wet ride, through a very broken region of country, we reached Bilijik, a large city of over ten thousand inhabitants, of whom a little more than half are Turks. Two years ago, a church was organized in this city, consisting of five members. This number has since nearly doubled. Baron Mugurdich, formerly pastor at Rodosto, is the preacher. He always preaches in Turkish, for even the Armenians in this region know no other language. The congregation numbers between thirty and forty. Baron Hohannes, the teacher, recently had a school of forty, but owing to the unfavorable place for a school-room, the attendance has considerably diminished. One of the greatest difficulties in carrying forward the work here, is the want of a suitable place for meetings and for a school. Houses are difficult to be found and rents are high. Yet, with some difficulties, many circumstances are unusually favorable. The Armenians of the old communion are very friendly and many are

enlightened. The preacher can visit the coffee-shops, talk without any opposition, and be heard with attention. This is said in few words, but it comprehends what has not been gained in some places until after years of conflict. During our stay at Bilijik, we were enabled to hold several meetings with the brethren, and to visit some of them at their houses.

Mr. Greene next refers to Seuyut, a Greek town, near which occurred the persecution of a Greek priest mentioned in the Herald for July last, and where the opposition was then most bitter. He now says: "A change has come about. Our brethren have again visited the place, have been received kindly, and listened to with attention. Recently the news has come, that a number of the people have embraced the truth. What but the Spirit of God can account for such sudden revolutions in the minds of men!"

#### *Nice and Vicinity—Appeal.*

After visiting Kutahya and Yenishir, in both which places they saw promising indications, the brethren passed to Nice, and Mr. Greene says:

The Lake of Nice is a very beautiful sheet of water, entirely surrounded by mountains. Near its shores are seven Armenian towns, with a total population, as nearly as we can calculate, of twenty-five thousand. Five of these towns we visited. In one of them, Keremet, we found a Protestant Bible, which had apparently been read by all the town; for all the people seemed familiar with it. The owner of the Bible was an intelligent appearing man, with whom we had some religious conversation, and who invited us to visit them again.

Various incidents connected with their visit, and facts which came to their knowledge, are spoken of, and then our brother writes:

With regard to these large and interesting towns in the district of Nice, the anxious inquiry of our hearts is: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Shall these twenty-five thousand souls longer be left without a religious teacher? It may be difficult for a native helper to obtain a house in this region, where he

can preach Christ and from which he can go forth to talk and labor with the people, yet it does seem that God requires us to see what can be done. But will the Prudential Committee make any appropriation for the support of an additional laborer? Rather, will the churches of Christ in America furnish the means, from which such an appropriation can be made? Brethren, will not the money be well expended? Is it not an expenditure for which the Master calls? And have you any right to withhold property which belongs to him, when he calls for it and when his service demands it? Let each disciple of Jesus answer for himself!

At the close of his letter, speaking with reference to the whole Baghchejuk field, Mr. Greene says:

Two additional native laborers are indispensable for the further successful prosecution of the Lord's work here. The door of entrance for doing this work, *stands open* in many places. We are invited, we are urged, by many a Macedonian cry, and by the voice of God's providence, to enter in and reap

these harvest fields. It will be difficult to find needed native laborers of the right character, but they can be found if we can have the means to sustain them. Sad are our hearts, that we consented to reduce our estimates for the coming year; and sadder still will they be, if it becomes necessary to make a farther reduction.

Though we are both surprised and thankful to find that so much truth has been lodged in the minds of the people, yet we are compelled to cry out: Men and brethren, pray for us! Pray that the power of the Holy Ghost may be experienced, convicting and converting these dying souls. Multitudes, all over this field, are convinced of their duty, but will not come to Jesus that they might have life. Even with those who have long been avowed Protestants, and with many members of our churches, religion is more a thing of doctrine than of life. They are all orthodox, there is not a heretic to be found, but religion seems not to take strong hold of their hearts. Money we need, and more laborers; but above all else, we need an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

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### Miscellany.

#### ASAAD ESH SHIDIAK.

SOMETHING more than thirty years ago, the Missionary Herald made frequent mention of the Shidiak family, in Syria, and especially of Asaad; of his reception of and firm adherence to the truth; of the persecutions he endured and the fearful sufferings to which he was called for Christ's sake—imprisoned, chained, and often unmercifully beaten; and finally, of the painful uncertainty hanging around his fate, the sad conclusion being forced upon the minds of the missionaries, that he must have died in the hands of his unrelenting tormentors, worn out by cruelty. The following communication from Mr. Jessup, dated October 26, 1859, and doing something, after so long a time, to clear up the mystery, will be read with much, though painful interest, by those who remember the earlier history of the case; a pretty full account of which, up to that

time, may be found in the Herald for 1827, pages 129—136, and 169—177.

The friends of missions in America will doubtless be not a little interested in the following account, containing, as it does, particulars hitherto unknown, with regard to the last days and the death of Asaad esh Shidiak, the first martyr to the cause of truth in Syria, since the establishment of modern missions. The facts have been obtained by Antonio Yanni, our native brother in Tripoli, from the fanatical Papal priests of Ehden. It may seem strange that he was able to obtain these statements from such bitter enemies of the Gospel, but their bitterness towards the truth was one thing which led them to glory in narrating the part which they enacted in that infamous tragedy. Thus, after about thirty years, during which all efforts to obtain the particulars have failed, the very men who were chief actors in that scene are

disposed to narrate, not only the facts, but almost the very words uttered by that suffering man of God. Thus does God make the wrath of man to praise him.

Yanni spends his summers in Ehden, collecting money which he loans to the Maronite priests and people. They receive him and his family in their village, though we can hardly spend a night there with safety. The priests often congregate in his house, to talk over the news, and even to discuss matters of religion; and it was on such an occasion that Yanni, in a quiet way, opened the subject of the imprisonment and death of Asaad. What follows is Yanni's record, which I have translated literally, from the Arabic.

“In Ehden, August, 1859. There were present at my house the following persons,—priest Abdullah ed Dwyhee, priest Michael Yemmeen, Tannoos esh Shidiak ed Dwyhee, Butros Ishoc M'owwod, and Romanos ibn priest Giorgius Yemmeen,—all of Ehden. I asked about Asaad esh Shidiak; and priest Abdullah ed Dwyhee said: Asaad esh Shidiak was my teacher in Syriac. He was a man of great eloquence, and a distinguished teacher. When he first entertained views at variance with our Catholic church, the Patriarch, Yusef Ha-baish, brought him by guide to his convent, to save him from the hand of the *Biblis-cheeyeen*, [the Maronite term for Bible-men, or Protestants,] in Beirut. At first he argued with him, and Asaad answered with all firmness, and with strong proofs from the Scriptures, according to the interpretation of his own fanaticism and the crookedness of his words. Afterwards the Patriarch sent for the Bishops to come and talk with him, and asked them what they thought of him; and Asaad remained fixed in his way. Then the Patriarch flattered him, and made him the promise of presents and gifts; but Asaad did not accept any of these. Then the Patriarch sent a command through all his district, and summoned all the teachers and learned men to dispute with Asaad, and I went among them, and addressed him thus: ‘O Asaad, you are my teacher. Why has Satan made you thus to err, so that you have reached this fanaticism and heresy? Why do you thus reject the doctrine of our holy church, which cannot be deceived nor deceive, and whose head is our lord the Pope, who has the keys and is infallible? Where are your father and mother, who died in this faith? Where are the people and saints who died in this belief? Are they all lost?’ Then Asaad replied: ‘I do not lie, nor do I speak contrary to the Holy Scriptures, but I wish all men to study the Bible, and leave all the inventions of men. As to what you say of the saints, and others who died in your belief, I know nothing of them, nor has Christ given me information on the subject, nor his apostles. But I

know, from the holy Bible, what Christ said: He who loveth me, him will my Father love, and we will make our abode with him, and, whoso loveth me not, him will my Father judge. The Christian will walk in the way of Christ, and all know that the violation of God's law ruins both the soul and body in hell.’ Thus far the testimony of priest Abdullah ed Dwyhee.

