

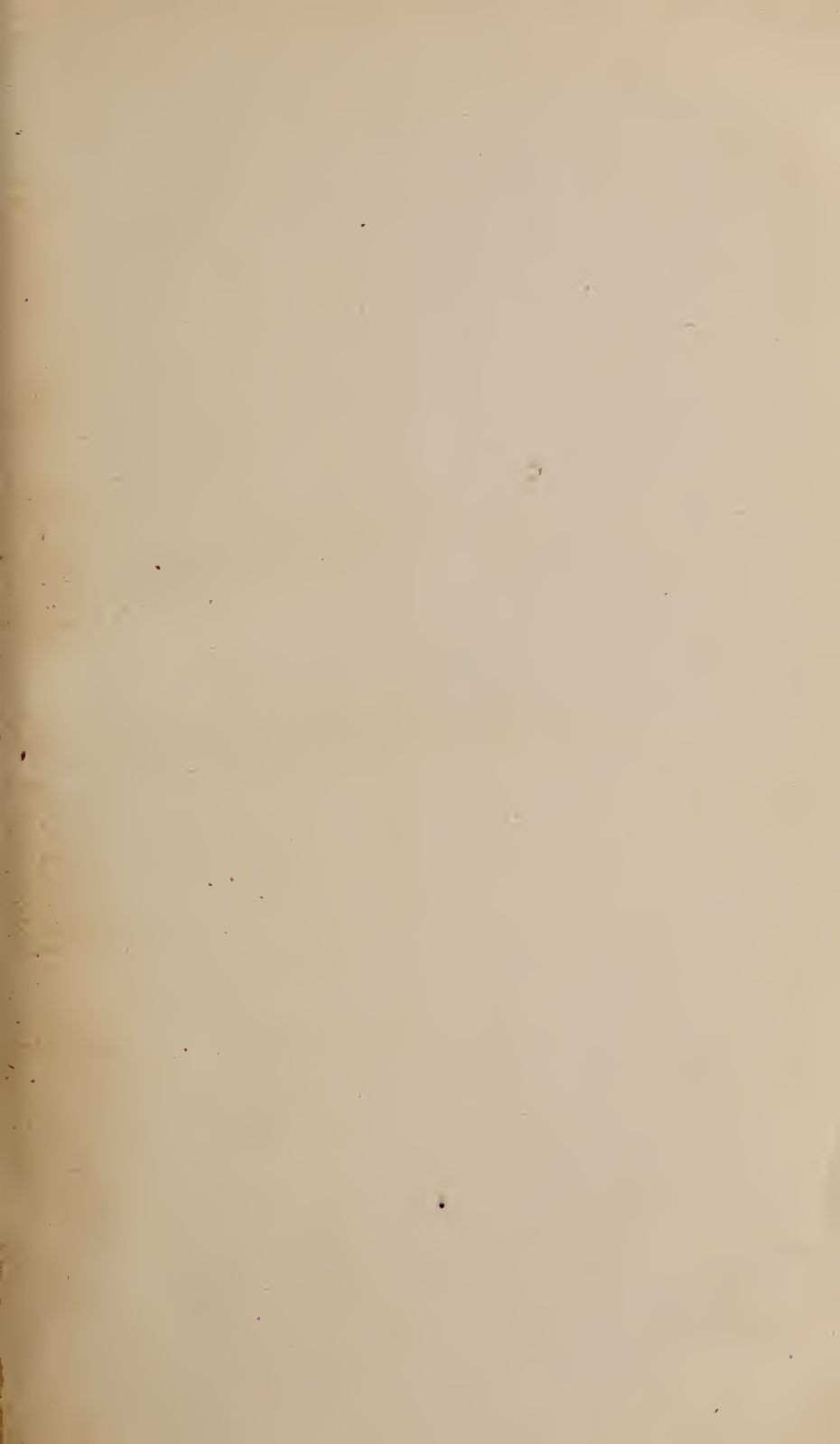
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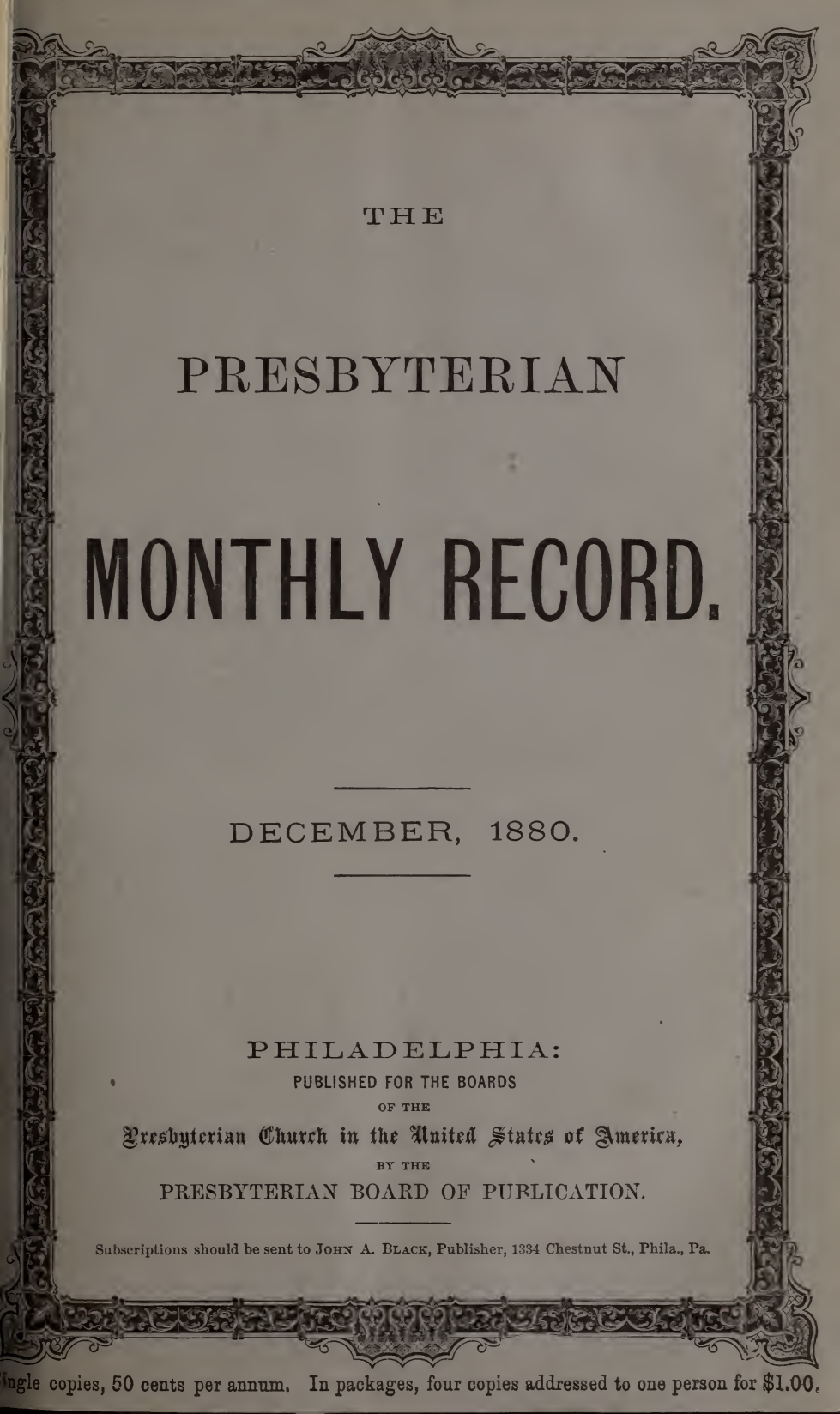
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2. Sustentation, March.
3. Publication, May.
4. Church Erection, July.
5. Ministerial Relief, September.
6. Education, October.
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BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

REV. HENRY PULLEN.—The house in which this brother was boarding was consumed by fire a few weeks since, and he barely escaped with his life, losing nearly all his clothing, and all the books and manuscripts which he had accumulated during his past ministerial life. Are there not some aged ministers whose life-work in the ministry is done, or some ministers' widows, who could help replenish Mr. Pullen's library? Standard theological works and books of reference are most needed. Any who are disposed to help are requested to address Mr. Pullen at Fort Howard, Wisconsin.

REV. FAREL HART, who with his bride perished on board the ill-fated Alpena, that was lost in the great storm in October last, on Lake Michigan, was at one time our missionary at Warrensburg, Missouri.

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONS.

The section of country indicated in the above terms constitutes the great mineral range of the continent, and embraces the two states of Colorado and Nevada and the six territories of Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona, aggregating more than 855,000 square miles in extent. It is more difficult of access, and less productive of the immediate means of subsistence, than other parts of the country, though there are many beautiful valleys where the most valuable cereals and the best fruits of the temperate zones flourish and abound, and great grazing-plains and wide cattle-ranges are found; yet the great attraction is silver and gold, and wherever these have been found neither deserts nor seas, nor savages nor wild beasts, nor famine nor danger of starvation, have been able to keep men away. Multitudes are now searching for gold in the mountains of Montana, Colorado and

Nevada, Idaho, Arizona, Utah and New Mexico—and, as ever, are an eager, needy, godless class. But the following facts can scarcely fail to impress the Christian public with the present condition and the immediate prospects of that country:

1. President Hayes and party have just come home from San Francisco by way of the Southern Pacific and the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railways, thus crossing Arizona and New Mexico, and passing through Colorado and Kansas to the East. Those two great territories are, therefore, laid open for settlement, and all their mineral wealth is made accessible to the enterprise of the world.

2. The triennial convention of the Episcopal Church has just been in session in New York. It has also just appointed a bishop for New Mexico and Arizona. An eastern paper says: "It is multiplying its dioceses, especially in the great West, and ere long they will cover effectually the whole United States. It is giving increased attention to mission work, as is evident from the fact that several sessions of the two houses of the General Convention have been occupied solely with hearing reports from missionary districts and considering the needs of those districts. With a bishop in every territory, as is now proposed, the Church must obtain great advantages in the far West, which it will profit by in future years."

3. The Presbytery of Idaho met a few weeks ago in its fall meeting. Though only seventeen months old, it now numbers nine ministers, and two or three more on the way to the field, and five licentiates.

4. The Congregationalists are making a move to have a "superintendent" of missions in Utah, Montana and Idaho. This Board appointed an energetic brother of experience in the Rocky Mountains to a similar service, at the October meeting, and he is actually at work, and with his hands full.

5. The seventeen teachers just sent into Utah by this Board, and supported by the women of the church, have excited the alarm of the priesthood in Utah, and a well-informed correspondent says:

"The Mormon priesthood are bringing a tremendous pressure to bear against us this year among their own people. In the main our schools are smaller than usual at this season of the year. In Smithfield they have brought such a pressure against the poor old lady who rented a building to Mr. Parks that she has asked him to give her back the building, although she badly needs the rent. Thus far they have prevented him from buying a lot. In St. George the priesthood compelled the family where our missionary was boarding to shut their doors against him. At Moroni they tried to make the man who rented Mr. McMillan a building for a school take it away from him. They are opposing us in every way—which is good evidence that they are getting afraid of our work."

6. On the other hand it is quite plain that the Mormons can no longer trust their isolation or their discipline to keep their people from hearing the truth. About October 30 Moody and Sankey began their labors in Salt Lake City. They hold their services in a church which seats nearly twelve hundred, and it is packed every night—frequently *jammed* full. The four-o'clock meeting is also well attended. One night, after the regular services, Mr. Moody asked all who felt inclined to remain thirty minutes for a prayer-meeting, and enough stayed to fill the church. Religious interest is fast taking the place of curiosity. The Mormons attend the meetings by hundreds, and the priesthood are evidently becoming alarmed, for they had a number of their police present, as we think to *watch their people* and seek to restrain them from coming under the influence of the meetings.

One Mormon was heard to say, "We are watched." "I know it," said the other, "but I do not care; I am coming." Let all Christians pray for the good work in Utah, and Salt Lake City in particular.

Narayan Sheshadri, the converted Brahmin, now in this country, says that the gospel has made such an impression in India already, that public sentiment is turned more and more against polygamy, so that it is losing its hold on the people, and that very few Mohanmedans or high Brahmins have more than one wife. So we may hope the gospel will at length do away with polygamy in the very heart of our country.

But no one can ponder the different facts above mentioned without seeing their significance, and the importance of taking immediate and vigorous steps for the early evangelization of this vast interior, which is larger than all the states east of the Mississippi except Florida, and which is full of mineral wealth that will bless or curse the world.

But in the very heart of this great section also live the two other "exceptional populations," which our General Assembly has ordered us to care for, the Mexicans and the Indians. So far removed from the great centres of population, missionary work is here more costly and difficult than in any other portion of the West, and yet the women in our church are bravely at work raising the funds for this purpose.

MEETINGS OF THE SYNODS.

It is always profitable to meet the Synods of the Church in their annual gatherings. We obtain valuable information and "fresh inspiration." Nearly all the synods meet in the first two or three weeks of October; and it is therefore impossible to reach them all the same year. We were able to reach only five. But we received several hints:

(1) On the *importance of diffusing useful information among all the people as to the work of Home Missions*. This is not a *new* idea. Indeed,

when we hear the brethren urging the matter so eloquently, we are almost persuaded that they have "stolen our thunder," and are only presenting in better form what we said the last time we were with them. Nevertheless, we "do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice." Any man whose heart God has touched with the spirit of benevolence wants to know where to give his money and what can be done with it; and his constant prayer is for "light, more light." It is not the lack of money, but the lack of information, that makes the contributions of the churches so small and our treasury so often empty.

(2) Some of the brethren say that the feeble churches in the old States have had missionary aid long enough; they ought to be refused further assistance, and let all the funds be used for the growing and needy West. Others say we are sending all the money to the West, and the feeble churches at the East are starving to death. Some say that the Board is "ambitious," "grasping for power," "interfering with the rights of Presbyteries," and that the only true way is for the Board to make appropriations to Presbyteries, and let them distribute the funds as *they see fit*. Others say, and affirm that they know, that if this policy is adopted the most generous donors to the Board would refuse to give a dollar. Some say, let the older and abler Presbyteries attend to the work within their own bounds, and send the balance to the Board; and others say this has been tried again and again, and nearly always with most disastrous consequences. "Who shall decide when doctors disagree?"

Meanwhile we try to look at and weigh and get the full force of all objections and all the hints furnished, and hold ourselves ready to adopt any changes that seem to promise the safe enlargement of the work.

DAKOTA.

Three years ago we had but one church in southern Dakota, now we have fifteen; in northern Dakota we had one, now we have twelve. Besides we have a Presbytery of ten churches among the Indians; so that there is material enough to organize another Synod, which will probably be done as soon as the railway system is so extended that the different pastors and elders could conveniently gather at a common centre.

TIME OF TAKING COLLECTIONS FOR THE BOARDS.