“After this, the same persons being present as above, Tannoos esh Shidiak ed Dwyhee spoke as follows: I knew Asaad esh Shidiak very well. I discussed with him on spiritual things, and in some questions was benefited by him. I had pity on him, and carried food to him by stealth. At one time, when certain ecclesiastical robes came from Rome for the Patriarch, and they had placed them in the church to consecrate them, I was present with Butros Ishoc M'owwod. They went through the processions and prayers, and Asaad entered with them; but when the crowd increased Asaad fled, and they say that a horseman of the Bible-men was waiting outside, and aided him to escape. At midnight, the Patriarch and the rest thought of Asaad, but could not find him. Horsemen were sent out, and letters written to all the Emirs; and a horseman of Emir Abdullah Guzeer found Asaad in that vicinity. They bound him, and brought him to the convent of Cannobeen. When he arrived the Patriarch ordered him to be beaten, and cursed all who did not beat him. Then I arose, with Butros Ishoc M'owwod, and esh Shidiak Michael, (now a priest,) and we beat him enough to have killed him; but he did not die. We broke several green sticks upon him; yet he bore all this patiently, and did not speak a bad word. This forbearance was from the Satan dwelling in him. He imitated St. Stephen, saying, ‘Lord Jesus, lay not this sin to their charge;’ and this, as though he was a devil incarnate. After this he escaped a little ways; but certain persons outside of the convent saw him, and asked him, ‘Whither are you going?’ He said, ‘I am running away,’ and they brought him back. They then put him in prison; and with even all this, the accursed fellow did not tell a lie. After this they put him in a *cave*, and built a wall half a fathom high, and put a chain on his neck, and forbade men from his society, excepting the learned; these had permission to converse with him. He had, daily, two small loaves of convent bread. He could not go out, even for the necessities of nature. Then they thought that he was writing letters to the Bible-men, and took away all his pens and ink, leaving only his bedding and his books, among which was his Bible. At length he asked of the steward a cup of vinegar, and he had pity on him and gave it to him. Asaad then took a nail, and put it in the vinegar

until it rusted, and commenced writing with it, on his condition. We do not know whether he sent any of his writings to the Bible men. They say that a man came in the disguise of a beggar, asked Asaad about his condition, and took and brought letters. But afterwards, some of the priests saw Asaad writing with the nail and took away the vinegar, and forbade the steward from giving him more. Then Asaad took a needle, and wrote with thread, on his bedquilt, all the story of his imprisonment. This cloth is still in possession of the Patriarch, and all the Maronite people have seen it. Some of the priests, who were friends to Asaad, used to come to him and say: 'Oh Asaad, just say that you are a Maronite and you can go free.' But the obstinate fellow would not lie. He had this *peculiar custom*, that he would never tell a lie. After this they brought the crucifix and coals of fire, and beat him, saying: 'Either kiss the crucifix or the fire;' and he *kissed the fire*, but would not kiss the crucifix. But he raised the crucifix up over his head, saying: 'I honor the One who was crucified on the cross.'

"The death of Asaad was from the filth which accumulated around him in the cave, and from the meagerness of his diet. After his death, they drew him out by his feet, like a dog, and threw him in the valley of Cannoben. Some say that they buried him in the valley, and some that they threw stones upon him until there was a hill above him, and some that they put him in a cave in the same valley; and the Patriarch made an ecclesiastical order that none should point out his grave.

"After some days there came to Cannoben certain English Bible-men, and the people lied to them, and took them to a place where he was *not* buried, and the Bible-men wrote above the place: 'Thus die the righteous.'

Then follows the statement of a monk from Deir Mar Sarkees, Ehden: "I was once at the Patriarch's when Asaad was in prison, and a priest, from the convent of Mar Abdael Mashemmar came and said to the Patriarch, 'Send me to this man in error, that I may convert him.' The Patriarch said, 'Do not boast yourself in your long beard, for many learned men have gone to discuss with him, and have profited nothing; how then can you, you father of a long beard?' Then the Kosees went with Simon the steward, and I was with him. [This Simon, of Sirail, who was once the servant of the French consul in Tripoli, and then served the Patriarch, is now with Bishop Boolus *ez* Zawish, of Tripoli.] The Kosees disputed with Asaad, but had no success. He feared to return to the Patriarch, ashamed of his failure, so he beat Asaad twice, and kicked him twice; and the steward gave him a fearful beating. But Asaad did not utter a word; he only put his head on his hand, and wept a long time."

The above are the statements which Yanni heard and recorded. They have a melancholy interest, even at this day. The history of Asaad esh Shidiak is constantly inquired for by the Maronites of Mount Lebanon. A Moslem Effendi, of Tripoli, recently remarked to me in a discussion: "I have heard of your kind of Christianity before. Years ago there was a great master here, with whom the Moslems could not cope in argument, and he was afterwards put to death by the Maronite Patriarch. His name was Asaad esh Shidiak."

The good influence of his pious conduct, and noble adherence to the truth, is not yet lost; and we trust that the dark fastnesses of Papal Lebanon will yet be shaken with the voice of multitudes, awakened to inquiry by the story of his martyrdom, and asking, "What shall I do to be saved?"

## American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

### Recent Intelligence.

**NORTHERN ARMENIANS.**—A letter from Mr. Herrick, who sailed from Boston, October 11, announces his arrival at Constantinople early in the morning of December 2.

Mr. Dodd, of Smyrna, in a letter dated October 20, speaks of having just returned from a visit to Thyatira, where he found the church in a sad state of dissension and alienation. As a consequence, "all was coldness, and every thing seemed gone to ruin in the church." He writes:

Knowing, beforehand, something of the

state of things, we had thought it best that the most experienced and reliable of our church members at Smyrna should accompany me, and I found him a most valuable counsellor and helper. For the first three or four days, (which we spent in going from house to house among the church members, and investigating the matter,) things seemed to grow worse and worse. I was with them ten days and preached ten times. After the fourth, every day gave evidence of deeper feeling, more tenderness, more attention to their own sins and less to those of their brethren, more humility, forgiveness and love. The deacon, especially for the last three days, grew every day more broken-hearted and tearful, till the last day, when his eyes were red all the day long. The last day, we had

the Lord's supper, and a molting season it was. The Spirit assisted me to speak to them as he only can, and I believe they solemnly and heartily renewed their broken vows to each other and to the Lord.

Soon after my return we became aware that there was a similar state of things in the church here. No one could see any thing but his brother's faults, nor speak of any thing but what a temper such a one had, and what harm he was doing to the church, and what wicked words he had used. Meanwhile, a few praying ones were mourning in secret, as we afterwards learned. You can imagine what sadness of heart such things, in our *best men*, give us. Wearied and exhausted with the work of settlement in Thyatira, I shrunk from undertaking another; but I roused myself and went out among the brethren, and soon had reason to believe that the Spirit of God had gone before me. Though bitter against each other, their consciences were uneasy, and it needed but little to bring them to look away from others' sins to their own. To-day they have been to each other with tears, asking pardon, and we may hope to see better things.

Two things appear from these cases; first, what you already know as well as we, that our church members are as children; and second, that these are true churches of our Lord Jesus, washed and sanctified. Whatever doubts we might have had, their conduct in these circumstances would alone have been sufficient to remove these doubts. Even before they were humbled, we could see that they had no peace of conscience, no rest, such as the world has in sin; but when brought to repentance, what carefulness it wrought, in them, what clearing of themselves, what fear, what vehement desire, what love to each other and to us. Yes! they are brethren in Christ, and we rejoice and will rejoice.

Mr. Van Lennep of Tocat, in a recent letter, makes statements, a part of which will be found in the Journal of Missions, in regard to difficulties encountered by him, from want of means to employ helpers. He feels in great danger of breaking down himself. But in one case, this want has led to an experiment which he looks upon as hopeful—the employment of a helper at the out-station, Zile, who is in part to support himself, by working at his trade. Three interesting additions had recently been made to the Protestant community at Tocat—men of some prominence. On the 5th of November, Mr. Hamlin, of Constantinople, was married to Miss Tenney, of Tocat.

Dr. West, of Sivas, writes, November 17:

We are much interested, now, to see the freedom of the Turks, at Sivas as well as in other portions of this Empire, to inquire after the truth. A Turkish teacher has had occasion to call on me several times this summer. He is quite an intelligent man for this country, has a copy of the Scriptures, reads it, and is quite ready to talk about it. A Turkish woman, living in Mr. Winches-

ter's family, attends the Turkish service in our chapel on the Sabbath, and says she means to become a Christian. She is very ignorant of divine truth, and needs much light and instruction before she can comprehend the way of salvation. An Armenian who avowed himself a Protestant, and afterwards turned Mussulman for the sake of getting a Mussulman wife, has now again avowed himself a Protestant, shut his shop on the Sabbath, and attends our worship. Of course we cannot place much reliance upon him, but the fact that he is unmolested, whereas, but a few years ago, the death penalty would probably have been executed upon him, shows the progress of religious freedom here. Notwithstanding there are many and great discouragements, the work is steadily and surely moving on. The barriers against us are crumbling down; the breath of the Lord has but to blow upon them and they will vanish. We need, very much, a good chapel and school-room, in the central portion of the city; but I suppose we have no reason to expect the means necessary for their establishment. We might hope that thus our congregations on the Sabbath, and our Sabbath and day-schools, might be increased. The Armenians are erecting a very large building, in the centre of the city, for the purpose of a school. *They* seem to find the funds forthcoming, while *we* are cramped in our work, constantly, for want of means. Oh that the Lord would open the hearts of our American churches, to enter, more vigorously, these fields, so white for the harvest.