Inquiry has frequently been made as to the time designated by the General Assembly to take collections for the Board. The only action taken by the Reunited General Assemblies may be found on page 575 of the Minutes for 1871, and is as follows, namely: "that as the rate of expenditure is measurably uniform throughout the year, no one month be designated for the taking up of collections for this cause; but

that each church designate for itself the month that will bring most to the treasury of the Board, and in no case to fail of an annual collection."

Before reunion the old school branch had designated months for each cause; but as the tendency of such an arrangement was to make a full or plethoric treasury for a month or two, and to make an empty one the balance of the year, and as no one month was best for the whole Church, and especially as such veteran secretaries as Drs. Musgrave and Lowrie had never favored such designation—though they had not seen fit to oppose it—this Board brought the case to the attention of the General Assembly, in 1871, with the result as expressed above. The Minutes of the General Assembly and the Monthly Record have usually inserted the old order of the old school, and we have not thought it worth while to protest against it. But we believe that if each church, by its pastor and elders, will designate the best month of the year for Home Missions, if they have no other method in use, the result will be both an increased and a uniform flow into our treasury of Home Mission contributions. For we think each church can suit itself as to the best time better than the General Assembly can suit it; and that, having fixed their own time, and having all these matters in their own hands, more churches are likely to be accommodated than in any other way, and therefore a larger number of churches would contribute to Home Missions during the year than by any other method. However, we have no zeal for any special plan. Any time is far better than no time, and any system better than no system at all. The great object is to obtain the most money for Home Missions, for our receipts are always too small to meet the demand, and we heartily join with the General Assembly when they say, "and in no case to fail of an annual collection."

NEWS FROM THE MISSIONARIES.

THE GATEWAY TO THE YELLOWSTONE PARK.—REV. WM. L. AUSTIN.

MILES CITY, M. T., *October 20, 1880.*

I have been in Miles City just five weeks. To-night we organized our church, and, I am happy to say, under the most favorable auspices. Twelve persons united with us: five men and seven women, all of whom I believe to be earnest and devoted Christians. I must confess when I first arrived here my *heart* failed me, but the Lord strengthened me. I thought I had seen sin "in high places," here I found the devil turned loose. I soon felt that I had an enemy before me of terrible force and power. Remembering my strength, I went quietly to work. I did a great deal of visiting, found out all those who were Christians, preached regularly every Sabbath, morning and evening. My congregations have been steadily growing, and already there is a decided change for the better in the place. Undoubtedly, I think, this is one of the most promising fields in the great West. To Bismarck, 320 miles to the east, there is not a single church organization. To Bozeman, about the same dis-

tance to the west, not a single church. To Cheyenne, almost double that distance to the south, not one. North to the British possessions, not one.

This is the gateway into the great Yellowstone Valley. The place is growing very fast; in five weeks at least twenty houses have been built here. There is not a single comfortable house to rent. Carpenters are on the rush; business of every kind is on the increase. Almost every day families are coming in. Without doubt the Northern Pacific Road will be completed to this point by the 1st of next July. No description of this country, that I have read, has been exaggerated. Of course every thing is high,—rents and provisions, especially,—but we hope to see a change for the better in this respect when the railroad reaches here. I am very much encouraged. I thank God that he ever sent me here. Of course there are many privileges from which I am deprived, but I feel that the work I am doing here is just the work the Master wants me to do; hence I am happy in it.

REV. L. W. CHAPMAN.—LOOKING UP THE SCATTERED SHEEP.

CARO, MICHIGAN, *November 1, 1880.*

I am glad to make this, my second quarterly report of my work in this vicinity. I have preached regularly, without intermission or vacation, in Caro twice each Sabbath of the quarter, except dedication day, and then better men did the work. I have been able to make a large number of visits in families and at the places of business, where I find the men. During this quarter we have completed our church building, a model of beauty, convenience, and economy. It has cost us, with lot, \$1805, all of which will be paid if the Board grants our last application for an additional hundred dollars. This cost was exclusive of pulpit furniture, which was a special gift, and also lighting apparatus, another special gift. This has been, from the beginning of my connection with it, a most successful enterprise. From about 17 members on our list at the commencement of my labors, we now number 34, with the prospect of other additions at our communion next Sabbath. Since we entered our new house we have much larger congregations: sometimes so large that we almost wish we had more room. We are looking for still greater prosperity. There are plenty of people who go nowhere to religious worship in our village. Our aim is to reach this class. Our Sabbath-school and prayer-meeting are well attended.

I find a great many families settled in this fine farming region who were once connected with the Presbyterian church in Canada, or in Scotland. These are a little shy, being afraid that there is some trick on hand, but their confidence can be gained when once they are convinced that we represent the true-blue Presbyterianism of their fathers. These families have been here some of them for years, and, having no church of their own denomination to attend, have grown indifferent in some measure; but when we get them to go to our church a few times, all their old love returns, and nothing can keep them away. We have also in the village and around the country many bright, intelligent, enterprising people from New York State, Ohio, and Massachusetts. Indeed, I have seldom found a more intelligent and enterprising community than this. The town is a live town, and likely to be such.

A few Sabbaths ago I noticed a woman, past the middle of life, who seemed much affected. At the close of the service I made her acquaintance. She was crying for joy. She said she had lived near here for more than twenty years, and had all these years been praying that she might see a Presbyterian or a Congregational church established. Her prayer was answered. She is a regular worshipper with us now.

FROM REV. J. B. WELTY.

LOGAN, IOWA, *November 1, 1880.*

DEAR BRETHREN:—I here send to you the fourth and last report for the year. My commission expires with this date. I will give you in brief the work of the year.

Last Spring, in March, a Presbyterian church was organized at Woodbine with nineteen members. Sixteen of these were taken from the church at Logan. This reduced our membership at Logan. Besides this a number have been dismissed from Logan to join with other churches at other places.

The work at Woodbine is all new but healthy. After organizing we went forward to build a house of worship; the house is built and now almost finished. Our congregation there is larger than since we have been going there. It is about one hundred.

The church of Logan does not desire or need any further aid. They have circulated the subscription for the year to come, and the officers tell me they can raise \$500, or for half my time, with ease. They are very grateful for help received in years past, and will remember the Board in cheerful contributions.

The other half my time for next year is asked for at Woodbine. I have used my influence as far as I could to persuade them to raise their portion alone; but they have resolved to ask the Board for some help for one year. They say they are taxed very heavily this year in building and finishing their church. They will finish the church and enter it before Christmas, free of debt. I, however, would like to be off the Board, but I cannot serve the field for less than I am receiving. In our family we have five children. Our house rent is \$150 per year. But I will do all I can to have them go alone, if not this year, at least after this year.

The year just closing with this quarter has been a very busy one. It has been the fullest year of my ministry. I have had more special calls than in any one year of the four that I have been in the county. My field of influence and gospel ministry extends farther. I have travelled more miles and preached oftener than in any single year of my ministry. I preach to more people.

When I came here in the fall of '76, there was an organization of 33 members. They worshipped in a little house owned by the Baptists. During these four years 50 have been added to the membership, two new church edifices have been built, and a position and influence have been obtained that promise great returns in the future. In view of this continued prosperity, I in grateful acknowledgment must say with David, "Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?"

WORK AMONG THE MEXICANS.—BY REV. JOSE DOMINGO MONDRAGON.

VERNANDO DE LAOS, NEW MEXICO, *October 19, 1880.*

I deem it a privilege to write you on the receipt of my commission for a year, and to make a little report of what I have been trying to do for the Master during the time since the expiration of my last commission. During the time, which is about five and a half months, I have preached twenty-four sermons in seven different places, three different localities, distant from each other about thirty miles, to 480 people. I preach because it is my most pleasant duty. I love to preach. In all the different places I have found enough of interest, and not much opposition. At Ocate the people are convinced in regard to the doctrines of the Bible in the main, and are interesting themselves in reading and teaching the same. In Agua Negra, also, I have found much interest among the people with whom I have conversed, many of them real fanatics in Catholicism; but as long as I gave them the true sense of the teachings of the Bible they were convinced, and sought to procure a book for themselves, in order to read it and disabuse themselves of their errors. In El Rancho, where I have my home, where the kind friends of the States are assisting us in building a house of prayer, it is attracting the attention of all the people, and many of the neighbors go to see it as the builders progress in their work. They manifest much interest that the house be finished, that they may send their children to be taught in it, and that they themselves may assist us in our congregation of worship.

For all these things we give thanks to God, and ask him, from our hearts, that the holy Spirit may open their hearts that they may enter into this church and be converted. In Agua Negra, also, the members of the church and their children are growing in the knowledge of the Word and the Shorter Catechism; and the children—the little ones—are learning with much eagerness the Child's Catechism. In the Sabbath-school there are many children of Romanists that manifest great interest in the same. In El Rancho the people long for nothing so much as to see a teacher in our new house, that they may have a permanent school to which to send their children. This house in El Rancho, when finished, will, without doubt, be a great attraction, and will be the means under God of promoting our cause more than anything else, providing we can have a teacher and a school all the time. Let us ask God's blessing that the church may grow in knowledge and holiness.

WHAT OTHERS THINK OF THE HOME MISSIONARY WORK.

During this last year three hundred miles of railroad were built, and more than twice that number will be added during 1880. On every one of these roads towns of rapid growth and solid endurance spring into existence. The naked prairie is covered here and there with the substantial streets of important centres within six months after the whistle of the locomotive is first heard. Each day's delay in sending a man to one of these points and organizing a church is a loss to the cause of religion that slow months of subsequent toil, at great expense, can hardly

repair. Over three hundred teams a day, on the average, crossed the Big Sioux River, at one point, all last summer, bringing families to settle in the rich "valleys of the Dakotas." Every form of conveyance, public and private, is crowded bringing these settlers. The lamented Howard, the late governor of the Territory, speaking last autumn to the General Association, urged upon this Society, in the presence of its senior secretary, then present, that the imperative demands upon it of this Territory for missionary outlay and labor the present year would be *fourfold* what they ever had been.—*Rev. Stewart Sheldon, Yankton, Dak.*

The Northern Pacific Railway, on whose successful completion so much of the moral and spiritual not less than material advancement of this whole vast region is waiting, already knocks with eager forces at the eastern front of the Rocky Mountains on its pathway through Montana. Explosive dynamite and giant powder there herald the arrival ere long of a vigorous and large population. Our brethren who have for so long been patiently and toilsomely laying Christian foundations for this approaching hour will not lose their reward.

The great transcontinental railways are rushing onward, one after another, from ocean to ocean, opening fertile regions of agricultural or mining wealth to new settlements, and stringing towns of future might and influence along their iron threads all the way. Some of the richest and most inviting portions of our national territory have thus been brought into view the past year, others are to be the present. And the nations are flowing in. This Society follows—but, with halting steps? It must not outrun its means.

No language can express what we feel or what we clearly discern as to the present moral dangers of our country, and the call of God upon his people to arise and save it! In the name of that God who has so often been our Helper, in the name of his adorable Son our Blessed Lord, and in the name of all that his children have ever held dear in this world or died for in the next, we make this appeal for such a reinforcement, in devoted men and consecrated offerings, that we may go up and possess the land and sanctify its people! "Thus shall they know that I, the Lord their God, am with them, and that they are my people, saith the Lord God!"—*Annual Report Amer. Home Miss. Society.*

HOME MISSION APPOINTMENTS FOR OCTOBER, 1880.

Of the following, six are Sustentation Pastorates.

Rev. F. Dyer, Mayfield,	N. Y.	Rev. E. Thompson, Commercial Point & Darby, Ohio.
Rev. S. E. Koons, Hannibal,	"	Rev. J. A. Meeks, West Union,
Rev. S. W. Lindsley, Breesport and Sullivanville,	"	Rev. R. W. Allen, Murrayville,
Rev. E. B. Wells, Sugar Hill,	"	Rev. H. C. Mullan, Providence,
Rev. J. Waugh, Cohocton,	"	Rev. W. H. Blair, Milan,
Rev. R. A. Blackford, White Lake,	"	Rev. D. R. Shoop, Hastings,
Rev. J. Rudolph, 1st German, Elizabeth,	N. J.	Rev. J. M. Craig, Manitowoc and Cato,
Rev. A. H. Dashiell, Jr., Lakewood,	"	Rev. Samuel C. Hay, De Pers,
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Rev. M. Wishart, Waterford,	"	Rev. E. V. Campbell, St. Cloud,
Rev. G. M. Bonner, Elder street, colored,	"	Rev. J. P. Schell, Park River,
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Rev. H. M. Shockley, McPherson Central,	"	Rev. F. J. Weeks, San Juan Island, "

RECEIPTS FOR HOME MISSIONS IN OCTOBER, 1880.

ALBANY.—*Albany*—Albany 3d, 7; Albany State St., 99 93; Greenbush, 14; Johnstown, 100. *Champlain*—Port Henry, 72 58. 293 51

BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Baltimore Westminster, a member, 5; Rev. Geo. Morris, 500. *New Castle*—Lower W. Nottingham, 22 50. 527 50

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*St. Lawrence*—Le Ray, 5. *Syracuse*—Hannibal, 20; La Fayette, 16 50. *Utica*—Lyons Falls, 6 55; Utica Bethany, 116 02. 164 07

CINCINNATI.—*Cincinnati*—College Hill, 32; Loveland "Earnest Workers," 3 04 03; Venice sub-sch., 11; Wyoming sub-sch., 30. 107 03

CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—Cleveland 2d, Ladies, 100; Cleveland North, 4 08; Rev. A. Y. Tuttle, 1. *Mahoning*—East Palestine, 5; Hubbard, 7 75; Liberty, 4. *S. Clairsville*—Birmingham, 2. *Steubenville*—Bethel, 22 14; Feed Spring, 3. 148 97

COLUMBIA.—*Oregon*—Portland, 61 10. *Puget Sound*—San Juan, 5. *South Oregon*—Quaquina Bay, 5; Roseburg, 6; Wilber, 3. 80 10

COLUMBUS.—*Athens*—Logan, 16. *Columbus*—Columbus St. Johns, 11. *Marion*—Mt. Gilead, Ladies' Soc., 30 75; Radnor, 7 56. *Wooster*—Plymouth, 8. *Zanesville*—Putnam, 80; Salem, Ger., 60 cts. 153 91

ERIE.—*Allegheny*—A Friend, 5. *Erie*—Cambridge, 15; Girard, Ladies, 9 97; Jamestown, 5. Titusville, Ladies, 40. *Kittanning*—Appley Manor, 10; Currier's Run, 27; Rural Valley (sub-sch.), 3; 26; Saltsburg, 39 70. *Shenango*—Clarksville sub-sch., 18 60; Leesburg, 15. 211 27

GENEVA.—*Cayuga*—Auburn Calvary, 19 59; Auburn Central, 55 98; Anrora, 35. *Chemung*—Elmira 1st, 25 67; Monterey, 3 06. *Geneva*—Geneva 1st, 22 79; Geneva North, 235 10; West Fayette, 4 45. *Steuben*—Corning, 25 86. 427 50

HARRISBURG.—*Carlisle*—Buck's Valley, 1 45; Harrisburg Elder St., 4; Middle Spring, 100; Warfordsburg, 1 55. *Huntingdon*—Kylertown, 1 45; Little Valley, 10; McVeytown, 31; Woodland, 6 25. *Northumberland*—Williamsport 2d, 18 15; Prosythieral Collection, 11 91. *Wellsboro'*—Wellsboro', 6 16. 191 92

ILLINOIS CENTRAL.—*Bloomington*—Bloomington 2d, 50. *Shuylar*—New Salem, 10; Plymouth, 3 30; Quincy 1st, 11 05; Shiloh, 2 45. *Springfield*—Dawson, 8; Springfield 2d, 35 55. 120 35

ILLINOIS NORTH.—*Chicago*—Chicago 2d, add'l, 350; Du Page, 19 50; Riverside, add'l, 28 08. *Freeport*—Warren, 5. *Rock River*—Fulton, 2. 404 58

ILLINOIS SOUTH.—*Alton*—Brighton, 6; Greenfield, 5; Greenville sub-sch., 2 75; Virden, 3 30; Waveland, 3 50. *Mattoon*—Arcola, 3 77; Mattoon Ladies' Soc., 10; Prairie Bird, 11; Shelbyville, 5; Tower Hill, 11. 61 32

INDIANA NORTH.—*Crawfordsville*—Dover, 7. *Fort Wayne*—Salem, 4 53. *Logansport*—Monon, 5 10; Pishgah, 1 75; Rev. W. Campbell, 5. 23 38

INDIANA SOUTH.—*Indianapolis*—Whiteland, 5. *New Albany*—Mt. Lebanon, 1 10; Vevay 4 50. *Vincennes*—Howsville, 2. *White Water*—Connersville 1st, 13. 25 60

IOWA NORTH.—*Cedar Rapids*—Cedar Rapids 1st, 104 97; Cedar Rapids 2d sub-sch., 15. *Dubuque*—Independence Ger., 10. *Waterloo*—Nevada Ladies' Soc., 16. 1205 23

IOWA SOUTH.—*Council Bluffs*—Randolph, 4; Shenandoah, 11 50. *Des Moines*—Chariton, 7 50; Colfax sub-sch., 1; Mariposa, 5. *Iowa*—Burlington 1st, 23 17; Keokuk Westminster, 29 76; Pleasant Plain, 1 83. 83 76

KANSAS.—*Emporia*—Cedarvale, 1; Dexter, 4. *Larned*—Medicine Lodge, 1 20. *Neosho*—Fontana, 5 95; La Cygne, 2 70. *Solomon*—Ellsworth, 4; Minneapolis, 14 40. *Topeka*—Blue Mound, 7 75; Pauline, 3 50; Wakarusa, 6 50. 51 00

KENTUCKY.—*Louisville*—Louisville Walnut St. (sub-sch., 11 57), 38 46; Princeton 1st, 5 50; Salem, 2 50; Shelbyville 1st, 96. 142 46

LONG ISLAND.—*Brooklyn*—Brooklyn Clinton St., 39 47; Brooklyn 1st, add'l, 350; Brooklyn Green Ave., 10; Brooklyn Lafayette Ave., mon. col., 17 58; Brooklyn Throop Ave., 42 13; Brooklyn Throop Ave. Mission Sabbath-school Missy' Assoc., 50; Edgewater 1st, 73 67; John D. Fish, 50. *Long Island*—"A Pastor," 3 50. *Nassau*—Astoria, 10; Jamaica, 60 21. 706 56

MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—Ann Arbor, 17; Detroit Westminster (sub-sch., 62 50), 110 12; Holly, 6 64; Howell, 150; White Lake sub-sch., 6 50; Wyandotte, 12. *Grand Rapids*—Westwood, 1 40; Ferry Ministry Fund, 100. *Kalamazoo*—Parkville, 4; Paw Paw, 10. *Lansing*—Eckford, 21 75; Homer, Ladies, 10; Mason, 22. *Monroe*—Monroe, from W. H. Boyd, 20. *Saginaw*—Byron, 494 41 3.

MINNESOTA.—*St. Paul*—Empire, 3; Farmington, 5; St. Paul House of Hope, 73 65; Vermilion, 5. *Winona*—Albert Lea, 20; Frank Hill, 2; Winona Ger., 5. 113 65

NEBRASKA.—*Kearney*—Glenville, 85 cts.; Spring Rancho, 90 cts.; Waveland, 1 80. *Omaha*—Niobrara, 5; —, 8. 16 55

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Clinton 1st, 4 77; Pluckamin (3 50 from Washington Valley Union sub-sch.), 17. *Jersey City*—Rutherford Park, 16 75. *Morris and Orange*—East Orange, 37; Madison, 17 73; Mendham 2d, 5; Morristown 1st, add'l, 51 25. *Newark*—Newark Central sub-sch., 62 50. *Newton*—Oxford 1st, Ladies' Soc., 10. *West Jersey*—Hammonont sub-sch., 8 24; Tuckahoe, 5. 235 24

NEW YORK.—*Hudson*—Liberty, 3 88; Middletown 2d, 13 09; Monticello, 10 17; Palisades, 13 94; Scotchtown, 4 34; Washingtonville 1st, 20; West Town, 22. *New York*—Mt. Washington, 35 55; New York Madison Square, 1000; New York Memorial, 294 38; New York 4th West Side Mission sub-sch., 10; New York Phelps Memorial Chapel, 103 40; New York Emanuel Chapel, 3 75. *North River*—Poughkeepsie Ladies' Soc., 125. *Westchester*—Bethany sub-sch., 2; Greenburg, 56 75; Irvington, 626 73; South East Centre, 10; Stamford (sub-sch., 25), 30. 2387 98

PACIFIC.—*Bentley*—Callistoga, 8; Clear Lake, 6 32; Clear Lake 2d, 6 33; Duncan's Mills, 4 20; St. Helena,

12 25. *Los Angeles*—Colton sub-sch., 13. *Sacramento*—Arbuckle, 13 75; Colusa, 4 50; Elk Grove, 3 25; Modesta, 2 60; Williams, 3; Woodbridge, 7. *San José*—Arroyo Grande, 3 50; Cambria, 16; Cayucos, 9; Milpitas Township (Wm. Boots, 5), 9; San Luis Obispo, 9. 130 70

PHILADELPHIA.—*Chester*—Upper Octorara, 35 51. *Lackawanna*—Franklin sub-sch., 3 14; Nanticoke (sub-sch., 5), 26 08; Rushville, 5; Stevensville, 5. *Lehigh*—Allen Township, 40; Summit Hill sub-sch. (Jamestown sub-sch., 35 cts.), 2 25. *Philadelphia*—Philadelphia Southwark 1st, 10. *Philadelphia Central*—Philadelphia North, 60. *Philadelphia North*—Manayunk, 45; Norristown 1st, 109 78. 341 76

PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Chess Springs, 4 40; Ebensburg, 6 14; Pine Run, 16; Poke Run sub-sch., 24 68; Unity sub-sch., 6 months penny collections, 13 05. *Pittsburgh*—Canonsburg Ladies' Soc., 30; Chartiers, 9; East Liberty, 27. *Redstone*—Uniontown, 72. *Washington*—Cross Creek, 65; Moundsville, Ladies, 11; New Cumberland, 65; Pine Grove, 4; Three Springs, 4; Washington 1st, 38 50; West Alexander, 153. *West Virginia*—Glenview, 75 cts. 543 52

TENNESSEE.—*Holston*—College Hill, 2 50; Reem's Creek, 1 50; Timber Ridge, 2. *Kingston*—Grassy Cove, 7 37; Pleasant Forest, 1. *Union*—Spring Place, 5. 19 37

TEXAS.—*Austin*—New Orleans Souiat St., 15. *Trinity*—Dallas, Ger., 10. 25 00

TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Bellefontaine, 7 89; Belle Centre, 10 70; De Graff, 4; Huntsville, 7 40; West Liberty, 2 05; Wyandotte, 2. *Maumee*—Antwerp, 7 50. 41 54

WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Buffalo*—Buffalo Lafayette St., mon. con. collections, 42 80; Ripley, 39; Silver Creek, 15. *Genesee Valley*—Andover, 7; Franklinville, 5 50. *Rochester*—Mt. Morris, 38 48; Rochester Brick, 179 27; Rochester Memorial, 8. 335 05

WISCONSIN.—*Winnebago*—Jenny, 4; Marshfield, 1 50. *Wisconsin River*—Cottage Grove, 6 90. 12 40
Women's Executive Committee of Home Missions..... 2181 31

Ladies' Board of Missions, New York..... 418 75
Ladies' Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Brooklyn..... 150 00

Total received from the churches, 12,570 25

LEGACIES.

Parthenia P. Mayfield, dec'd, late of Philadelphia, Pa., add'l, 410 66; H. G. Cheeseman, dec'd, late of Washington Co., Pa., 433 03; Amelia Case, dec'd, late of Columbus, O., add'l, 60; Jabez C. Tunis, dec'd, late of Plainfield, N. J., 1000; Elisha Taylor, dec'd, late of Cleveland, O., add'l, 86 63; William Beers, dec'd, late of Ashland, O., 480; Miss Sylvia Bacon, dec'd, late of Kingston, Pa. (in part), 100; Frances Thompson, dec'd, late of Hagerstown, Md., add'l, 231 25; Miss S. Anne Chambers, dec'd, late of Chambersburg, Pa., 300..... 3,101 57

MISCELLANEOUS.

Miss Clarissa E. Ely, Binghamton, N. Y., 10; Grace Smidt, Galena, Ill., 2; Rev. H. M. Shockley and family, 3; "A Friend, West Hoboken, N. J." 6; "C. Conn.," 7; Miss Lee, 2; "F.," 6500; "A Friend," 500; "Beneficiary," 30; Rev. D. Witter, Barrton, O., 2 50; "Sale of Mule Team," 115 70; East Bloomfield, N. Y., Ladies' Home Missionary Society, 1; Mrs. Charles Buell, East Bloomfield, N. Y., 5; "A Friend of Missions," 10; J. E. Cooper, New Castle, Ky., 5; "A Lady of the Presbyterian Church," 5; James McQueen, Chapinville, Pa., 33; Miss Jane Scott, New Waterford, O., 40; Six months Interest on Bond and Mortgage on Philadelphia property, 600..... 7,877 20

Total in October, 1880..... \$23,549 02

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RECEIPTS FOR SUSTENTATION IN OCTOBER, 1880.

ALBANY.—*Albany*—Albany State St., 24 82; Johnson, 10; New Scotland, 9 05. 43 87

BALTIMORE.—*New Castle*—Elkton, 12 33
CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Binghamton*—Cortland, 17 01.

Utica—Oneida, 20 25. 37 26

CINCINNATI.—*Cincinnati*—Mt. Auburn, 25 00

CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—Cleveland North, 1 01.

Mahoning—Youngstown 1st, 27 83. *Steubenville*—Bethel, 3 83. 32 67

COLUMBUS.—*Athens*—Logan, 10 00

ERIE.—*Allegheny*—Sharpsburg, 16. *Kittanning*—Crooked Creek, 4 87. 20 87

GENEVA.—*Cayuga*—Aurora, 10 50. *Chemung*—Elmira 1st, 6 75; Monterey, 75 cts. *Steuben*—Corning, 6 41. 23 78

HARRISBURG.—*Carlisle*—Dauphin, 7; Harrisburg Pine St., 104 06; Middle Spring, 15. *Northumberland*—Williamsport 2d, 90 cts. *Wellsboro*—Wellsboro', 1 53. 128 49

ILLINOIS NORTH.—*Chicago*—Joliet Central, 10 23

Rock River—Fulton, 1. 11 23

ILLINOIS SOUTH.—*Alton*—Virden, 81 cts. *Mattoon*—Arcola, 94 cts. 1 75

IOWA NORTH.—*Cedar Rapids*—Cedar Rapids 1st, 26 90

IOWA SOUTH.—*Iowa*—Burlington, 5 54; Keokuk Westminster 1st, 7 39. 12 93

KENTUCKY.—*Louisville*—Louisville Walnut Street (sub-sch., 2 87), 9 54; Shelbyville, 16 50. 26 04

LONG ISLAND.—*Brooklyn*—Brooklyn South 3d St., 29 74

MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—Detroit Westminster, 11 81; Howell, 25. *Grand Rapids*—Clam Lake, 8. 44 81

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Clinton, 1 18; Pluckamin, 3 50. *New Jersey City*—Rutherford Park, 11. *Monmouth*—Farmingdale, 2. *Morris and Orange*—East Orange, 9 18; Madison, 41 90. *Newton*—Belvidere 1st, 11 60; Hackettstown, 10. *West Jersey*—Woodstown, 8. 88 36

NEW YORK.—*Hudson*—Liberty, 96 cts.; Middletown 2d, 3 24; Monticello, 2 53; Palisades, 4; Scotchtown, 1 08; West Town, 5. *New York*—Mt. Washington, 4 38. *Westchester*—Stamford, 79 22. 100 41

PHILADELPHIA.—*Lehigh*—Summit Hill sub-sch. (Jamestown sub-sch., 9 cts.), 55 cts. *Philadelphia Central*—North, 12. 12 55

PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Fairfield, 6 59; Johnson, 16. *Pittsburgh*—East Liberty, 27. *Washington*—Washington 1st, 9 63. 59 22

TENNESSEE.—*Kingston*—Pleasant Forest, 1 00

TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—West Liberty, 51 cts. 3 87

WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Genesee Valley*—Franklinville, 3. *Rochester*—Ossian, 1 33; Rochester Memorial, 2. 6 33

Total received from the churches..... 769 41

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LETTERS relating to Missionary Appointments and other operations of the Board should be addressed to the Corresponding Secretaries,

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Rev. CYRUS DICKSON, D.D.

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CLOTHING.

1 box from the Ladies of New Vernon ch., N. J., 75; 1 box from the Ladies of Chicago 8th, 115; 1 box from the Ladies of Kirkwood ch., Ill., 51 75; 2 boxes from the Ladies of Franklin ch., Pa., 140 10; 1½ barrels from the Greenleaf Circle of Newburyport 1st ch., Mass., 157 40.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

To the Students under care of the Board of Education :

DEAR BRETHREN:—In view of the importance of every minister's having in his mind a full formula of sound doctrine, ready for self-guidance and for instruction, and in view of the requisition made by the General Assembly of candidates under care of this Board, that they be able to recite the Westminster Assembly's Shorter Catechism, the Board at its last meeting enjoined upon the secretary the duty of notifying all students on its scholarships that if, on their first recommendation, the Catechism has not been learned, this requirement of the Assembly must be met and answered before a renewal of recommendation be made, else a second year's scholarship from this Board cannot be granted.

The Board would also respectfully ask of the Presbyterian Committees on Education to see to it that this condition be complied with. It was enjoined on Timothy by the apostle Paul that he "hold fast the form of sound words which he had heard from him." And there is no sounder form of words to be held fast by a Presbyterian minister than that which was so carefully elaborated by the great assembly of divines convened in Westminster, A. D. 1643.

D. W. POOR, *Corresponding Secretary.*

"TOO MANY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES."