Dr. Jewett, of Yozgat, wrote, November 15: "At our last communion season two individuals were received to the fellowship of our church. Both were females. One an intelligent woman of forty-five, the other a bright girl of fifteen. A man who had been excommunicated from the church, some months previously, was also readmitted. During my absence from Yozgat, persecution arose, which has somewhat diminished the attendance upon Sabbath worship, and reduced the number of pupils in our day school."

SOUTHERN ARMENIANS.—Mr. White, of Marash, (November 15,) mentions the return of Rev. Polat Avedis to that city, with his wife. He spent the three summer months there, and now, "if his wife can be contented, will remain for the coming year." "The new church, though not finished, is inclosed, and for two months has afforded a comfortable place of worship." In the congregation difficulties have been settled; "there are no quarrelings or divisions, but there is not that solemn interest which we long to see." This is thought to be owing, in part at least, to the anxious perplexity occasioned by the exceedingly high price of provisions. "Wheat, the staple article of food in every family, is nearly three times its usual price. A common laborer, by his day's work, can

earn only flour enough to last his family that day. Grant them, then, dry bread, and where shall they obtain fuel, clothes, rent, taxes, &c.? And in what way many, many families are to obtain even *dry bread* sufficient to sustain life this winter, we do not know." But after such statements he adds:

We have, however, strong ground for encouragement. The Sabbath schools, on Sabbath morning, numbering near seven hundred scholars; the preaching, noon and afternoon; the lectures, Tuesday and Thursday evenings; the female meeting on Friday, and the prayer meeting on Saturday, are all, humanly speaking, well provided for. Nearly two hundred women, one-half of whom began this summer, are receiving daily instruction in learning to read; not less than forty families a week are visited by the helpers and missionaries, for religious instruction and prayer; and we are hoping soon to begin a series of evening prayer-meetings in private houses. Next week we expect to begin examinations for admissions to the church, at the communion to be held in December. Probably, previous to the communion, there will be a day of special fasting and prayer.

You have probably heard of Mantzagan, a Zeitoonite who, last year, for embracing Protestantism, was obliged to leave his family and flee from Zeitoon. He spent some six months here, when, after frequent entreaties to return, with strong promises of safety, he decided to go. Shortly after reaching his home, he was called on by a priest, who, being unable to convince him by argument, bound his hands behind his back, put a halter on his neck, and ordered him to be taken to the monastery near by. While going, the crowd was met by two chief men of the Armenians, one of whom leveled his pistol to shoot Mantzagan, but was deterred by the other. The two men, however, bound him to a tree, and beat him till they were ordered to desist by the Bishop; when he was taken and imprisoned in the monastery. Our last intelligence from him is, that he is again at liberty and preaching Christ; the occupants of one dwelling being affected to tears, on hearing him pray.

SATARA.—A heavy blow has fallen upon the Satara mission. Of the two brethren there, Mr. Munger was already a widower, and now, suddenly, Mrs. Wood is taken away. She was attacked by cholera on the 14th of November, while returning, with her husband, from Ahmednuggur, where they had been to attend the meeting of the Ahmednuggur mission; and though soon much relieved, so as to be carried forward to her home, she sunk again on Wednesday, and died Friday evening, November 18. Mr. Munger writes:

Again has the dark cloud come over us. Our dear sister Wood is not, because the Lord has taken her. We sigh, and groan, and weep; but we faint not. The loved departed is with Jesus, and we praise him for the grace which has provided such a home of light and love for the pardoned sinner. I sorrow and

weep with our deeply afflicted brother. His cup is full; but the Lord wonderfully sustains him. I sorrow, also, and weep, for my own loss and the loss of this mission, for the loss of the Board, and of these multitudes of pagans.

Mrs. Wood had special fitness for the work to which she had consecrated her earthly life in this dark land. And, oh, how much her labors are needed! Who, now, shall teach these perishing pagan women? We did not think this sister would so soon rest from her labors. We hoped she would bespare many years, to do much for the degraded daughters of India. But we were mistaken. We knew not the mind of Him who had appointed her to this work. He has not changed his plans; his mind never changes; he will do all his pleasure; and his will is always the perfection of wisdom and love. This new trial was needful for us, and for the churches. Considered in connection with the past history of this mission, it is a very heavy trial. The thought is much on my mind—not in the way of complaint, but of inquiry for the will of the Lord—What do these things mean? Four ladies have been taken from this mission, at the very beginning of their toils and prayers. They offered themselves willingly unto the Lord; he accepted their consecration, and then called them to be with him, where he is, that they may behold his glory. And in this way has the Satara mission been four times made desolate; this baptism of suffering has been four times repeated. Why are these things so? Oh! may it be, that the Lord is thus preparing this mission, by the discipline of trial and sorrow, for wonderful displays of power and grace, in the way of turning multitudes here from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God. We are sowing in tears; may we reap in joy. We do indeed go forth and weep, bearing precious seed; oh, may we come again with rejoicing, bringing sheaves for the garner of the Lord.

MADRAS.—Mr. Winslow wrote, October 10:

On Thursday last we held our annual meeting, in concert with the meeting of the Board. I preached on the occasion, from the text: "He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied;" and Mr. Hunt, Rev. S. Winfrid, and Abraham, a native convert, made interesting addresses, on the progress of missions and the awakenings in different parts of the world. The Lord's supper was administered by Mr. Winfrid and myself, to more than fifty native communicants. It was a very interesting season, though we were but as a "little flock," compared with the multitudes assembled in Philadelphia, as we had reason to think, at the same time. We seemed to feel their influence, and to have evidence, in this feeling, that we were not alone, but really united with the great congregations in Christian lands.

The English School is at present fuller than it has been before since my return, and in a very encouraging state as to progress in study. There is no special movement of the Spirit on the hearts of pupils, but we hope for good, as they know the truth, and there are some indications in Madras that God is near to bless. The weekly union

prayer-meetings, under the direction of the Missionary Conference, are well sustained, and an increasing spirit of prayer is manifested among the different missionaries and others.

**MADURA.**—Mr. Rendall (Oct. 19) mentions a letter received from Mr. Zilva, native pastor of a church near Mandahasalie, in which he speaks encouragingly of the work in his field. Two men had been received to the church at Valanoorany; twenty-one families, of the barber caste, had forsaken heathenism and joined the congregation at Arupucottay; and four families had been added to the congregation at the village where Mr. Zilva resides. Mr. Rendall refers to the projected Southern India railroad, as likely to bring the Madura district more in contact with other parts of India, affording facilities for removal, and introducing many changes; while the famine of the past two years, the high price of provisions, and the demand for laborers in Ceylon, also serve to call many of the people away, and to increase the price of every kind of labor.

Mr. Capron, (September 27,) mentions three tours among his villages, on the last of which he had the great satisfaction of receiving one person, a young woman, to the church. A new class of 22 was received to the girls' boarding-school in June, making the number 53. Many more desired to be admitted, but pecuniary means were wanting. "Indeed, several now in the school are supported by the private contributions of missionaries and English residents." Miss Ashley is rendering such assistance in the school as she can without interfering too much with her study of the language.

## Home Proceedings.

### PROSPECTS OF THE TREASURY.

THE patrons of the Board have been informed, that the expenses of its missionary work, for the current financial year, to close with July, must be about \$370,000; while the estimates sent home by the missions, *which it was very difficult to reduce*, would have carried them to at least \$383,000. They know, also, that the year was commenced with a debt of more than \$66,000, (the result of a natural growth of the missions,) so that in all, the receipts, for the twelve months, must be \$436,000, if this Jubilee year is to close with a treasury relieved, and a cheering prospect for the future. Indications of the sore embarrassment felt by the missions, because the appropriations are now so much

limited, appear in the Herald and the Journal of Missions for the present month, as they have often appeared heretofore. Yet the prospect now is, not that relief is near, but that yet more severe trials await our brethren abroad, as well as the officers of the Board at home. The whole amount of receipts for the first five months of the year, up to December 31, including offerings for the debt, was but \$87,464; nearly \$6,000 less than for the same period last year, and leaving a total of \$348,536, as needed for the remaining portion of the year!!