A complaint is often made that our church has too many theological seminaries, and the fact alleged is sometimes used as a reason for not contributing to the Board of Education; indeed we know of an "honorable" who has publicly declared that not one cent should be given to the Board until the General Assembly has taken action for reducing the number of these institutions by combining the movables of two or more of them in one, and allowing the real estate held to revert to the original donors or their heirs. There was a waste of men and means, it was urged, in employing so many professors in the instruction of so few students. As the penalty for such extravagance on the part of the church, good sense required that no more students should be aided in profiting by them, and the efforts to produce more ministers should be crippled. There may be logic in this: our trouble is about finding it. A word or two on the subject, however, may not be out of place.

There are at present in our connection thirteen theological institu-

tions of various kinds spread out between the two oceans east and west, and between the lakes and the gulf north and south—a pretty broad extent of territory, as one must confess. Of these nine are for English-speaking whites—among which is that of Blackburn University, which has been of late in a state of partial suspense, and has just gone into operation again—two are for Germans, and two for the freedmen. A partial interest we have in the theological department of Howard University at Washington.

Now we admit, were our Assembly, in the exercise of plenary power, to decide *de novo* upon the number and location of these educational institutions, it is possible that a different arrangement would be made. Some of them are, for *present* use and advantage, too near each other, and one or two might be dispensed with; but we are obliged to take things as they are. Several of these seminaries were founded in days long past—when distances were not reduced, as now, by railroads—and under local influences and necessities which called for their existence. They have taken root and grown, and become a power in the land, and cannot be disturbed. Several of them were organized later, during the period of division; then, when the sundered branches united, they came together, bringing with them what they had built up, and had built up in such a way and with such strength that combination was impossible. Others have been organized since the reunion, and no one questions their utility. Our seeming excess is not the result of idle and senseless prodigality, but the result of causes operating under the guidance of that Lord and Head to whom the founders of these institutions looked for direction in every step, and who works more wisely than we know. Believing in his superintending providence in this matter, we feel it to be our first duty to accept things as they are, in the firm persuasion that they will work together for good, and accept them thankfully.

But, still further, it must be said, in reply to the above-mentioned proposal, that over the great majority of these institutions the General Assembly has no power either to annul or combine. They are mostly independent corporations, allowing to the Assembly only a general supervision of their affairs and a veto on the election of their professors. Further than this the Assembly cannot go. The property owned by these seminaries is in the care of trustees, who are responsible to the state for its right use. Their endowments are mainly the gifts of munificent individuals, granted in unquestioning reliance on the good faith of the church and its agents for their improvement as intended. To return them now in any condition available for the donors' profit were impossible. Of what use could Morgan Hall be to the generous patron of Auburn Seminary should it be deemed wise to unite it with Union? or in what way could the good Dr. Beatty avail himself of the funds he

has put into the Western Seminary if that should be moved to Princeton? For the trustees of these institutions to attempt such restoration of property, even if advised by the Assembly, would be a simple betrayal of trusts which might well preclude any further liberality to the church on the part of her wealthy sons. Furthermore, what would the numerous alumni of these seminaries say to any attempt summarily to put their *alma mater* out of the way, or destroy her identity? It seems to us that men can hardly be aware of what they are proposing when they suggest the reduction of our seminaries; and more preposterous still is it to insist on such reduction as the condition of aiding the students who desire to avail themselves of the provisions so liberally made for them. Because some men appear to us to have furnished too much of a good thing, therefore, forsooth, it is our duty, by withholding our benefactions from young men, to prevent them from profiting by that good, and allow it to go to waste! Is not this absurdity put to the stretch? Could it go any further?

There is another aspect of the subject which deserves to be looked at—viz., the need there is of all these institutions, and the wisdom of the Providence which has furnished them to us. This must be reserved for a future paper.

SCOTLAND AND THE UNITED STATES COMPARED.

A point has been made against the Board of Education from the statement made before the Pan-Presbyterian Council by Dr. Calderwood, that in Scotland, without any Board of Education, a larger number of well-educated young men had offered themselves for the sacred ministry than could be employed. From this fact it is argued that a Board of Education is not needed here; that a like superabundance of candidates for ordination would be offered here, if only the Board were out of the way. To this inference we have two or three things to reply.

1. The fact of this superabundance in Scotland was accounted for by one of the Scottish brethren as the result of the revivals under the labors of Messrs. Moody and Sankey some years ago. It was a special overflow produced by that refreshing from on high. Would that a like cause might produce a like effect among us!

2. There is a fallacy in arguing from the condition of society in Scotland about the necessities and the likelihoods of society in the United States. Scotland is an old country of small extent, and with an overflowing population. Its area is a trifle larger than that of the State of Maine, and its population does not exceed that of the single State of Pennsylvania, increasing at the rate of one per cent. per annum. Hence new church organizations are comparatively rare. Its universities have

numerous bursaries, far more in proportion than belong to our youthful institutions here. Inviting fields of secular enterprise, alluring young men to their occupancy, are not so plentiful as with us. And, furthermore, provisions for ministerial support are more abundant through the sustentation fund. Hence in Scotland there is little call for general contributions in aid of all the various branches of church extension. They have no Home Mission and Church Erection Boards, no Freedmen to elevate, no foreign population to look after, and so they have no need of making special effort to supply the ranks of the ministry. The net increase of our churches on the contrary averages more than eighty per year, and still we fail of meeting the growing demands. And to occupy and build up these churches we want many new men continually, men of fine abilities and culture, who have in the midst of early privations learned how to live on salaries varying from \$300 to \$600 or \$800 per year. If any one thinks that a ministry sufficient to meet this demand, either in number or quality, will come of itself, we fear he will be disappointed. But

3. If with the aid of a Board of Education our church is not raising sufficient ministers for the work to be done, can any one show why it will be more likely to produce enough without such aid? In other words, does aiding hinder? If so, how?

RETURN OF AID BY A FOREIGN MISSIONARY.

— — — — —, Sept. 20, 1880.

I wish to give some little proof of my appreciation of what the Board of Education did for me, and also to show my interest in the cause represented by your Board. It was only for one year—1876-77—that I received aid, but it was a great help in my extremity, as I should either have been obliged to borrow or to have stopped my studies for a time. I enclose an order for fifty dollars, payable to your treasurer, which he will please place to my credit as “refunded.” I hope my contributions will not stop when my “refunding” stops. May God bless you in your work, and may “the Lord of the harvest send forth more laborers.”

Yours sincerely,

RECEIPTS FOR EDUCATION IN OCTOBER, 1880.

ALBANY.—*Albany*—Albany State St., 27 86; New Scotland. 8. *Champlain*—Mineville, 4 25. *Columbia*—Catskill, 48 37; New Lebanon, 5. *Troy*—Lansingburg Olivet sab-sch., 7 58; Troy Woodside, 23 10.

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BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Baltimore Light St., 12; Baltimore Lafayette St., 26 06; Emmitsburg, 25 50; Western, 30 19; Williamsport, 4 25. *New Castle*—Elkton, 14; Lower Brandywine, 13 50. *Washington City*—Washington 6th, 25.

150 50

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Binghamton*—Cannonsville, 3 50; Nichols, 3. *St. Lawrence*—Waddington, 15 33. *Syracuse*—Amboy, 7; Syracuse 1st, 57. *Utica*—Mar-

tinsburg, 1 78; Turin, 3 33; Utica 1st ch., 67 71, sab-sch., 7 38—75 09.

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CINCINNATI.—*Chillicothe*—South Salem, 10 36. *Cincinnati*—Cincinnati 3d, 27; Cincinnati Mount Auburn, 25; College Hill, 11 13; Cumminsville, 6 24; Monroe, 3. *Dayton*—Bethel, 8 35; Dayton 1st, 16 17; South Charleston, 8 50; Troy, 20 85. *Portsmouth*—Manchester, 5; Red Oak, 1 47.

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CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—Cleveland North, 1 15. *Mahoning*—Mineral Ridge, 7. *St. Clairsville*—Antrim, 5; Rock Hill, 5 08. *Steubenville*—Bethel, 7 35; Bethesda, 22; Cross Creek, 4 85; Madison, 3 10.

55 53

COLUMBUS.—*Athens*—Bristol, 3 25. *Marion*—Ash-

ley, 2 38; Berlin, 2 50; Brown, 6 90; Delaware, 10; Delhi, 6 75; Liberty, 6; West Berlin, 4 20. *Wooster*—Ashland, 16 70; Jackson, 5 70; Mt. Eaton, 1; Wooster 1st (sab-sch., 9 82), 48 58; Wooster Westminster, 9 40. *Zanesville*—High Hill, 2; Keene, 10. 135 36

ERIE.—*Allegheny*—Bakerstown, 14 36; Emsworth, 14; Sewickley, 50. *Butler*—Portersville, 7; Sunbury, 6. *Clarion*—New Rehoboth, 2; Oak Grove, 2; Perryville, 7; Pisgah, 7 45; Richland, 3 25; West Millville, 1 40. *Erie*—Erie 1st, 44; Fairview, 7; Franklin, 27; Girard, 8 61; Greenburg sab-sch., 13 08; Hadley, 4; Jamestown, 2 50; Utica, 11 39. *Kittanning*—Apollo, 22; Union, 5. *Shenango*—New Castle 2d, 11; Rich Hill, 8 50; Sharpsville, 3 60; Unity, 4 24. 286 38

GENEVA.—*Cayuga*—Aurora, 10 50; Owasco, 7. *Che-mung*—Elmira 1st, 6 87; Monterey, 85 cts. *Geneva*—Geneva North, 32 10; West Fayette, 1 74. *Lyons*—Lodds, 6. *Steuben*—Addison, 16; Corning, 7 19; Pultney, 5. 93 25

HARRISBURG.—*Carlisle*—Dauphin, 7; Dickinson, 4 25; Middle Spring, 40; Shippensburg, 26 75. *Huntingdon*—Lost Creek, 6 85; Newton Hamilton, 7 50; Orbisonia, 2 25; Petersburg, 6 47. *Northumberland*—Bald Eagle and Nittany, 12 31; Mahoning, 41 33; Williamsport 2d, 40. *Wellsboro'*—Wellsboro', 1 72. 163 83

ILLINOIS CENTRAL.—*Bloomington*—Bement, 11 75; Clinton, 17. *Peoria*—Deer Creek, 3 42; Galesburg, 12 55. *Springfield*—Irish Grove, 5; Petersburg, 4 50; Springfield 2d, 30 83. 85 05

ILLINOIS NORTH.—*Chicago*—Chicago Jefferson Park, add'l, 10; Lake Forest 1st, 44 42. *Freeport*—Belvidere, 7; Cedarville, 2 58. *Ottawa*—Earlville, 5; Granville, 3; Union Grove, 5 70. *Rock River*—Edgington, 10; Fulton, 2; Pleasant Ridge, 3 65; Spring Valley, 2. 95 35

ILLINOIS SOUTH.—*Alton*—Greenfield, 2; Hillsboro', 7 48; Sparta, 5; Spring Cove, 3 50; Virden, 91 cts.; Waveland, 3. *Cairo*—Mt. Vernon, 4. *Mattoon*—Arcola, 1 05; Mattoon Ladies Work Society, 5; Morrisonville, 4; Vandalia, 4. 39 09

INDIANA NORTH.—*Crawfordsville*—Rossville, 3. *Fort Wayne*—Albion, 4 28. *Logansport*—Crown Point, 3 25; Remington, 3 52; Valparaiso, 7 59. *Muncie*—Peru 1st, 4 75. 26 39

INDIANA SOUTH.—*Indianapolis*—Greenwood, 3; Southport, 2 53. *New Albany*—Mitchell, 3. *Vincennes*—Evansville Grace, 10 40; Graysville, 6; Sullivan, 5; Washington, 7. *White Water*—Aurora, 6. 42 93

IOWA NORTH.—*Cedar Rapids*—Centre Junction, 6; Mechanicsville, 5 61; Scotch Grove, 3; Vinton 1st, 24 50. *Dubuque*—Dubuque 2d, 22 50. *Fort Dodge*—Denison, 8; Vail, 16. *Waterloo*—Albion, 3 25; Cedar Valley, 1 35. 90 21

IOWA SOUTH.—*Council Bluffs*—Clarinda, 11 06. *Des Moines*—Centreville, 6 65; Indianola, 6; Leon, 2; Newton, 12 55. *Iowa*—Burlington 1st, 5 65; Fairfield, 13 15; Keokuk Westminster, 8 29; Oakland, 2. *Iowa City*—Martinsburg, 2 50; Summit, 5 25; West Liberty, 4. 79 10

KANSAS.—*Emporia*—Osage City, 2. *Larned*—Dodge City, 1; Spearville, 1. *Neosho*—Ottawa, 4 50. *Solomons*—Abilene, 5. *Topeka*—Kingsville, 53 cts.; Pleasant Ridge, 2 49; Wemago, 2. 18 52

KENTUCKY.—*Ebenezer*—Paris, 13 70. *Louisville*—Louisville Walnut St. ch., 7 49, sab-sch., 3 22=10 71; Princeton, 6 05. 30 46

LONG ISLAND.—*Brooklyn*—Brooklyn 1st Henry St., 264 25; Brooklyn Lafayette Ave. (W. W. Wickes, 100), 299 55. *Long Island*—Moriches, 14. *Nassau*—Islip, 13 17. 590 97

MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—Detroit Jefferson Ave., 103 66; Detroit Union, 10; Detroit Westminster, 13 27; Howell, 25; Plymouth 1st, 10 32; Pontiac, 9 75. *Grand Rapids*—Old Wing, 2; Omens, 2. *Lansing*—Hastings, 8. *Monroe*—Monroe, 10; Tecumseh, 80. *Saginaw*—Lapeer, 8. 212 80

MINNESOTA.—*Red River*—Fargo 1st, 14. *St. Paul*—Minneapolis Andrew, 13; Stanhope, 5; St. Paul House of Hope, 38 80. 70 80

MISSOURI.—*Osage*—Ebenezer, 5 60; Greenwood, 2 60; Olive Branch, 3 50; Pleasant Hill, 5 10. *Ozark*—Carthage, 8; Ozark Prairie, 3. *St. Louis*—Zoar, 5. 32 80

NEBRASKA.—*Nebraska City*—Brownville, 8 70; Lincoln, 13 60. 22 30

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Clinton 1st, 1 34; Elizabeth Westminster, 35; Pluckamin, 7. *Monmouth*—Englishtown, 6; Farmingdale, 5. *Morris and Orange*—East Orange, 10 31; Madison, 4 92; *Newark*—Newark Wickliffe, 8. *New Brunswick*—Amwell 2d, 7; Bound Brook, 13 40. *Newton*—Belvidere 2d, 10 76; Bloomsbury, 5; Hackettstown, 30. 143 73

NEW YORK.—*Boston*—South Boston, 3 50. *Hudson*—Florida 1st, 15; Hamptonburg, 10 57; Liberty, 1 08; Middletown 2d, 3 66; Monticello, 2 83; Palisades, 8 50; Scotchtown, 1 22; West Town, 7. *New York*—Mount Washington, 7 06; New York Scotch, 161. *North River*—Pleasant Plain, 8 10; Rondout, 24 50; Smithfield, 4. *Westchester*—Bridgeport, 36; Gilead, 11; Hartford 1st, 30; Mt. Kisco, 8 85; South Salem, 10 79. 354 66

PACIFIC.—*Sacramento*—Westminster, 15. *San José*—Milpitas Township, 1; Washington College, 15. 31 00

PHILADELPHIA.—*Chester*—Berwin, 2; Bryn Mawr, 34 59; Charlestown, 1 51; Downingtown Central, 5; Phoenixville, 2. *Lackawanna*—Barclay, 6; Scranton Green Ridge Ave., 18 65; Susquehanna Depot, 4; Terrytown, 1 50. *Lehigh*—Bethlehem, 2; Easton 1st, 38 61; Easton Brainerd, 93; Jamestown sab-sch., 10 cts.; South Bethlehem, 1 72; Summit Hill, 53 cts. *Philadelphia*—Philadelphia Calvary, 140 75; Philadelphia South Western, 7 70; Philadelphia West Spruce St., 225 80; Philadelphia Wharton St., 5. *Philadelphia Central*—Philadelphia Spring Garden, 27 56; Kender-ton, 13. *Westminster*—Cedar Grove, 3; Middle Otara, 10 50. 644 52

PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Conformity, 13; Fairfield, 11 10; Greensburg, 31 81; Penn Station, 2 35; Verona, 20. *Pittsburgh*—Centre, 8 50; East Liberty, 14; Knoxville, 1 25; Miller's Run, 3 04; Oakdale, 15 38; Racoon, 43 75; Sharon, 11 54. *Redstone*—Laurel Hill, 14 25; Tyronne ch., 4 69, sab-sch., 31 cts. =5. *Washington*—Bethlehem, 2 54; Hookstown, 4 12; Moundsville, 4; Upper Buffalo, 14 60; Washington 1st, 18 25; Wellsburg, (sab-sch., 5 40), 15 25; Wheeling 3d, 4. 257 73

TEXAS.—*Trinity*—Stephenville, 1 75. *TENNESSEE*—*Holston*—Oakland, 95 cts.; Unity, 1. *Kingston*—Baker's Creek, 1; Forest Hill, 5; Pleasant Forest, 1. *Union*—Caledonia, 1. 9 95

TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Bellefontaine, 2 20; West Liberty, 58 cts. *Lima*—Blanchard, 4; Macomb, 5. *Maumee*—Bryan, 15 67. 27 45

WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Buffalo*—Alden, 3 50; Fredonia, 40 37. *Genesee*—Leroy, 14 51. *Genesee Valley*—Franklinville, 12 25. *Niagara*—Medina, 11. *Rochester*—Livonia, 10; Rochester Memorial, 2. 93 63

WISCONSIN.—*Chippewa*—Hudson 1st, 10 70. *Milwaukee*—Beloit 1st, 14 75; Milwaukee Calvary, 28 17; Stone Bank, 4; Waukesha, 8 75. *Winnebago*—Alto Holland, 2 15; Fond du Lac, 24 22. 92 74

Total from Churches \$4412 14

LEGACIES.

Parthenia P. Mayfield estate (in part), 410 66; Mrs. Margaret Kelton, late of Chester Co., Pa., less expenses, 86 cts., 60 82..... 471 48

REFUNDED.

Rev. Thomas Hickling, 62 50; "J. M.," 50... 112 50

MISCELLANEOUS.

A friend, 1 50; D. R. Holt, Lake Forest, Ill., 50; "R.," 5; M. L. Clayton, Plymouth, Mich., 2; Beneficiary, 21; E. E. Townsend, Erwins, N. Y., 5; "C., Conn.," 1..... 85 50

Total receipts in October, 1880..... \$5081 62

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

RECENT INTELLIGENCE.

NOTICES OF MISSIONARIES.—The Rev. A. L. Blackford, after spending some time in the service of the American Bible Society in Brazil, has been reappointed as a missionary of the Board in that country. His station will be at Bahia. Miss Dascomb has arrived in Brazil. The Rev. J. N. Culbertson has arrived in Siam. Miss Sarah C. Seward, M.D., Miss Jennie M. Butler and Miss Esther E. Patton embarked for India on the 30th of October. Miss Seward is returning to her work at Allahabad. Miss Butler, a member of Grace Church, Peoria, Ill., it is expected will be associated with Mrs. Warren, widow of the Rev. J. Warren, D.D., at Gwalior; and Miss Patton, a member of the church of Hillsdale, Michigan, goes to the Kolapore mission, to be associated with the Rev. G. H. Ferris and his wife.

ADDED TO THE CHURCH.—Mr. Hamilton reports four persons received by the Omaha church. Mr. Winn reports four received at Kanazawa, making thirteen in all. Mr. Alexander reports three received at Shimonoseki, the fruit of labors by native brethren. Mr. Henry reports five received by the Second church of Canton. Mr. McDonald reports one received by the First church of Bangkok. Mr. Johnson reports two received by the church of Allahabad; and Mr. Goheen, three by the church of Kolapore. Mr. Ward reports seven received by the church of Tabriz—two Armenians and five Mohammedans. Mr. Hardin reports three received on a preaching tour from Tripoli. Mr. Deputie reports one received by the church of Monrovia. Mr. Chamberlain reports fourteen received at a town within reach of Sao Paulo, most of them heads of families; Mr. Houston, one received at Rio de Janeiro; and Mr. Da Gama, three received on a journey from Rio Claro.

KOORDISH ATTACK ON OROOMIAH.—The daily newspapers have given telegrams dated to the 9th of November, reporting a descent of the Koords, a semi-savage mountain people of bigoted Mohammedan faith, on the country near Oroomiah, and of their besieging that city. They had caused great distress, but they were repulsed by the Persian troops. Our missionaries were at Mt. Seir, near the city, and had not been molested. Some of the Koordish chiefs are friendly to them, and had sent word to them to hoist the American flag over their houses and they should be safe. Fears of Koordish invasion were felt at Tabriz, but the latest advices speaks of the danger as past.

MISSIONARY WORK IN PERSIA.—The general tenor of the letters from Persia, of dates to the 9th of October, continues to be that of encour-

agement. Dr. Shedd, at Oroomiah, speaks particularly of the good work of the native presbyteries and of the native assistants. Two of the latter had died, and others were laid aside by ill health. At Tabriz, encouraging additions were made to the church, particularly from the Mohammedans. The country was still suffering from the effects of the famine; and though the harvest had been a good one, yet the extreme depression would require time for its removal.

LICENSED PREACHERS.—The Presbytery of Brazil at its late meeting licensed two of the native brethren to preach; eight others were students for the ministry under its care.

LETTERS RECEIVED TO NOVEMBER 12TH.—From the Seneca Mission, October 12th; Chippewa, October 22d; Omaha, November 1st; Dakota, Yankton, October 27th, and Poplar Creek, October 11th; Creek, October 28th; Seminole, October 30th; Nez Perces, October 2d; Yokohama, October 2d; Yedo, October 7th; Kanazawa, September 9th; Tungchow, September 12th; Chefoo, August 31st; Shanghai, September 22d; Canton, September 23d; Bangkok, September 24th; Petchaburi, September 14th; Allahabad, September 13th; Saharunpur, September 14th; Dehra, September 14th; Kolapore, October 6th; Oroomiah, August 30th; Tabriz, October 9th; Beirut, September 22d; Tripoli, October 2d; Monrovia, October 8th; Rio de Janeiro, October 4th; Sao Paulo, October 2d; Rio Claro, September 20th; Valparaiso, August 28th; Conception, August 25th; Mexico, October 26th; Zacatecas, September 27th; Monterey, September 25th.

RECEIPTS: MAY—OCTOBER; SIX MONTHS.

	From churches.	Individual donors.	Bequests.	Total.
1880.	\$62,705	\$27,754	\$53,673	\$144,143
1879.	64,512	11,566	95,268	171,347

OUR WORK IN PAPAL EUROPE.

The interesting letters given in subsequent pages lead us to say a few things:

1. The Board aids in the spread of the gospel among Roman Catholic countries in Europe, not by sending missionaries to them from this country, but by sending funds to our brethren there, to be expended at their discretion. Thus the money goes much further than if spent in the support of American missionaries there; and no administrative expense is incurred for such remittances except the postage of letters containing them.

2. These European friends are found in Italy, France, Belgium, &c.—gentlemen well qualified to make a wise and good use of funds

entrusted to them for the spread of the gospel among their countrymen. We consider them better qualified for this work than our own countrymen would be in the circumstances of the case.

3. The estimates of the Board's expenses for the current year include the sum of five thousand dollars for this work, with the understanding that special gifts additional will be forwarded agreeably to the wishes of the donors. For the sum above mentioned the Board relies on the regular collections of the churches, as in the case of all its missions.

4. It is respectfully submitted to our friends that the work in Europe can be efficiently aided without the presence of collecting agents, American or foreign, and certainly at a great saving of expense.

5. Our brethren in Europe find great and effectual doors of usefulness set before them. See the letters already referred to for practical details in one country. Urgent appeals come to us for help from other countries also, and particularly from France.

HOW TO CALL A MISSIONARY.

“What I plead for is that you in your wisdom hear these men in our theological seminaries, that you attend to the knowledge of their proficiencies and adequacies for this or that sphere, and in the august name of this Board give them a personal call or a written document [applause] in black and white, defining the field, defining what shall be required of them, and mentioning the compensation for their services; and thrust upon these young men the responsibility of rejecting this great call from God [applause] to labor in foreign lands.”

This extract is taken from an address at the late annual meeting of one of the missionary boards. We understood that its proposal was endorsed at a recent meeting of students connected with several theological seminaries. It is not a new suggestion, however, though we do not recollect having seen it before as resting the call to missionary life on solely external conditions.

Such a call should be: 1st, From God, by his word, his providence, and his Spirit. 2d. It will then be heard in the soul of him to whom it is addressed; his personal convictions of duty and desire of the work—this inner experience—is essential, and ordinarily it precedes any action. It is often so deep as to find expression in the words, “Woe is me if I preach not the gospel” to the heathen. It can seldom be judged of by others. It makes little of written documents and “compensation.” How much did the early missionaries make of these? 3d. This call should be verified by the church, if he who receives it cannot go forth in obedience to it at his own charges. How the church is to be satisfied of the reality of such a call, in any given case, is a question variously answered. In churches of our order, this duty is entrusted to the Pres-

bytery. The missionary boards are expected to make all proper inquiries, but on the Presbytery, or in some of our denominations the Synod, rests the responsibility of deciding the case, prior to ordination. Several things might be mentioned here, but we must leave them in abeyance.

Thus far, we suppose, all our readers will agree in regarding these views as correct; but how to apply these principles to actual cases may often be a difficult matter. As partly exemplifying the case, we may briefly state the usual method heretofore pursued. Constant efforts are made to place the cause of missions before the minds and on the consciences of candidates for the ministry. The views and facts thus presented lead some to feel that they are called to engage in this work, and they offer their services, or in some instances they make known their willingness to do so. Thereupon particular inquiries are made of pastor, physician, professors, fellow-students; if these are satisfactory, and the funds of the missionary board permit, an appointment is made subject to the approval of Presbytery. This general method has been followed for a long period. It has respect first to the personal call; next to the satisfactory recommendations; and then to the official approval of the church through its Presbytery. Its practical results have certainly been good. The missionaries of our Board have fairly represented the general ministry of our church. Among them have been some of the foremost men in their seminary classes—indeed, some of the ablest men in our ministry; we need but mention such names, now only speaking of the departed, as Walter M. Lowrie, M. Simpson Culbertson, Joseph Owen, James L. Mackey, Ashbel G. Simonton, Albert Bushnell, and others not a few, for whose character, attainments, life, and labors, the Church may well be grateful. These brethren did not wait for “a written document in black and white;” would such a call have added anything to their usefulness? And as to “compensation for their services,” of course they knew that they would be supported; the Church as a loving parent would not leave them without such means as would free them from worldly care, though unable to free them from the far greater trial of separation from country, home, and kindred. And as to “defining” their work—well, that is already done in various ways which seem to work satisfactorily.

Not to enlarge, we cannot but think the old plan a good one, though admitting of some modification. The proposed plan seems to magnify the external if not also the material features of the case, and to make too little of the divine side of it, though not so intended. Its chief drawback, we apprehend, would be its transferring the initiative duty of deciding on the call, from him to whom it is divinely addressed to those who from the nature of the case cannot fully understand its merits. We fear, moreover, that it would practically lower the spiritual and exalt the business aspects of the case. In the long run, we also

fear that its working would lessen the number of the right candidates for missionary service.

MISSIONARY WORK FOR CHINESE WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

In San Francisco, Oakland, and some other towns in California, a good deal of faithful labor is expended in efforts to bring the Chinese to a saving knowledge of Christ. In these labors our missionaries, the Rev. A. W. Loomis, D.D., and the Rev. I. M. Condit, have met with much encouragement. Not less encouraging is the report of the Occidental Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of 1880, from which we quote as follows:

"We have in our Mission Home a larger number of inmates than in any previous year—many of them young girls and children, under the guidance of Miss M. Culbertson, so eminently adapted to her responsible position as matron and missionary. Through this lady's superior skill and management, relieved by other accomplished instructors, each volunteering their services for an hour or two every week, the progress has been wonderfully marked. The bright, happy faces, the eagerness to learn, and the readiness with which they take up our language and enunciation, the specimens of fancy and useful handiwork, their neatness of person and in the household duties, are apparent to every visitor; all tell more than words of their improved condition. But of still greater worth is their evident advancement in a right understanding of God's Word, as exemplified in their Christmas festival, while telling the history of the Saviour's birth and contrasting the true Christ with senseless images of wood and stone.

"Can a Chinese be Christianized? is ever the question of the prejudiced.

"Within the year Chinese women from the Home have been baptized and admitted into the church after a strict catechizing by their pastor. One of the above women having married during the year is now a widow, sick and needy, supported entirely by gifts from the Chinese Young Men's Christian Association; she being tempted by her heathen advisers to deny God, promising her an abundance of all things if she would return to her idols. Her Christian companions urged her to be firm, and not to bring disgrace on the cause of Christ. Another, being told of the temptations arising from marrying a heathen husband, giving for illustration the result of such an alliance of a *former* inmate of the Home, whose lover promised to be taught 'the true religion' by his intended wife, but who after marriage attempted to force her to worship idols, she replied, 'Not her sin,' and, suiting the action to her words, placing her hand upon her heart, '*it* knows better, she can worship Jesus *here* all same as before.' Again, a Chinese man, a domestic in an American family of the highest respectability in this city, is a living witness for Christ: loved and respected by all, he has by his consistent deportment prompted the gentlemen of the household to declare: 'If there is anything in religion, that boy is a Christian!' These are exceptions,

you say. Need we look at the discouragements when we have this record of God's mercy and helping hand? It is said there is great rejoicing in heaven over one soul saved.