### EMBARKATION.

Rev. George T. Washburn, of Lenox, Ms., and Mrs. Eliza Ellen Washburn, of Gloversville, Fulton County, N. Y., sailed from Boston, January 2, in the ship Goddess, Captain Crowell, for Madras, on their way to join the Madura mission. Mr. Washburn is a graduate of Williams College, and of Andover Theological Seminary.

## DONATIONS.

### RECEIVED IN DECEMBER.

#### MAINE.

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| Cumberland co. Aux. So. F. Blake, Tr.                                                                  |             |
| Gorham, Miss S. 1; J. P. 1;                                                                            | 2 00        |
| Otisfield,                                                                                             | 26 35       |
| Portland, High st. ch. arrears,                                                                        | 336 00      |
| Waterford, Mrs. O. Hale,                                                                               | 10 00       |
| Windham, Dr. E.                                                                                        | 2 00—376 35 |
| Kennebec co. Conf. of chs. B. Nason, Tr.                                                               |             |
| Augusta, South ch. and par.                                                                            | 381 00      |
| Winthrop, J. C.                                                                                        | 5 00—286 00 |
| Lincoln co. Aux. So. Rev. J. W. Ellingwood, Tr.                                                        |             |
| Bristol, Ch.                                                                                           | 10 00       |
| New Castle, Miss M. A. N.                                                                              | 5 00        |
| Waldoboro', Cong. so. 13,72; la. asso. 12; S. M. 10; J. B. 10; G. W. A. 3; G. A. 2,28; 21 cong. ch. 2; | 53 00—68 00 |
| Penobscot co. Aux. So. E. F. Duren, Tr.                                                                |             |
| Bangor, 1st par. cong. ch.                                                                             | 75 00       |
| York co. Conf. of chs. Rev. G. W. Cressey, Tr.                                                         |             |
| Biddeford, 2d cong. ch. m. c.                                                                          | 15 00       |
| Norridgewock, C. F. D. a bal.                                                                          | 83          |
| Saco, P. Eastman and wife,                                                                             | 10 00—25 83 |
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| Castine, Trin. ch. and so. m. c.                                                                       | 19 00       |
| East Machias, Cong. ch. and so. m. c.                                                                  | 35 00       |
| East Orrington,                                                                                        | 5 00        |
| Sangerville, Mrs. B.                                                                                   | 1 00—60 00  |
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#### NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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| Cheshire co. Aux. So. D. W. Buckminster, Tr.                 |             |
| Winchester, Cong. ch.                                        | 65 61       |
| Grafton co. Aux. So. W. W. Russell, Tr.                      |             |
| Bristol, m. c.                                               | 14 62       |
| Campton, Ch. and so. 6,58; fem. miss. so. 25;                | 31 53       |
| Plymouth, Cong. ch. and so.                                  | 36 98—83 18 |
| Hillsboro' co. Aux. So. J. A. Wheat, Tr.                     |             |
| Bedford, B. Nichols,                                         | 30 00       |
| Merrimack co. Aux. So. G. Hutchins, Tr.                      |             |
| Concord, Rev. Abel Manning, wh. with prev. dona. cons. JAMES |             |

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| COLTON an H. M. 50; 1st cong. ch. 4;                      | 54 00        |
| Dunbarton, Cong. ch.                                      | 30 00        |
| W. Boscawen, A friend,                                    | 5 00—59 00   |
| Rockingham co. Conf. of chs. F. Grant, Tr.                |              |
| A friend, A new year's offering,                          | 25 00        |
| Chester, Cong. ch. and so. to cons.                       |              |
| ISAAC LANE an H. M.                                       | 100 60       |
| Hampstead, Cong. ch. and so.                              | 20 00—145 00 |
| Sullivan co. Aux. So. N. W. Goddard, Tr.                  |              |
| Claremont, Cong. ch. m. c.                                | 20 35        |
| Newport, A. of Carpenter Fund, wh. with prev. dona. cons. |              |
| FREDERIC CHAPIN an H. M.                                  | 82 00        |
| Plainfield, Ch.                                           | 19 70        |
| Wentworth, Cong. so.                                      | 20 00—142 05 |
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## VERMONT.

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| Addison co. Aux. So. A. Wilcox, Tr.                                                                                                |               |
| Middlebury, Cong. ch. and so.                                                                                                      | 180 44        |
| New Haven, do. wh. cons. CALVIN B. HULBERT an H. M.                                                                                | 57 56—238 00  |
| Caledonia co. Conf. of chs. E. Jewett, Tr.                                                                                         |               |
| Hardwick, Daniel French, wh. cons. Mrs. SUSAN C. FRENCH an H. M.                                                                   | 100 00        |
| Peacham, m. c.                                                                                                                     | 36 38         |
| St. Johnsbury, S. W. Dole, 25; East cong. ch. and so. 15; m. c. 17,36; South cong. ch. and so. m. c. 51,20; North do. m. c. 36,35; | 144 91        |
| Waterford, Cong. ch.                                                                                                               | 2 50—283 79   |
| Franklin co. Aux. So. C. B. Swift, Tr.                                                                                             |               |
| Swanton, Cong. ch. m. c.                                                                                                           | 3 92          |
| St. Albans, 1st do. 216,80; a friend, dec'd, 10;                                                                                   | 226 80—230 72 |
| Orange co. Aux. So. Rev. J. C. Houghton, Tr.                                                                                       |               |
| Charlestown, Cong. ch.                                                                                                             | 20 50         |
| Chelsea, m. c.                                                                                                                     | 2 00          |
| Morgan, Friends,                                                                                                                   | 3 50—26 00    |
| Orleans co. Aux. So. Rev. A. R. Gray, Tr.                                                                                          |               |
| Craftsbury, Cong. ch. m. c.                                                                                                        | 3 00          |
| Derby, Cong. ch. and so. m. c.                                                                                                     | 8 90—11 90    |
| Rutland co. Aux. So. J. Barrett, Tr.                                                                                               |               |
| Castleton, Cong. so. 18; 1st do. m. c. 51,40;                                                                                      | 69 40         |
| Clarendon, m. c.                                                                                                                   | 2 50          |
| Pittsford, 105,60; m. c. 14,69;                                                                                                    | 119 69        |
| Rutland, m. c.                                                                                                                     | 30 62—222 21  |
| Washington co. Aux. So. G. W. Scott, Tr.                                                                                           |               |
| Berlin, Ch. and so.                                                                                                                | 26 11         |
| Marshfield, Mr. S.                                                                                                                 | 1 00          |
| Montgomery, Ch. and so.                                                                                                            | 14 00         |
| Montpelier, m. c.                                                                                                                  | 13 79—54 90   |
| Windham co. Aux. So. F. Tyler, Tr.                                                                                                 |               |
| Dummerston, Ch. and so. 26,48; P. Gould, dec'd, 5;                                                                                 | 31 48         |
| E. Townshend, La.                                                                                                                  | 10 40         |
| Fayetteville, Ch. and so.                                                                                                          | 15 57         |
| Londonderry, Rev. Mr. O.                                                                                                           | 1 00          |
| Wardsboro', Ch. and so.                                                                                                            | 21 00         |
| W. Townshend, Coll.                                                                                                                | 9 00          |
| W. Westminster, A friend, 10; Rev. Mr. S. 1,50;                                                                                    | 11 50         |
| W. Brattleboro', Ch. and so.                                                                                                       | 36 73—136 68  |
| Windsor Co. Aux. So. J. Steele, Tr.                                                                                                |               |
| Bridgewater, Cong. ch. m. c.                                                                                                       | 4 50          |
| Windsor, Mrs. A. Walker, dec'd, avails of gold beads,                                                                              | 4 25—8 75     |
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| A friend, wh. with prev. dona. cons.                                                                                               |               |
| Mrs. LYDIA B. MERRILL an H. M.                                                                                                     | 50 00         |
| Granby, G. A. A.                                                                                                                   | 5 00          |
| Manchester, Cong. ch. and so. (of wh. to cons. Rev. NATHANIEL L. UPHAM an H. M. 50;)                                               | 92 70         |
| Peru, Rev. R. D. M.                                                                                                                | 3 00—150 70   |
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## MASSACHUSETTS.