"The Bible class held in the pleasant back parlor of the Home is presided over by Mrs. Van Slyke. Every Friday this diligent Christian woman, with her native interpreter, Ah Tsun, may be heard expounding the Scriptures to attentive listeners. Her earnest, careful training, her admirable and effective mode of instruction, stimulates the girls to rapid progress, and shows her intense love and interest in her work. With large experience in Bible teaching, she says she has never found so delightful and encouraging a work as this. Let our words be those of praise!

"All these things increase the respect of, and attention among, the Chinese men; it gains their confidence in the Home; they are seeking Christian girls for their wives, showing the power of Christian civilization and religion."

"THE OCCIDENTAL SCHOOL, under the able and energetic management of Miss Baskin, has doubled its numbers during the year, including some from the higher classes undergoing the torture of shortening the feet. Thus we are reaching a higher social scale. But there is no aristocracy in heaven. All are God's creatures, possessed of immortal souls—each soul precious in his sight, and of more value than earthly kingdoms. The growth of the school is only retarded by lack of funds and more capacious quarters. We sincerely wish that a larger number of children could be brought under the Christian influence of so faithful a teacher. Visitors to this school always find it interesting, and are surprised at the quick, ready answers and respectful deportment of the pupils."

"MRS. CONDIT, our ever-faithful and untiring missionary, visits weekly the Christian families at their homes, thirteen in number, holding 'sweet hours of prayer,' and leading them out into clearer gospel light (being competent to teach them in their own native dialect as well as in the English language); a warm welcome always awaits her, and every eye grows brighter for her coming. She encourages them in their new life, and induces them to be punctual at the Bible class and Mission Chapel services."

"MISS EMMA CABLE, an earnest co-worker and teacher of this society, though unaccustomed to her new occupation, has proven herself most efficient and successful in gaining the love and confidence of the heathen women, her visits averaging fifty a month, reaching twenty-nine homes, giving moral and spiritual instruction, teaching them to be better wives and mothers, more useful and self-reliant women and practical housewives; encouraging neatness of person and homes; holding also a Sabbath-school among those children too small to venture from the parental roof. An ardent lover of her work, she is accomplishing wonders.

"Are not these women and children the handful of corn referred to in Psalm lxxii. 16? 'And shall not most of the present laborers live to see the ripening of the fruit and the gathering unto the Lord?'

“Our monthly meetings are growing in favor. At each return we welcome many new faces. An elder of one of our largest churches, being present at one, remarked with fervor: ‘It is one of the most interesting meetings I have ever attended.’ Come every one and see for yourselves. ‘Knowledge is power.’ Personal observation and participation will do more than reading. Your missionary convictions will no longer be superficial. I have never known a prejudiced visitor—a good hater of foreigners and foreign missions—who went away indifferent to the cause: many were entirely converted.’”

WALDENSIAN EVANGELICAL WORK IN ITALY.

We take several extracts from the “Voice from Italy,” of August last, showing the character and hopefulness of the missionary labors of our Waldensian friends in that country. The first is a letter of the Rev. Mr. Turino, whom many of our readers will remember with pleasure. His letter is dated at Milan, July 13, 1880.

MY DEAR SIR:—I am thankful to God, who in his good providence having sent me to America for the interest of our mission in Italy, has permitted me to see so many excellent Christian friends, who have given us their pecuniary help and their earnest prayers. When I returned to my flock in Milan, my friends were so kind as to give me a hearty reception. The first Sabbath I found flowers in my pulpit, an excellent choir organized for my reception, a silver communion service as a gift to me for the use of the church, and the congregation addressed me by the mouth of my friend, Rev. Longo. It is precisely the kind of reception I saw the congregation of Dr. Gibson giving to him when he returned back from Europe to Chicago in September last.

I found some members of my congregation having been removed by death, and new members having been called to take their place. A poor woman, a faithful member of my congregation, told me something which has edified me. She was in a very good position, but lost everything by circumstances independent of her will. She does not complain; on the contrary, she rejoices at the loss of her property, as it has been the means of leading her and her husband to the knowledge of the Lord. “This winter, while you were in America,” she told me, “I passed through this experience. During some weeks my poor husband had no work, and we began to be anxious for our children. One morning he went out early to seek for some work, hoping to be able to bring some help before eleven o’clock. But he did not come, and the children began to cry from hunger and cold. I had not a penny in my pocket. For the first time in my life I was obliged to go and buy some food without money. I was ashamed, and feared to be seen or to be sent away from the shop without food. I prayed earnestly to the Lord to have pity with my children, and to come and help us. As I was going slowly down stairs, a relative of mine asked me, ‘Eva, would you have perhaps some broth?’ ‘Well,’ I said, ‘if you would be so kind as to give me some for my children I would be very thankful to you.’ That man

entered into his house and came out with a large vessel filled, which I received with great emotion. I was ascending the stairs, and thanked the Lord for this food, adding a prayer also for some bread." She had just expressed her desire, when a woman, innkeeper, said, from the door of her house, "Eva, would you have some bread? I have just had some gentlemen at breakfast, and they have left a quantity of pieces of bread," which she had in her apron. When she had received those gifts she began to cry with joy and gratitude to the Lord, who had given her food enough for her and her family during two days. Now, when she hears any person doubting about God's hearing our prayers, she goes and tells them her story, encouraging them all to be careful for nothing, but to make known to God their requests with prayer and supplication.

At the end of May I was invited to go with another pastor and visit some of our Waldensian parishes, and see if God would give us a revival. All the parishes have been visited by two pastors from other places, who preached during three days, exhorting the people to repent and believe, and to be faithful to the Lord. I passed three days in six parishes, having one meeting in the morning, another in the afternoon, and a general meeting in the evening. I had an occasion to speak personally with some hundred people, and I found that almost all were disposed to confess that they are by nature lost sinners, that they have no other hope of salvation but by the grace of God in Christ, that their desire is to confide in Christ and to live for his service. Many promised to have every day family worship and to keep the Sabbath. In some places, while I was speaking to each individual hearer about the one thing needful, the Spirit of God manifested his presence in such a sensible manner that it is impossible to forget the holy impressions received. They have all given generously to the fund for increasing the pastor's salary.

I have been called these last days to visit some of our missionary stations spread on the mountains of the Venetian provinces, and have seen and heard something which may gratify the readers of the *Voice from Italy*. In *Tramonti* the gospel was introduced some three or four years ago by a student in medicine, who heard the gospel preached by the Rev. Lissolo in Padova. His bad health obliged him to return home for some time. He spoke of Jesus to his two brothers, and to his father and mother, and to his cousins, who were all successively brought to the Lord, and formed a nucleus of a church. Our evangelists came and visited them from Venice. The number of friends is increasing every year. This last March the enemies of the gospel tried in vain to destroy the house of our friends. And now there is a great work of the Spirit, and we are invited to go and preach the gospel there the next November, with the hope of our friends that their number will double in a short time.

In *Poffabro* we have only five members of the church, all decided to remain faithful to the Lord, and receive a good testimony from without. As I was taking leave of them, an old woman came in and asked me if I thought there could be remission of sins for her. I read to her the promises of the Lord, and invited her to ask his holy Spirit, in order

to understand and believe those promises. "But," said she, "what shall I do with my wicked heart, as I get so easily angry and cannot forget and pardon like other people?" "Bring your heart as it is to Jesus, and he will change it and fill it with peace and joy in believing." She listened to me with great emotion, promised to pray and confide in the Lord. Then I invited our friends to join in prayer for her, and in pronouncing the apostolic blessing I put my hands on her head. She had tears in her eyes, but I told her to be of good cheer, as the Lord, who had given her the desire of salvation, would certainly fulfill the work he had begun in her heart.

At Treviso we have a small meeting of seven or nine Christians in the house of the Countess d'Onigo, for whom we must pray that her trials may be directed for her sanctification and for the glory of God. She has a very large property in *Pederoba*, where a church of ten communicants, and five other friends of the gospel, are meeting every Sunday in her own house for their worship. It is wonderful to know how the gospel has been introduced in *Pederoba*. Count Onigo was a Liberal, and took part in some political movements during the Austrian Dominion. He was condemned to death, but escaped to Piedmont, where he came to know the gospel in Turin, and afterwards at Milan was many years a member of my congregation. He kept a regular correspondence with his friends at home, and sent them some religious books. Under the protection of Victor Emmanuel he could come sometimes and take care of his property and speak to his friends about Christ and his salvation. Such is the origin of the small church in *Pederoba*, with whom I passed some hours in prayer and meditation, and for whom I keep a great affection.

Believe me, yours truly,

G. DAVID TURINO.

RECEIPTS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS IN OCTOBER, 1880.

ALBANY.—*Albany*—Albany State st., 149 90; Johnstown, 100; Nassau, 10. *Champlain*—Peru sab-sch., 1 75; Mooer's, 5. *Troy*—Troy Park, 68 08; Whitehall 1st, 22. 356 73

BALTIMORE.—*New Castle*—Red Clay Creek sab-sch., 7 21

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Binghamton*—Cortland, 136 01; Marathon, 5. *Syracuse*—Fulton sab-sch., 25; Jamesville, 2. *Utica*—Rome 1st, 37; Lyons Falls, 15 20. 220 21

CINCINNATI.—*Cincinnati*—Wyoming sab-sch., 30; Walnut Hills 1st, 20 72; Montgomery, 5; Somerset, 1 90. 57 62

CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—Cleveland North, 6 14; Collamer, Rev. A. R. Clark, 10. *Mahoning*—Youngstown 1st, 62 56. 78 70

COLUMBIA.—*South Oregon*—Jacksonville, 10 00

COLUMBUS.—*Wooster*—Hayesville sab-sch., 15 00

ERIE.—*Allegheny*—Bull Creek, 10; Fairmount, 5; Friend, 5. *Clarion*—Bethesda L. F. M. Soc'y, 13 37. *Kittanning*—Currie's Run, 41; Apollo 1st, 37; Bethel, 10; Crooked Creek, 8. *Shenango*—Hopewell, 7. 136 37

GENEVA.—*Cayuga*—Auburn Calvary, 5 95; Auburn 2d, 4; Aurora, 53 08. *Chemung*—Elmira 1st, 37; Burdett, 15 56; Mrs. Mary Brown, 20=35 56; Monterey, 4 59. *Geneva*—West Fayette, 4 35. *Lyons*—East Palmyra, 25 17, sab-sch., 10=35 17. *Steuben*—Corning, 38 78. 218 48

HARRISBURG.—*Carlisle*—Harrisburg Market Sq.,

139; Middle Spring, 60. *Huntingdon*—Clearfield, 57; Tyrone sab-sch., 19 65. *Northumberland*—Williamsport 2d, 27 95; Lycoming Centre, 8. *Wellsboro'*—Wellsboro', 9 25. 320 85

ILLINOIS CENTRAL, 15.—*Bloomington*—Bloomington 2d, 50; Jersey, 5 13; Towanda sab-sch., 3 90. *Schuyler*—Mt. Sterling sab-sch., 22 50. *Springfield*—Decatur sab-sch., 80. 176 53

ILLINOIS NORTH.—*Chicago*—Chicago 3d, 50 80; Chicago 8th, 30 30; Chicago 4th, 25; Jefferson Park, 30 30; Hyde Park 1st, 89 15. *Freeport*—Belvidere 1st, 32 50; Cedarville, 4. *Ottawa*—Mendota sab-sch., 50. *Rock River*—Milan sab-sch., 10; Fulton, 3 40. 325 55

ILLINOIS SOUTH.—*Alton*—Greenfield, 5; Virden, 4 94; Waveland, 3 50; Greenville sab-sch., 2 75. *Cairo*—Graham sab-sch., 3. *Mattoon*—Mattoon Ladies' Working Soc'y, 10; Arcola, 5 65; Redman, 3. 37 84

INDIANA NORTH.—*Logansport*—Monticello, 20 00

INDIANA SOUTH.—*New Albany*—Livonia, 5 35. *Vincennes*—Petersburg, 5 50; Sullivan sab-sch., 2 47. 13 32

IOWA NORTH.—*Dubuque*—Independence, Ger., 9 35. *Fort Dodge*—Sioux City, 10. 19 35

IOWA SOUTH.—*Iowa*—Mt. Pleasant 1st, 3 93, sab-sch., 35=38 93; Ger., 15 30; Keokuk Westminster, 44 63; Burlington, 29 24. *Iowa City*—West Branch, 2. 130 10

KANSAS.—*Emporia*—Quenemo, 6 20

KENTUCKY.— <i>Louisville</i> —Louisville Walnut st., 40 33, sab-sch., 17 35=57 68; Princeton, 7 50. 65 18	
LONG ISLAND.— <i>Brooklyn</i> —Throop Ave. Mission sab-sch Missy's Association, 50; Edgewater 1st, 8; South 3d St., E. D., 25 50; Clinton St., 8 70. <i>Long Island</i> —Southold, 32; Bridgehampton, 20; "A Pastor," 3 50; Moriches, 10; East Moriches sab-sch., 6 82. <i>Nassau</i> —Springfield, 9 64. 174 16	
MICHIGAN.— <i>Detroit</i> —Detroit Westminster, 71 42; Milford United sab-sch., sp., 30; Howell 1st, 175. <i>Grand Rapids</i> —Petoskey, 10 52; Greenwood, 5. <i>Lansing</i> —Homer, 48, Mrs. E. Baker, 100=148; Mason 1st, 23 80. <i>Saginaw</i> —Emerson, 28. 491 74	
MINNESOTA.— <i>Mankato</i> —Mankato, a lady, 1, an old man, sp., 25 cts.=1 25; Blue Earth City sab-sch., sp., 10. <i>St. Paul</i> —St. Paul 1st, sp., 10; House of Hope (sp., 26), 137 11; Dayton ave., sp., 26; Central, 7; Minneapolis 1st, sp., 25, sab-sch., 23 84; Westminster (sp., 11 47), 28 87, sab-sch., sp., 38 53; Franklin ave., sp., 10; Howard, 3; Red Wing, sp., 10; Oak Grove, sp., 10; Andrew, R. Chester, 5. Pastor, 2, Friend, 10, sab-sch., sp., 10=27; Duluth sab-sch., sp., 9. Y. L. Soc'y, sp., 10; Farmington, Dr. W. Eustis, sp., 5. 391 60	
NEBRASKA.— <i>Omaha</i> —Niobrara. 5 00	
NEW JERSEY.— <i>Elizabeth</i> —Elizabeth 3d sab-sch., 12 50; Elizabeth 1st, Ger., 11 75, sab-sch., 2 25=14; Elizabethport, 34; Rahway 1st, Mrs. Martha Scudder, 40; Cranford 1st sab-sch., sp., 33 35; Pluckamin, 17 50; Clinton, 7 16. <i>Jersey City</i> —Rutherford 1st sab-sch., 40. <i>Mounmouth</i> —Farmingdale, 25 21. <i>Morris and Orange</i> —Orange Central, 250; East Orange 1st, 426 31; Madison 1st, 26 60; Mendham 2d, 5 85; Morristown 1st. 1. <i>Newark</i> —Newark 3d, 22 17; Wickliffe sab-sch., sp., 20; Roseville, 42 41, sab-sch., sp., 100=142 41. <i>Newton</i> —Oxford 1st, Ladies' Benevolent Soc'y, 10. <i>West Jersey</i> —Cedarville 1st sab-sch., 22 53. 1150 59	
NEW YORK.— <i>Boston</i> —Newburyport 1st, 15. <i>Hudson</i> —Ramapo, 406; Monroe, 13; West Town, 37; Liberty, 5 83; Scotchtown, 6 51; Monticello, 15 24; Palisades, 18; Washingtonville 1st, 20, sab-sch., 5 26 =25 26; Middletown 2d, 19 64. <i>New York</i> —Madison Sq. Mem'l Chapel, 1; Mt. Washington, 35 27; Madison Sq., 100; 4th West Side Chapel sab-sch., 10; 4th ave, 26 15, sp. for Papal Europe, 158. X. Y. Z., 100=284 15. <i>North River</i> —Newburg Calvary, 12; Cornwall, 13 35; Millerton, 7 16. <i>Westchester</i> —Sing Sing, 220; Greenburg, 105; Irvington, 614 73; Yonkers Day Spring, 9; Bethany sab-sch., 3; South Salem, 35 66; Southeast Centre, 11. 2022 80	
PACIFIC.— <i>Benicia</i> —St. Helena, 12. <i>Los Angeles</i> —Ojai, 7. <i>San Francisco</i> —San Francisco Calvary and sab-sch., 400. <i>San José</i> —Milpitas, 2. 421 00	
PHILADELPHIA.— <i>Chester</i> —Media, 9. <i>Lackawanna</i> —Honesdale, 305 25; Montrose, 30 01; Franklin sab-sch., 3 14. <i>Lehigh</i> —Easton 1st, 97 85; Summit Hill sab-sch., 2 85; Jamestown sab-sch., 54 cts. = 3 39. <i>Philadelphia</i> —Southwark 1st, 10. <i>Philadelphia Central</i> —North, 60; Kensington sab-sch., 10 84. <i>Philadelphia North</i> —Thompsonville Memorial, 20 37. <i>Westminster</i> —Chanceford, 12. 561 85	
PITTSBURGH.— <i>Blairsville</i> —Poke Run sab-sch., 24 69; Salem, 20 30. <i>Pittsburgh</i> —Pittsburgh 7th, 3 07; Centre L. M. Soc., 21 50; East Liberty, 43. <i>Washington</i> —Washington 1st, 48 13; Upper Buffalo sab-sch., 7 77; Pine Grove, 4. <i>West Virginia</i> —Kanawha, 10. 182 40	
TENNESSEE.— <i>Kingston</i> —Pleasant Forest, 1 00	
TEXAS.— <i>Austin</i> —New Orleans Souiat st., 10 00	
TOLEDO.— <i>Bellefontaine</i> —Bellefontaine 1st, 11 83; West Liberty, 3 09; Wyandotte, 2. <i>Lima</i> —Harrison, 5; Ada, 36 65; New Stark, 5 86. <i>Maumee</i> —North Baltimore, 12; New Salem sab-sch., 3 60. 80 03	
WESTERN NEW YORK.— <i>Buffalo</i> —Buffalo La Fayette st., 42 81. <i>Genesee</i> —Bergen 1st, 40; Warsaw, 73. <i>Genesee Valley</i> —Franklinville, 4. <i>Niagara</i> —Niagara Falls 1st, 71 42. <i>Rochester</i> —Fowlerville, 40; Rochester Brick, 200; Livonia, 57 86; Rochester Memorial, 8. 537 09	
WISCONSIN.— <i>Wisconsin River</i> —Liberty sab-sch., 1 50; Oxtalan sab-sch., 32 cts. 1 82	
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Phila. 1335 37	
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Troy Branch 300 82	
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Philadelphia, Interest on Lapsley estate..... 50 00	

Woman's Board of Missions Southwest.....	63 29
Total amount received from Churches in October, 1880.....	\$1449 48
Total amount received from Churches in October, 1880.....	\$9695 86

LEGACIES.

Estate of Parthenia P. Mayfield, dec'd, Philadelphia.....	410 66
Legacy of S. S. Watson, dec'd, St. Charles, Mo. 522 75	
Legacy of H. G. Cheeseman, dec'd, Washington Co., Pa.....	433 03
Legacy of Amelia Case, dec'd, Columbus, O. 60 00	
Legacy of S. Annie Chambers, dec'd, Pa.....	300 00
Legacy of Fanny Thompson, dec'd, Hagers-town, Md.....	231 25
Estate of W. Bear, dec'd, Ashland, O.....	300 00
Bequest of Sylvia Bacon, dec'd, Kingston, Pa.....	100 00
Interest on Estate of Daniel Negley, dec'd, Pa.....	53 60
Estate of Rev. James Rogers, dec'd, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y.....	18 00
	\$2429 29

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs. J. Brown, N. Y., sp., 25; A. W. Kilbourne, Orange, N. J., 50; H. S. B. and family, Pa., 20; D. O. Calkins, 10; Yearly thank-offering of a Foreign Missionary, 60; W. G. Hays, Col., 27 30; F. H. and F. C. Brown, Berkshire, N. Y., 32 86; Willie and Mary's Missionary Box, sp., 2 25; "J. C.," 11; Miss Crane, W. Hoboken, 10; "M.," 1; Rev. E. P. Dunlap, 5; "M. W. W.," 10; Mrs. W. L. Atwater, for Gaboon, 20; "A Friend," 500; Woman's Synodical Soc. Tenn., 30; Rev. D. Witter, O., 2 50; A Lady of Philadelphia for Waldenses, 20; "C. A. B.," Newark, N. J., 20; J. E. Cooper, New Castle, Ky., 5; Rev. G. B. Beecher, O., 10; Lady of the Presbyterian Church, 5; James McQueen, Pa., 33; Miss Jane Scott, Pa., 60; Keystone Literary Society, Elderton, Pa., 9 25; Beneficiary, 30; "C.," Conn., 12; "Friend of Missions," 10.....	1031 16
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Total amount received in October, 1880....	\$13,156 31
Total amount received from May 1, 1880....	144,143 41
Receipts from Sabbath-schools in Oct. 1880	1,017 71
Total receipts on account of Famine Fund	23,553 80

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OUR MISSIONARY FUND.

The missionary fund of the Board of Publication was, on October 1, overdrawn in the sum of \$10,941. Meanwhile, many well-qualified men have been recommended to the Board for appointment as Book, Tract, and Sabbath-school Missionaries by various Presbyteries which are anxious to have them at work within their respective bounds. The Board desires to appoint more missionaries, but cannot until more contributions are sent in and this balance is reduced.

The Board is also constantly receiving applications for grants of books, tracts, and papers from needy missionaries, churches, and Sabbath-schools, but is, for the same reason, obliged either to decline or to postpone compliance with such requests in a large number of very deserving cases. We earnestly appeal to churches and Sabbath-schools to send contributions, as soon and as liberally as may be in their power, in aid of this good work. This is a time of great need.

A CALL FROM WESTERN AFRICA.

The Shorter Catechism has recently been translated by competent hands into the Benga language, which is used by a large number of people in Western Africa who are accessible to our foreign missionaries at the Gaboon, and among whom they have a large number of schools in successful operation. It is believed by those brethren that this translation, if published and brought into use in those mission-schools, would become a powerful agency in leading multitudes to a clear and saving knowledge of Christianity.

Application has been made to the Board for a donation of 2000 copies of this Shorter Catechism in the Benga tongue. But, as is above stated, the Board's missionary fund is empty and in debt. The means are not in hand for making the donation. About \$50 will be required for this purpose. Is there not some Sabbath-school or some generous individual who will feel impelled on reading this paragraph to send, or agree to send soon, the \$50 needed, and thus enable the Board at once

to inform our missionary brethren at the Gaboon that their request shall be complied with? Any response should be addressed to the Board's Corresponding Secretary.

A CALL FROM SPAIN.

A Presbyterian clergyman who is sowing the good seed in Madrid, Spain, asks us to send him a selection of the Board's books to aid him in the noble work he is doing in that city. Who will send *forty dollars* to be used in giving this devoted laborer the books he asks for?

HOME AND SCHOOL.

It is frequently said by good men that family religion is decaying, at least that parents are neglecting the systematic religious instruction of their children in their own homes. Without discussing this question at all, we desire to suggest a plan which will carry into the home a most thorough and effective system of family religious instruction, and at the same time greatly add to the value of the Sabbath-school Bible-study. The plan is to secure the study of the lesson during the week in every home, under the direction of the parents. The details are very simple. Let the parents interest themselves in the Sabbath lessons of their children, and each week teach them and study with them, from day to day, until they are prepared to answer every question and recite the memory verses, lesson hymn, and golden text. This can easily be done by taking a little time each day and an hour or two on the Sabbath. At the morning or evening family worship, let the home-reading selected for the day be read, and its connection with the lesson pointed out. In a word, let the lesson of the following Sabbath in the school be the study of the whole week in the home. Then the scholars will go to their classes prepared to recite what they have already learned, and also eagerly interested in the lesson. At the same time, the home will have the most effective religious instruction possible, and the Sabbath-school and the home will be brought into the closest union, to the infinite good of both.

How can this plan be carried out?

1. The burden of responsibility will rest upon pastors. They can present it to their people, preach upon its importance, and by earnest personal efforts enlist the families of their congregations and secure their pledges to adopt the system. The object must commend itself to all wise and faithful pastors, and therefore we feel sure of their hearty co-operation in our endeavors thus to unite home and school for the instruction and salvation of the young.

2. To render the plan effective, it will be necessary to introduce into

each home such explanation of the lessons as will enable parents to teach their children and prepare them at home for thorough recitation in their classes. Hence

3. *The Westminster Teacher* should, in 1881, go into every Presbyterian household. It will cost but sixty cents for each family, or fifty cents if taken in clubs, and will furnish a complete commentary by able writers and teachers on every lesson of the year, besides much other helpful matter. With the aid of this, any parent can readily teach the lesson to his children. As a special feature of the *Teacher*, a portion of our space will be given, under each lesson, to hints to parents in conducting this home-study with their children.

4. In addition to the *Teacher*, the Presbyterian Board has prepared a neat little calendar for the home-study of the lessons of 1881, which indicates the Scripture passage of each lesson, with the home-readings for each day of the year. (Price, \$1 per hundred.) This will be convenient for use in the homes and for family worship.

5. We suggest this plan and commend it to all our pastors, superintendents, and people, believing that its adoption in any church will bring a great blessing both to the home and to the Sabbath-school.

We recommend to every pastor to take the matter earnestly in hand, to preach upon it, and by personal solicitation secure its adoption in as many families in his church as possible. It is especially desired as a means to the end proposed, that the *Westminster Teacher* shall be introduced into all the homes of the Church. *Will our pastors aid in securing this?* Specimen copies will be sent wherever desired.

WHAT IS THE BOARD DOING TO AID THE CHURCHES?

Pastors and church officers have a right to ask what provision the Board of Publication is making for the aid and instruction of those engaged in our Sabbath-schools as officers, teachers and scholars. It gives us pleasure to reply to this question, and to assure our friends that if the supply be not equal to the demand of the work, it will not be because the Board has not labored to have it satisfactory and complete. Our periodicals will be more numerous, more varied, and, we honestly believe, better than in any previous year.

1. *The Westminster Teacher*, designed to aid officers, teachers, and parents, will aim to do more and better work than heretofore. It will employ skilled and scholarly pens of earnest men and women; those of the Rev. Herrick Johnson, D.D., Prof. W. H. Jeffers, D.D., Mrs. Alden (Pansy), the Rev. J. A. Worden, the Rev. J. R. Miller, and others. That it may have space to give more of illustration, exposition, and especially of suggestion as to how to teach the lessons, *eight pages will be added* (each month) *with no increase of cost to the subscribers*. At 60 cents a year to single subscribers, or 50 cents where six or more copies are addressed to one person, it will be a marvel of cheapness.

2. *The Westminster Question Book*, which has been so very popular in the past, will be still more worthy of approval. The kindly criticisms of friends have been heeded, so that the Question Book for 1881 may be expected to give increased satisfaction. Though called a "Question Book," it is a complete manual for the study of the International Bible Lessons of the year. It is intended for use in Bible-classes and the senior classes of the school. Price, \$15 per hundred, *net*.

3. *The Westminster Quarterly* has had, in this its first year, a remarkably warm greeting, leaping at once to a circulation of 70,000, in the face of very sharp competition. It will aim, in 1881, whilst keeping up the attractiveness of its appearance, to do better in its matter. One appropriate hymn will accompany each lesson, so that each quarterly number will contain eleven hymns adapted to use in the school. The *Quarterly* is designed to meet the wants of the medium and more intelligent classes of the school. Single subscriptions, 20 cents; school subscriptions, to one address, 15 cents each per annum.

4. *The Westminster Lesson Leaf* fills the place of an "intermediate leaf." It is issued monthly, and only asks comparison with any other lesson leaf published. Its low price meets the means of a vast number of schools. It is furnished to schools at the rate of seven and a half cents a year for each scholar.

5. *The Westminster Primary Leaf* will be commenced with January, 1881. It will fill a place in our list of helps for those unable to subscribe for the *Sunbeam*, as an aid in the youngest classes and in primary departments. It will have the services of a skilled pen, and will be furnished monthly at the same rate as the *Lesson Leaf*.

6. *A German Lesson Leaf* will also be published the coming year, in the same style and at the same price as the *Westminster Lesson Leaf*. Its excellence and adaptation to use in German churches will be assured by the services of the Rev. Henry Weber and the Rev. John Richelson.

7. *The Sabbath-School Visitor* will continue to be published every week, with the privilege of subscription for one, two or three papers a month, or weekly, as may be preferred. Whilst the style, pictorial illustration, and attractiveness of the *Visitor* will be kept up, and its corps of popular contributors retained, it is proposed to increase the element of systematic instruction by giving to it more editorial writing. The paper is furnished at the rate of one cent a copy.

8. *The Sunbeam* will continue to smile on its host of young admirers. It is a weekly illustrated paper, with easy reading, in short words and big type, adapted to the very little ones of the home and school. It also carries help on the International Lessons for the primary classes and the little ones at home. Single subscription, 30 cents; school subscriptions at the rate of \$25 per hundred a year.

When we add that in all cases postage is paid by the Board, and that any of these papers may be taken for nine, or six, or three months, as well as by the year, it will be admitted that the Board has made good provision for the wants of the churches and their schools.

9. The publication of the admirable and wonderfully cheap *Westminster Bible Dictionary* (\$1 50) will be a material aid to Bible students.

10. Our facilities for providing Sabbath-school libraries are exceeded nowhere in America. In addition to the books of the Board those of many other houses are kept in stock. If a library is desired, order exactly what you wish, or send to Mr. John A. Black, Business Superintendent, 1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, a catalogue of books now in your library, with a letter stating what kind of books are wanted, whether they should be large or small, the amount of money you have to expend, and how the box or package should be addressed. Such orders will be filled from a selected stock equal to any in the country; and any so sent may be returned to the Board if found to be unsuitable. The discount allowed by the Board on book purchases by Sabbath-schools has been changed from 20 per cent. to 25 per cent.