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| Barnstable co. Aux. So. W. Crocker, Tr. |             |
| Harwich, Miss S. dec'd,                 | 50          |
| North Falmouth, m. c.                   | 10 00       |
| Wellfleet, 1st cong. ch.                | 21 00—31 50 |

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| Berkshire co. Aux. So. H. G. Davis, Tr.                                                                                         |                 |
| Berkshire, W. G. H.                                                                                                             | 5 00            |
| Williamstown, 1st cong. ch. m. c. 30; Williams college, m. c. 3;                                                                | 33 00—38 00     |
| Boston, S. A. Danforth, Agent.                                                                                                  | 381 40          |
| Essex co. North Aux. So. J. Caldwell, Tr.                                                                                       |                 |
| Ipswich, 1st ch. and so.                                                                                                        | 227 27          |
| W. Newbury, 2d do.                                                                                                              | 41 50—268 77    |
| Essex co. South Aux. So. C. M. Richardson, Tr.                                                                                  |                 |
| Gloucester Harbor, Cong. ch. and so.                                                                                            | 25 00           |
| Manchester, Ortho. cong. ch. m. c. wh. with prev. dona. cons. Rev. GEORGE E. FREEMAN an H. M.                                   | 23 00—48 00     |
| Essex co.                                                                                                                       |                 |
| Andover, South ch. and par. m. c.                                                                                               | 34 00           |
| Lawrence, Central cong. ch.                                                                                                     | 30 13           |
| Salem, Tab. ch. m. c.                                                                                                           | 21 59           |
| Wenham, Cong. ch. m. c.                                                                                                         | 3 30—89 02      |
| Hampden co. Aux. So. J. C. Bridgman, Tr.                                                                                        |                 |
| Chester, Cong. ch. and so.                                                                                                      | 18 25           |
| Mitteneague, do.                                                                                                                | 13 00           |
| Monson, do.                                                                                                                     | 50 85           |
| Feeding Hills, do.                                                                                                              | 9 17            |
| Huntington, do.                                                                                                                 | 19 15           |
| Palmer, do. 36,10; State almshouse, 8,50;                                                                                       | 44 60           |
| Springfield, Olivet ch. m. c.                                                                                                   | 10 37           |
| W. Springfield, 1st cong. ch. m. c.                                                                                             | 15 46—180 85    |
| Hampshire co. Aux. So. S. E. Bridgman, Tr.                                                                                      |                 |
| Amherst, College ch.                                                                                                            | 16 18           |
| Cummington, A female friend, 20; Village ch. 22,32;                                                                             | 42 32           |
| Easthampton, 1st ch. 2,17; m. c. 21,64; A. S. G. 3,75;                                                                          | 27 56           |
| Granby, 1st par.                                                                                                                | 113 35          |
| Hadley, Russell ch. and so. m. c.                                                                                               | 100 00          |
| North Hadley, Cong. ch. 34; m. c. 34; 1st do. m. c. 54,15; Plainville, cong. ch. 28,50;                                         | 150 65          |
| Northampton, Asahel Lyman, 100; S. Strong, 20; Miss T. C. 5; Mrs. D. 5; 1st ch. 233,43; Edwards ch. 177,22;                     | 590 65          |
| South Amherst, Cong. so. m. c.                                                                                                  | 24 00           |
| South Hadley, A new year's gift,                                                                                                | 3 00            |
| Southampton, Cong. ch. 45,20; fem. benev. so. 17,50;                                                                            | 62 70           |
| Westhampton, Gent. 66,55; la. 12,22;                                                                                            | 78 77           |
| Worthington, Fem. benev. so.                                                                                                    | 33 00—1,232 18  |
| Middlesex co. North and vic. C. Lawrence, Tr.                                                                                   |                 |
| Athol, M.                                                                                                                       | 5 00            |
| Littleton, Mr. Loomis's ch.                                                                                                     | 50 00—55 60     |
| Middlesex South.                                                                                                                |                 |
| Concord, Mrs. H.                                                                                                                | 10 00           |
| Wayland, Evan. cong. ch. and so.                                                                                                | 37 34—47 34     |
| Middlesex co.                                                                                                                   |                 |
| Auburndale, Cong. ch. and so. 912; m. c. 157,88;                                                                                | 1,069 88        |
| Charlestown, 1st cong. ch. and par. m. c.                                                                                       | 95 69           |
| E Cambridge, Evan. cong. ch. m. c.                                                                                              | 12 33           |
| Lowell, John st. cong. ch. and so. m. c.                                                                                        | 12 36           |
| Malden, Trin. cong. ch.                                                                                                         | 110 00          |
| Newton Corner, Alfred B. Ely, to cons. WILLIAM N. E. X., of Stratford, Ct. an H. M.                                             | 100 00—1,392 26 |
| Norfolk co. Aux. So. Rev. W. L. Ropes, Tr.                                                                                      |                 |
| Dorchester, Village ch. m. c.                                                                                                   | 12 00           |
| Quincy, A friend,                                                                                                               | 75 00           |
| Medway, W. par. m. c.                                                                                                           | 3 50            |
| Roxbury, Eliot ch. m. c. 5,91; Vine st. ch. m. c. 12 51;                                                                        | 18 41           |
| W. Roxbury, Evan. cong. ch. m. c. 21; A. S. B. 5;                                                                               | 26 00—134 91    |
| Old Colony Aux. So. H. Coggeshall, Tr.                                                                                          |                 |
| New Bedford, Pacific cong. ch. and so.                                                                                          | 100 00          |
| Palestine Miss. So. E. Alden, Tr.                                                                                               |                 |
| Abington, 1st par. m. c.                                                                                                        | 5 00            |
| Scotland, m. c.                                                                                                                 | 20 00           |
| South Abington, Cong. ch. and so. 314,75; prev. ack. 100;                                                                       | 214 75—234 75   |
| Taunton and vic.                                                                                                                |                 |
| Taunton, Trin. cong. ch. and so. wh. cons. LOVETT MORSE, CALEB C. COLLINS, Mrs. HANNAH E. SPROAT and Mrs. BETSEY PERKINS, H. M. | 409 05          |

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| Worcester co. North Aux. So. C. Sanderson, Tr.<br>Athol, Rev. J. C. Smith and wife,<br>8; chil. of do. 2; 10 09                                                                                                                |          |
| Winchendon, North ch. 129 47—139 47                                                                                                                                                                                            |          |
| Worcester co. South Conf. of chs. W. C. Capron, Tr.<br>Millbury, 1st cong. ch. and so. (of wh. fr.<br>Mrs. M. S. Small, dec'd, 20;) wh.<br>cons. HENRY L. BANCROFT, HENRY<br>C. CURTIS, and JONATHAN E. WATERS<br>H. M. 320 86 |          |
| Worcester co. Central Asso. W. R. Hooper,<br>Tr.<br>An individual, 60 00                                                                                                                                                       |          |
| Auburn, Gent. 18,25; la. 16,40;<br>m. c. 27,09; 61 74                                                                                                                                                                          |          |
| Holden, Gent. 34,23; la. 23,50;<br>m. c. 39,38; 97 11                                                                                                                                                                          |          |
| Leicester, Gent. 284,75; la. 111,01;<br>m. c. 42,63; (of wh. to cons.<br>JOSEPH MURDOCK an H. M.<br>100; a friend to cons. ADDISON<br>W. DENNY, of Boston, an H.<br>M. 100.) 438 39                                            |          |
| Oxford, Gent. 56,89; la. 77,67;<br>m. c. 139; avails of ring, 44c.; 265 00                                                                                                                                                     |          |
| Worcester, Central ch. gent.<br>480,50; la. (of wh. to cons. Mrs.<br>HENRY WHEELER an H. M.<br>100;) 260,10; m. c. 185,16; 925 76                                                                                              |          |
| Union, Ch. gent. 66,53; la. 69,13;<br>m. c. 210,85; I. Washburn, 150; 496 48                                                                                                                                                   |          |
| South ch. gent. 149,18; la. 107,03;<br>(of wh. to cons. Mrs. MARY A.<br>HARRIS of New York an H. M.<br>100;) m. c. 230,10; 486 31                                                                                              |          |
| Salem st. ch. 68 51                                                                                                                                                                                                            |          |
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| Prev. ack. 1,199 30—1,700 00                                                                                                                                                                                                   |          |
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| Chelsea, Winnisimmet ch. and so. m. c. 89 67                                            |          |
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| <i>Legacies.</i> —Whitinsville, Ezra W.<br>Fletcher, by P. W. Dudley,<br>Ex'r, 2,060 00 |          |
| Woburn, Estate of S. Richardson,<br>383,46; ded. expenses, 65,37; 318 69—2,318 09       |          |
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## CONNECTICUT.

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| Fairfield co. East Aux. So.<br>New Fairfield, Cong. ch. 26 00                                                            |  |
| Newtown, do. 26 00                                                                                                       |  |
| Redding, Gent and la. 28 00—80 00                                                                                        |  |
| Fairfield co. West Aux. So. C. Marvin, Tr.<br>Bridgeport, A. C. 1; S. F. 1; miss.<br>and benef. so. 64,52; 66 52         |  |
| Greenwich, Mrs. M. Mason, 10;<br>Miss S. Lewis, 10; 2d cong. ch.<br>93,65; A. Mead for Bible distrib.<br>5; 124 65       |  |
| Weston, Cong. ch. 29 00                                                                                                  |  |
| Wilton, do. 75 33—295 50                                                                                                 |  |
| Hartford co. Aux. So. A. G. Hammond, Tr.<br>Bristol, Cong. ch. 50; gent. 90;<br>la. 4,88; 144 88                         |  |
| East Hartford, Gent. 106,75; la.<br>67,34; m. c. 13,89; 187 98                                                           |  |
| Hartford, Centre ch. m. c. 4 05                                                                                          |  |
| Simsbury, Cong. ch. 39 20                                                                                                |  |
| W. Hartford, 1st do. 154,67; m. c.<br>23,99; 178 65                                                                      |  |
| Windsor Locks, 1st cong. so. 86 44—611 20                                                                                |  |
| Hartford co. South Aux. So. H. S. Ward, Tr.<br>Glastenbury, 1st cong. ch. gent.<br>286; la. 118,86; m. c. 140,53; 545 39 |  |
| Kensington, m. c. 16 09                                                                                                  |  |
| Portland, 1st so. gent. 71; la. 35; 119 00—670 39                                                                        |  |
| Litchfield co. Aux. So. G. C. Woodruff, Tr.<br>Goshen, 4 00                                                              |  |
| Litchfield, 1 00                                                                                                         |  |
| New Milford, 1st cong. ch. and so. 153 17                                                                                |  |
| New Preston ch. and Waramang<br>asso. 2 00                                                                               |  |
| New Hartford S uth, Cong. ch. 4 09                                                                                       |  |

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| Sharon, Cong. ch. 57 38                                                                                                                                                                                 |          |
| Warren, 15 00                                                                                                                                                                                           |          |
| West Winsted, 2d cong. ch. and<br>so. (of wh. from Elliot Beardsley<br>to cons. EDWARD B. BEARDSLEY<br>an H. M. 100;) 280,43; a friend,<br>20; 300 43                                                   |          |
| Woodbury, 1st ch. 82; m. c. 48; 130 00                                                                                                                                                                  |          |
| Woodbury North, Cong. ch. 96 00—762 98                                                                                                                                                                  |          |
| Middlesex Asso. R. Selden, Tr.<br>Deep River, Cong. ch. and so. gent.<br>and la. which with prev. dona.<br>cons. JOHN MARVIN an H. M. 43 80                                                             |          |
| Higganum, Cong. ch. and so. 52;<br>m. c. 38; youth's praying circle,<br>10; 100 00                                                                                                                      |          |
| Killingworth, m. c. 26,46; miss. so.<br>20,18; Miss MARIA LORP, 28,36;<br>wh. with prev. dona. cons. her<br>an H. M. 75 60                                                                              |          |
| Middle Haddam, 2d cong. ch. m. c. 14 00—232 80                                                                                                                                                          |          |
| New Haven City Aux. So. F. T. Jarman, Tr.<br>New Haven, Centre ch. 842,70; m. c.<br>7,68; North ch. m. c. 7; 3d cong. ch.<br>m. c. 129,26; Yale college m. c. 38,64;<br>Mrs. Fabrique, 10; 1,035 28     |          |
| New Haven co. East Aux. So. F. T. Jarman, Tr.<br>Branford, Mrs. T. P. Gillett, 20 00                                                                                                                    |          |
| Cheshire, Cong. ch. 64 02                                                                                                                                                                               |          |
| Fairhaven, Centre ch. 44 53                                                                                                                                                                             |          |
| North Haven, Cong. ch. 124,10;<br>m. c. 27,15; 151 25—279 80                                                                                                                                            |          |
| New Haven co. West Conso. A. Townsend, Tr.<br>Milford, 1st so. 310 00                                                                                                                                   |          |
| Waterbury, 2d cong. ch. 1,50;<br>union m. c. 17,94; 19 44—329 44                                                                                                                                        |          |
| New London and vic. and Norwich and vic.<br>Aux. So. F. A. Perkins & C. Butler, Trs.<br>Bozrah, La. asso. 18 32                                                                                         |          |
| Griswold, 1st cong. ch. 55 30                                                                                                                                                                           |          |
| Lebanon, 1st do. gent. 16 00                                                                                                                                                                            |          |
| Montville, 1st do. to cons. HENRY<br>A. BAKER an H. M. 100; N.<br>Bradford to cons. Mrs. RACHEL<br>BRADFORD an H. M. 100; 200 04                                                                        |          |
| New London, L. M. T. 5 00                                                                                                                                                                               |          |
| Norwich, 2d so. la. (of wh. fr.<br>Mrs. Morgan to cons. Miss ELIZA-<br>BETH PARKER an H. M. 100.)<br>463,61; Broadway ch. la. (of wh.<br>to cons. JEDIDIAH LEAVENS an<br>H. M. 100;) 155; 618 61—913 27 |          |
| Tolland co. Aux. So. E. B. Preston, Tr.<br>Ellington, Cong. so. 128,38; Mrs.<br>Mary Burnap, 20; a friend, 5;<br>do. for Zulu m. 25c.; 153 63                                                           |          |
| North Coventry, Gent. 50 00                                                                                                                                                                             |          |
| Rockville, 1st ch. to cons. Rev.<br>SMITH B. GOODENOW and RO-<br>SANNAH M. TALCOTT H. M.<br>250; 2d ch. (of wh. to cons.<br>ELLIOT B. PRESTON an H. M.<br>100;) 360,73; 610 73—814 36                   |          |
| Windham co. Aux. So.<br>Abington, Cong. ch. 30 00                                                                                                                                                       |          |
| Mansfield, 1st ch. and so. gent.<br>50,45; la. 72; m. c. 14,55; 177 00                                                                                                                                  |          |
| North Woodstock, Ch. and so. (of<br>wh. to cons. Rev. JOHN WHITE,<br>an H. M. 50); 108 00                                                                                                               |          |
| Thompson, Cong. ch. and so. gent.<br>57,44; la. 56; 113 44                                                                                                                                              |          |
| W. Woodstock, Cong. ch. and so. 5 00—433 44                                                                                                                                                             |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 6,488 46 |

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| <i>Legacies.</i> —Wethersfield, Aaron A. Hos-<br>ford, by Seth Terry, 135; C. Bulkley, by<br>do. bal. 1,20; 136 20 |          |
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## RHODE ISLAND.

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| Little Compton, S. B. 75       |  |
| Providence, B. F. G. 5 00—5 75 |  |

## NEW YORK.

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| Chautauque co. Aux. So. S. H. Hungerford, Tr.<br>Jamestown, Cong. ch. wh. cons. Rev.<br>THOMAS H. ROUSE an H. M. 50 00 |  |
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## Geneva and vic. Aux. So. G. P. Mowry, Agent.

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| Castleton, Pres. ch.                                                                   | 18 00        |
| East Wilson, Mrs. S. W. Halsey,                                                        | 12 00        |
| Geneva, T. C. Maxwell and bro.<br>to cons. OLNEY B. MAXWELL, of<br>Dansville, an H. M. | 100 00       |
| Junius, Pres. ch.                                                                      | 15 00        |
| Lockport, Rev. R. Norton,                                                              | 10 00        |
| Norwich, Cong. ch.                                                                     | 11 00        |
| Penn Yan, Pres. ch. 61,14; C. C.<br>Shepard, 25; E. B. Jones, 50;                      | 136 14       |
| Phelps, Pres. ch.                                                                      | 23 65        |
| Pultney, do.                                                                           | 10 00        |
| Waterloo, do.                                                                          | 40 00—375 79 |
| Greene co. Aux. So. J. Doane, Agent.                                                   |              |
| Durham, Pres. ch. 38,55; 2d do. 17,61;                                                 | 56 16        |
| Monroe co. and vic. William Alling, Agent.                                             |              |
| North Bergen, Pres. ch.                                                                | 13 56        |
| Rochester, Central pres. ch. 89,39;<br>Mrs. William Alling, 40;                        | 129 39       |
| Spencerport, Cong. ch.                                                                 | 12 10—155 05 |

## By E. Ely, Agent.

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| Bergen, 1st cong. ch.                                                                                                                                                             | 25 00  |
| New York and Brooklyn Aux. So. A. Merwin, Tr.<br>(Of wh. fr. a friend, 50; D. H. 50; stu-<br>dents of Union Theolog. sem. m. c.<br>18; Brooklyn, South cong. ch. m. c.<br>97,10.) | 578 68 |

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| Oneida co. Aux. So.                                                                           |                     |
| Clinton, Miss F. L. Leach,                                                                    | 50 00               |
| Otsego co. Aux. So. D. H. Little, Tr.<br>Cooperstown and vic. Fem. miss. so.                  | 22 80               |
| St. Lawrence co. Aux. So. Rev. C. T. Hulburd, Tr.<br>Parishville, Ladies,<br>Stockholm, H. H. | 2 00<br>10 00—12 00 |
|                                                                                               | 1,325 48            |

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| Baiting Hollow, Cong. ch. m. c.                                                                                       | 3 00          |
| Brainerd and E. Nassau,                                                                                               | 25 00         |
| Chestertown, Pres. ch.                                                                                                | 5 00          |
| Cohoes, 1st do. m. c.                                                                                                 | 43 00         |
| Dansville, Mrs. E. S.                                                                                                 | 10 00         |
| East Bloomfield, Cong. ch.                                                                                            | 125 00        |
| Elbridge, 1st do.                                                                                                     | 5 54          |
| Hancock, 1st do. m. c.                                                                                                | 25 00         |
| Haverstraw, 1st pres. ch.                                                                                             | 24 43         |
| Harpersfield, C. N. 2; J. H. 1;                                                                                       | 3 00          |
| Hoosick Falls, Pres. ch.                                                                                              | 62 00         |
| Homer, Cong. ch.                                                                                                      | 505 01        |
| Islip, M. B.                                                                                                          | 4 00          |
| Jefferson, 1st pres. ch. m. c.                                                                                        | 16 00         |
| Lenox, Mrs. N. Hall,                                                                                                  | 5 00          |
| Lewiston, Pres. ch.                                                                                                   | 40 00         |
| Le Roy, 1st do. 75,64; less exc. 38c;<br>wh. with prev. dona. cons. SAMUEL<br>T. HOWARD an H. M.                      | 75 26         |
| Manlius, A friend,                                                                                                    | 20 00         |
| New York city, William Patton,<br>D. D. to cons. Rev. JOHN GRA-<br>HAM, of London, Eng., an H. M.                     | 50 00         |
| Niagara Falls, Pres. ch. (of wh. fr.<br>A. H. Porter wh. with prev. dona.<br>cons. Miss JULIA PORTER an H.<br>M. 80;) | 147 05        |
| Oswego co. N.                                                                                                         | 2 00          |
| Owego, A friend, 25; pres. ch. m. c.<br>19,81;                                                                        | 44 81         |
| Panama, Pres. ch. 3,56; R. D. H. 3,94;                                                                                | 7 50          |
| Southport, Pres. so.                                                                                                  | 16 35         |
| Upper Aquebogue, Cong. ch.                                                                                            | 61 39         |
| Waverly, Pres. ch.                                                                                                    | 9 00—1,031 33 |
|                                                                                                                       | 2,353 81      |

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| Legacies.—Lansingburg, Miss Maria<br>Louk, by S. P. Welch,                          | 90 51         |
| Morrisania, Elijah Withington, by<br>S. S. Jocelyn, S. Wilder, and J.<br>B. Colman, | 100 00—190 51 |
|                                                                                     | 2,550 32      |

## NEW JERSEY.

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| Fairton, Pres. ch.                                                                     | 27 20       |
| Newark, J. Haines, 20; South Park<br>pres. ch. m. c. 62,21;                            | 92 21       |
| Wantage, 1st pres. ch. wh. with prev.<br>dona. cons. Mrs. OLIVIA WADE<br>COOK an H. M. | 71 15       |
| Washington Valley, S. S.                                                               | 2 00—192 56 |

## PENNSYLVANIA.

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| By Samuel Work, Agent.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |               |
| Abington, 1st pres. ch.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 20 00         |
| Harrisburg, do. m. c.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 14 15         |
| Philadelphia, 1st pres. ch. A. B.<br>100; A. W. 100; J. B. 75; W.<br>L. H. 50; T. R. 25; G. F. D.<br>50; G. W. T. 25; indiv. 70;<br>ladies, (of wh. to cons. Mrs.<br>MARGARET HUNTER an H. M.<br>100; Mrs. E. P. Wilson to cons.<br>W. G. CROWLE an H. M. 100.) | 1,632 99      |
| 897; m. c. 300,99;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |               |
| Clinton st. pres. ch. Miss With-<br>erell,                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 30 00         |
| Pine st. ch. m. c.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 5 47—1,762 61 |
| Hartford, Pres. ch.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 25 00         |
| Montrose, do. m. c.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 18 09         |
| North Wells, Pres. ch.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 6 00—49 09    |
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## VIRGINIA.

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| Glade Spring, Pres. ch. for Gawar, Per-<br>sia, 17,40; P. Snapp, 20; | 37 40 |
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## OHIO.

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| By G. L. Weed, Tr.                                                                                                                                    |             |
| Cincinnati, 1st ortho. cong. ch.<br>William F. Church to cons.<br>JAMES T. CHURCH, of Middle-<br>field, Ms. an H. M. 100; 3d pres.<br>ch. m. c. 7,73; | 107 73      |
| College Hill, Pres. ch. m. c.                                                                                                                         | 20 00       |
| Columbus, 2d pres. ch. m. c.                                                                                                                          | 6 09        |
| Gallipolis, 1st pres. ch.                                                                                                                             | 24 50       |
| Granville, Cong. ch. 159,61; G. B.<br>Johnson, wh. cons. MARY AYDE-<br>LOTT JOHNSON an H. M. 100;                                                     | 259 61      |
| Piqua, 2d pres. ch.                                                                                                                                   | 1 60        |
| Walnut Hills, Lane sem. ch. m. c.                                                                                                                     | 9 85        |
|                                                                                                                                                       | 429 29      |
| Ded. dis.                                                                                                                                             | 1 86—427 43 |
| By T. P. Handy, Agent.                                                                                                                                |             |
| Cleveland, 1st pres. ch. 23; Euclid st.<br>pres. ch. 273,63;                                                                                          | 296 63      |
| By Rev. S. G. Clark.                                                                                                                                  |             |
| Aurora,                                                                                                                                               | 15 00       |
| Birmingham,                                                                                                                                           | 12 25       |
| Claridon,                                                                                                                                             | 2 25        |
| Concord, Mrs. S. J. W. 10; a<br>widow and three chil. 4;                                                                                              | 14 00       |
| Florence,                                                                                                                                             | 12 75       |
| Hampden, Cong. ch.                                                                                                                                    | 4 21        |
| Kingsville,                                                                                                                                           | 8 00        |
| Newbury, m. c. wh. and prev. dona.<br>cons. WILLIAM GAYTON an H.<br>M. 17,91; a thank off'g, 5;                                                       | 22 91       |
| Olina,                                                                                                                                                | 1 25        |
| Peru,                                                                                                                                                 | 7 92        |
| Plain and Bowling Green,                                                                                                                              | 13 00       |
| Randolph,                                                                                                                                             | 4 00        |
| Ruggles,                                                                                                                                              | 1 50        |
| Solon, 5,68; Rev. J. Seward, 14;                                                                                                                      | 19 68       |
| West Mill Grove, and Eagleville,                                                                                                                      | 6 33—145 05 |

The following sums have been received  
from ladies' sewing circles for boarding  
school at Odanah:

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| Chatham,                                                                              | 7 00       |
| Claridon,                                                                             | 1 84       |
| Elyria,                                                                               | 11 00      |
| Fremont,                                                                              | 6 00       |
| Kinsman,                                                                              | 6 00       |
| Hudson,                                                                               | 7 00       |
| Lyme,                                                                                 | 7 00       |
| Norwalk,                                                                              | 11 00      |
| Tallmadge,                                                                            | 8 00       |
| Toledo,                                                                               | 7 00       |
| Wellington,                                                                           | 5 00—76 84 |
|                                                                                       | 945 95     |
| Ashtabula, 1st pres. ch. m. c. 17;<br>Mrs. H. E. Parsons, 20; Rev. C.<br>E. Bruce, 5; | 42 00      |
| Chester, Mrs. H. T. R.                                                                | 5 00       |
| Coshocton, 2d pres. ch. a lady,                                                       | 25 00      |

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| Hudson, Cong. ch.                                            | 33 44           |
| Mesopotamia, Pres. ch.                                       | 36 00           |
| Ravenna, Cong. ch.                                           | 26 41           |
| Rootstown, J. W. S for tract dis-<br>trib. 1,25; indiv. 75c. | 2 00—169 85     |
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## INDIANA.

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| By G. L. Weed, Tr.       |               |
| Aurora, 1st pres. ch.    | 13 25         |
| Clinton, Pres. ch.       | 7 00          |
| Danville, do. m. c.      | 17 00         |
| Fort Wayne, 2d do.       | 38 61         |
| Vevay, Pres. ch.         | 1 85—77 71    |
| Michigan City, Pres. ch. | 34 00         |
| South Bend, do. m. c.    | 15 00—49 00   |
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## ILLINOIS.

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| By Rev. C. Clark.                                                                      |               |
| Chicago, 1st pres. ch. Dr. Graham,                                                     | 15 00         |
| Crystal Lake, Cong. ch.                                                                | 16 00         |
| Dunton, Pres. ch.                                                                      | 3 45          |
| Elk Grove, Cong. ch.                                                                   | 7 99          |
| Granville, Pres. ch.                                                                   | 6 00          |
| Joliet, do.                                                                            | 5 00          |
| Kewanee, Cong. ch. 21,56; disc.<br>32c.;                                               | 21 24         |
| Rockford, 2d cong. ch. 132,46;<br>disc. 1,98;                                          | 130 48        |
| Sandwich, Pres. ch. m. c. 5; Rev.<br>H. B. 5;                                          | 10 00—215 16  |
| Chatham, Mrs. J. R. L.                                                                 | 5 00          |
| Chicago, W. H. Brown, 300; 2d<br>pres. ch. 200; New England ch.<br>69,96; m. c. 33,57; | 603 53        |
| Decatur, Pres. ch.                                                                     | 5 00          |
| Galena, 2d pres. ch.                                                                   | 70 00         |
| Macomb, Cong. ch.                                                                      | 5 00          |
| Rockford, La. miss. so. for Mrs.<br>Bridgman's sch. China,                             | 20 00         |
| Twelve Mile Grove, Cong. so.                                                           | 8 00—716 53   |
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## MICHIGAN.

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| By Rev. S. G. Clark.                                                                         |               |
| Allegan, Pres. ch.                                                                           | 10 00         |
| Cassopolis, do.                                                                              | 11 64         |
| Decatur, do.                                                                                 | 2 49          |
| Edwardsburg, Cong. ch.                                                                       | 15 74         |
| Hastings, Pres. ch.                                                                          | 10 00         |
| Ionia, do.                                                                                   | 7 62          |
| Grand Haven, do.                                                                             | 7 00—64 49    |
| By J. S. Farrand.                                                                            |               |
| Detroit, 1st pres. ch.                                                                       | 44 04         |
| Paw Paw, Pres. ch.                                                                           | 6 00—50 04    |
|                                                                                              | <u>114 53</u> |
| Hillsdale, Pres. ch. m. c.                                                                   | 20 00         |
| Kalamazoo, 1st pres. ch. wh. cons.<br>ALBERT ARMES, HENRY GILBERT<br>and LYMAN TUTTLE, H. M. | 374 00        |
| Pontiac, Cong. ch.                                                                           | 58 60         |
| Raisin, 1st do.                                                                              | 25 00         |
| Union City, W. H. M. 5; D. B. 3;                                                             | 8 00          |
| Unadilla, J. L. F.                                                                           | 5 60          |
| Vermontville, Cong. ch.                                                                      | 8 00—458 60   |
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## WISCONSIN.

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| Blake's Prairie, Cong. ch.               | 26 14       |
| Geneva, Pres. ch.                        | 10 81       |
| Janesville, Cong. ch. m. c.              | 10 76       |
| La Cross, 1st do.                        | 50 00       |
| Milwaukee, Plymouth cong. ch. and<br>so. | 98 68       |
| Oakland, A lady,                         | 25          |
| Racine, 1st pres. ch.                    | 34 70       |
| Waupun, Cong. ch.                        | 5 00—236 34 |

## IOWA.

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| By Rev. C. Clark.  |       |
| Dubuque, Pres. ch. | 34 75 |

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| Garnaville, Cong. so.             | 4 00         |
| Keosauqua, do. m. c. <sup>1</sup> | 8 00         |
| Lucas Grove, Cong. ch.            | 5 00         |
| Muscatine, do.                    | 40 00—57 00  |
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## KENTUCKY.

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| Covington, J. M. Preston, | 20 00 |
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## TENNESSEE.

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| Jonesboro', Pres. ch. juv. miss. so.<br>30; J. Smith, 10; for sem. build-<br>ings, Gawar, Persia,                           | 40 00 |
| Kingsport, J. Syme, for do.                                                                                                 | 10 00 |
| Rogersville, A friend, for Gawar, 10;<br>Mrs. McK. for do. 5; Miss McK.<br>for do. 5; E. R. do. 1; F. F. do. 1; 23 00—72 00 |       |

## MINNESOTA.

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| Chatfield, Pres. ch. | 3 00 |
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## OREGON.

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| Salem, Cong. ch. | 20 50 |
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## FOREIGN LANDS AND MISSIONARY STATIONS.

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| Danville, Shipton, Can. A. M. 10; Mrs. C.<br>B. 2; J. L. G. 1; H. P. 2; | 15 00         |
| Honolulu, Sandw. Isl. Messrs. Castle and<br>Cooke,                      | 500 00        |
|                                                                         | <u>515 00</u> |
| Legacies.—Shanghai, China, Estate of Rev.<br>W. A. Macy,                | 123 92        |
|                                                                         | <u>638 92</u> |

## MISSION SCHOOL ENTERPRISE.

(See details in Journal of Missions.)

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| MAINE, . . . . .            | \$24 30         |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE, . . . . .    | 14 25           |
| VERMONT, . . . . .          | 67 16           |
| MASSACHUSETTS, . . . . .    | 87 87           |
| CONNECTICUT, . . . . .      | 17 00           |
| NEW YORK, . . . . .         | 363 83          |
| PENNSYLVANIA, . . . . .     | 87 55           |
| OHIO, . . . . .             | 8 75            |
| MICHIGAN, . . . . .         | 5 00            |
| INDIANA, . . . . .          | 10 90           |
| ILLINOIS, . . . . .         | 76 77           |
| IN FOREIGN LANDS, . . . . . | 1 00            |
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| Donations received in December, | 25,256 68          |
| Legacies,                       | 2,768 72           |
|                                 | <u>\$28,025 40</u> |

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| <b>TOTAL</b> from August 1st to<br>December 31st, | <b>\$85,432 65</b> |
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## THANK-OFFERINGS FOR THE DEBT.

RECEIVED IN DECEMBER.

|                                                                                                               |                 |
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| MAINE.—Castine, Samuel Adams, wh.<br>cons. Mrs. MARY M. DRESSER an H. M.                                      | 100 00          |
| VERMONT.—Chester, A mother, 2; Put-<br>ney, a friend, 2,50;                                                   | 4 50            |
| MASSACHUSETTS.—Easthampton, Mrs.<br>J. T. 1; Enfield, a friend, 2;                                            | 3 00            |
| CONNECTICUT.—Jewett City, Miss Lucy<br>Avery, 4; Pomfret, a few friends, 66,50;<br>Thompson, 3;               | 73 50           |
| NEW YORK.—Brooklyn, Armstrong juv.<br>miss. so. 10; Buffalo, C. S. A. 2; Cort-<br>landville, U. H. Nelson, 4; | 16 00           |
| PENNSYLVANIA.—Philadelphia, 1st pres.<br>ch. W. L. H.                                                         | 50 00           |
|                                                                                                               | <u>247 00</u>   |
| Previously received,                                                                                          | 1,781 40        |
|                                                                                                               | <u>2,028 40</u> |



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