SIN AND CRIME.—A few weeks since a missionary of the Board of Publication went to visit, counsel, and encourage a Sabbath-school which he had formed a year ago. As he drove up to the school-house, he saw an assembly of people across the way. He went to learn the cause, and lo! there, upon the ground, lay a dead Frenchman. He entered the humble dwelling, and to his sorrow found a faithful Sabbath-school worker, sadly gashed, bolstered up on a lounge. The case was this: the Frenchman so threatened the life of his wife that she dared not to be alone with him. She requested the good man to go for her mother to come and stay with her. At this the Frenchman was enraged, and at two o'clock Sabbath morning he undertook to butcher his mother-in-law, as if she were a pig. His wife ran for her neighbor. He hastened to the rescue. The Frenchman seized an ax and turned upon him. He fled for his life. The Frenchman pursued, striking with the ax, cutting him in two places on the head and nearly chopped off one of his hands. The Sabbath-school man then turned upon his assailant, wrenched the ax from the Frenchman's hands, and with a single blow knocked out the brains of the murderous man. At last accounts the good man was lying in a hospital receiving treatment for his wounds. What else can be expected in a community destitute of the educating, restraining, and elevating influences of the gospel? Let parents and children be gathered into Sabbath-schools, and learn to love the saving truths of the Bible, and the abodes of cruelty will become homes which Jesus will love to frequent. Grateful to the Saviour for what he has done for us and our homes, let us send the Sabbath-school missionary with his books and tracts and papers to those who are perishing from lack of knowledge.

OLD AGE IN TEARS.—A year ago a missionary of the Board of Publication entered a miserable hut. It was a cold day. The wind was searching. There was a cooking-stove, so small that a man could carry it on his back. On either side of this hovered an old man and his wife. They were weeping as those who have no comfort and whose cup of misery overflows. The old man, shaking like an aspen leaf, said: "One of my sons hung himself. I had to cut him down myself, and there is the rope." Who can think it strange that such a deed was done! That

young man was reared in the wilderness, without education and religion, with few companions, and they of the rougher sort. He was clothed in rags and had no pleasant food. He had no manly employment. He rarely ever felt the stimulus to effort of well-earned reward.

Who can tell the gloom and despondency to those who live beyond the reach of the gospel! Let us send to them the glad news of the Saviour, who freely offers salvation to a perishing world.

NOT A SEVERE DOCTRINE.—A man, who had been taught from his childhood to abhor Presbyterianism, was induced by a missionary of the Board to buy and read the Confession of Faith. After carefully reading it, he concluded that the *coarse print* was not as strong Calvinism as the *fine print*, *i. e.*, the proof texts at the bottom of the page, and that the doctrinal statements are not as severe as the Scripture references given in its support.

CASH RECEIPTS FOR THE MISSIONARY WORK OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION, OCTOBER, 1880.

☞ Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

ALBANY.— <i>Albany</i> —Albany State Street, 18 91; New Scotland, 4 75.	23 66	NEW JERSEY.— <i>Elizabeth</i> —Clinton, 91 cts.; Elizabeth Westminister, 50; Pluckamin, 7. <i>Jersey City</i> —Rutherford Park, 20. <i>Monmouth</i> —Allentown, 20; Columbus, 1 50; Farmingdale, 3; Freehold 1st, 13 81. <i>Morris and Orange</i> —East Orange, 9 50; Madison, 3 37. <i>New Brunswick</i> —Princeton 1st, 35 33. <i>Newton</i> —HackettsTown, 20.	184 42
BALTIMORE.— <i>Baltimore</i> —Churchville, 15 00		NEW YORK.— <i>Hudson</i> —Haverstraw 1st, 6 29; Liberty, 74 cts.; Middletown 2d, 2 47; Monticello, 1 92; Palisades, 2; Scotchtown, 82 cts.; West Town, 4. <i>New York</i> —Mt. Washington, 5 47. <i>North River</i> —Cornwall, 21 42; Rev. A. Merwin, Valparaiso, S. A., 5.	50 13
CENTRAL NEW YORK.— <i>Binghamton</i> —Deposit, 5 21		PHILADELPHIA.— <i>Lackawanna</i> —Harmony, 12; Scranton Green Ridge Ave., add'l, 1. <i>Lehigh</i> —Summit Hill ch. sab-sch., 36 cts. Jamestown sab-sch., 8 cts.—44 cts. <i>Westminster</i> —Mt. Nebo, 1 50.	14 94
OTSEGO—Worcester, 4. <i>Syracuse</i> —Oswego Grace, 4 93; Skaneateles, 12 90. <i>Utica</i> —Verona, 11 87.	41 91	PITTSBURGH.— <i>Blairsville</i> —Poke Run, 13 64. <i>Pittsburgh</i> —East Liberty, 9. <i>Redstone</i> —Brownsville, 3; George's Creek, 5; Uniontown ch., add'l, 2 50. <i>Washington</i> —Washington 1st, 9 95; Wheeling 3d, 2. 45 09	45 09
CINCINNATI.— <i>Cincinnati</i> —Cincinnati 4th, 5; Cincinnati Avondale ch. sab-sch., 5; Springdale, 11 04	27 24	TENNESSEE.— <i>Kingston</i> —Forest Hill, 2; Mars Hill, 1; Pleasant Forest, 1.	4 00
DAYTON—South Charleston, 6 20.	27 24	TEXAS.— <i>Trinity</i> —Stephensville ch., 1 45	1 45
CLEVELAND.— <i>Cleveland</i> —Cleveland North, 77 cts. <i>Mahoning</i> —East Palestine, 2 50; New Lisbon, 15. <i>Steubenville</i> —Still Fork, 4 62.	22 89	TOLEDO.— <i>Bellefontaine</i> —Bellefontaine, 1 49; Mar-sailles, 4 50; West Liberty, 40 cts.	6 39
COLUMBUS.— <i>Marion</i> —Delaware, 10. <i>Zanesville</i> —Mt. Pleasant, 2.	12 00	WESTERN NEW YORK.— <i>Genesee</i> —Franklinville, 1 20. <i>Rochester</i> —Rochester Memorial, 1.	2 20
ERIE.— <i>Butler</i> —Middlesex, 6; Summit, 4; Sunbury, 3. <i>Kittanning</i> —Apollo, 14. <i>Shenango</i> —Mount Pleasant, 8; Pulaski, 7 19.	42 19	WISCONSIN.— <i>Winnebago</i> —Auburdale,	2 50
GENEVA.— <i>Cayuga</i> —Auburn Calvary, 9 47; Aurora ch., add'l, 7. <i>Chemung</i> —Elmira 1st, 4 67; Monterey, 58 cts. <i>Geneva</i> —West Fayette, 1 74. <i>Lyons</i> —East Palmyra ch. sab-sch., 10. <i>Steuben</i> —Corning, 4 90.	38 36		
HARRISBURG.— <i>Carlisle</i> —Burnt Cabins, 2; Harrisburg Pine Street, 58 36; Lower Path Valley, 5; Upper Path Valley, 6; Rev. G. Robinson, chaplain U. S. A., 10. <i>Huntingdon</i> —Altoona 2d, 23 24; McVeytown, 10. <i>Northumberland</i> —Shiloh, 5; Williamsport 1st, 6; Williamsport 2d, 3 80. <i>Wellsboro'</i> —Wellsboro', 1 17.	130 57		
ILLINOIS NORTH.— <i>Chicago</i> —Chicago 3d, 44 40; Chicago Jefferson Park, add'l, 15. <i>Rock River</i> —Fulton, 1.	60 40		
ILLINOIS SOUTH.— <i>Alton</i> —Edwardsville, 3; Greenfield, 2; Virden, 63 cts. <i>Cairo</i> —Grand Tower, 7 60. <i>Mattoon</i> —Arcola, 71 cts.; Vandalia, 3 30.	17 24		
INDIANA SOUTH.— <i>Vincennes</i> —Vincennes, 11 30			
IOWA SOUTH.— <i>Des Moines</i> —Rev. J. Carrothers, 5; Winterset, 5. <i>Iowa</i> —Burlington, 4 49; Keokuk Westminister, 5 63. <i>Iowa City</i> —Blue Grass, 4 43; Hermon, 5 37.	30 12		
KANSAS.— <i>Solomon</i> —Abilene ch., 5 00			
KENTUCKY.— <i>Louisville</i> —Louisville Walnut St., ch. (of which sab-sch., 2 19), 7 28			
LONG ISLAND.— <i>Brooklyn</i> —Brooklyn 1st, Henry St., 87 07; Brooklyn Westminister ch., from Missionary sab-sch. Association, 25. <i>Long Island</i> —Middletown, 6 23; Southold, 7.	125 30		
MICHIGAN.— <i>Detroit</i> —Ann Arbor, 10 84; Detroit Westminister, 9 01; Howell, 25.	44 85		
MINNESOTA.— <i>St. Paul</i> —Minneapolis Westminister, 37 32; Oak Grove, 4; Shakopee, 2; St. Paul House of Hope, 12 55; Stillwater 1st, 8 59.	64 46		
MISSOURI.— <i>St. Louis</i> —St. Louis Lafayette Park,	47 65		
		Receipts from Churches.....	\$1078 54
		LEGACIES.	
		Additional from estate of Parthenia P. Mayfield, dec'd, late of Philada., Pa., 410 66; Additional from estate of Elisha Taylor, dec'd, late of Cleveland, O., 86 62; Legacy of Mrs. Margaret Kelton, dec'd, late of Chester Co., Pa., 61 68, less expenses 50 cts.—61 18; Legacy of Miss S. Annie Chambers, late of Chambersburg, Pa., 100.....	658 46
		Less expenses paid on the Peoples legacy,	175 00
			483 46
		MISCELLANEOUS.	
		Trustees of the Presbyterian House, Interest on Baldwin Trust, 205; "R.," "Bridgehampton, N. Y., 2; "C.," Conn., 1; Interest, 30.....	238 00
		Total receipts in October.....	\$1800 00
			S. D. POWEL, Treasurer.

BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

It has been, to some, matter of surprise and regret that at the meetings of our Synods, when the beneficent work of the church is brought under review, so little is said about Church Erection. The report of Dr. Marquis, presented to the Synod of Missouri at its recent meeting in Kansas City, is a just and honorable exception to this. We feel that we cannot better occupy our space in the *Record* than by taking a few quotations from this admirable address. The Doctor says:

“While we have not all the information we desire, enough is known to justify the assertion that the growth of the Presbyterian Church in the Synod of Missouri, within the last ten years, is largely due to the timely aid extended to our feeble congregations by the Board of Church Erection. It is a trite saying that Church Erection ‘is the *handmaid* of Home Missions.’ She is certainly like a handmaid in some things. For example: she does much useful work for which Home Missions receives the praise. Her relations to the family are measured by the cold exactions of work and wages, by the calculations of finance and trade, rather than by the warm appreciation of interest and affection. She is never allowed to sit at the first table, but is usually fed with the odds and ends. Her services are much in demand, especially in the nursery, where each baby thinks its own immediate want is *the most pressing demand of the age*. The impartiality of her methods is the occasion for abundant criticism, and many and loud the complaints at the strictly methodical manner in which her work is performed. If these are the characteristic features of an handmaid, then Church Erection must consent to bear the name. But the *importance of her work* entitles her to a far different position. Her true station is that of the equal and honored companion of Missions, and she ought to be regarded and treated accordingly. If Missions is head of the household, Church Erection is ‘better half.’ Hers is the careful wifely watchfulness that gathers and keeps the fruits of mission labor, binding them together by the strong, sweet influence of *the home*. Or, to change the figure, Missions, operating alone, is only guerrilla warfare. It makes only individual captures. It weakens the enemy only so far as his numbers are reduced. But Missions and Church Erection *combined* become ‘an army of occupation,’ colonizing and possessing the land, seizing upon advantageous points, fortifying and holding them as centres of influence for the cultivation and control of contiguous territory, and using each point gained as a base of operations for a fresh advance.

“It is in this way that the work of this Synod must be carried on. Missions and Church Erection must go hand in hand, united as husband and wife, in the establishment of homes for the Church of God; united as divisions of one army, provisioned from the same source of supply, and held in equal affection and esteem. If ever the missions of the Presbyterian Church in Missouri are to rise in dignity above that of scouts or skirmishers—if ever the converts to Christ are to become ‘an army of occupation,’ possessing and holding the land—the cause of Church Erection must be advanced in the estimation of the church to a position of

equal importance with the cause of Home Missions. Not that we must love one less, but we must love the other more; not that the Mission column shall fall back, but that the Church Erection shall be advanced until each shall stand abreast of the other, and then together march on to conquest in the name of their common Lord.

“But facts prove that this Synod has not given to the cause of Church Erection that position of honor and affection to which it is entitled. Indeed, when we consider how dependent our missions are upon appropriations from this Board of Church Erection to give permanence to their work—considering how much we have received from that source in the past, and how great our expectations are for the future—it seems incredible that this cause should have been so neglected in our contributions. . . . Unless there is a manifestation of interest on the part of those more able to give, it is needless to expect a general response from the feeble churches; and unless the churches of this Synod shall show their appreciation of this cause, and their sympathy with it, in some more practical way, the time is not far distant when our calls for aid shall be uttered in vain.”

We only add that, by a change of name, this address would apply to several other Synods. “A word to the wise is sufficient.”

RECEIPTS FOR CHURCH ERECTION IN OCTOBER, 1880.

- ALBANY.—*Albany*—Albany State st., 37 47.
 ATLANTIC.—*Catawba*—Caldwell, 1.
 BALTIMORE.—*New Castle*—Elkton, 23; Red Clay Creek, 16 11. *Washington City*—Lewinsville, 1 75; Washington Assembly, sp., 42 50; Washington Metropolitan, sp., 13; Vienna, 2 25.
 CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Binghamton*—Cortland, 56 30. *St. Lawrence*—Sackett's Harbor, 8 87. *Utica*—Utica 1st sab-sch., 10; Westerville, 9.
 CINCINNATI.—*Cincinnati*—Cincinnati Mount Auburn, 25; Mason and Pisgah, 2 25. *Dayton*—South Charleston, 8 28. *Portsmouth*—Portsmouth, 41 21.
 CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—Cleveland North, 1 54; Willoughby, 10. *Mahoning*—East Palestine, 2 65; Hanover, 2; Leetonia, 20 65; Youngstown 1st, 19 01. *Stuebenville*—Annapolis, 7; Unionport, 3.
 COLUMBUS.—*Columbus*—Columbus 1st sab-sch., sp., 100; Dublin, 4 10; Worthington, 6 12. *Marion*—Delaware, 15; Marion 1st, 20.
 ERIE.—*Allegheny*—Allegheny 1st, 86 31; Bull Creek, 4; Plains, 4 50; Sharpesburg, 20. *Butler*—West Sunbury, 3; Westminster, 5. *Clarion*—Bethesda, 1 28; East Brady, 2. *Erie*—Atlantic 1st, 4 75; Sugar Creek, 3; Sugar Creek Men'l, 3; Sheakleyville, 1 70; Sunville, 5. *Kittanning*—Snake Lick, 9 08; Union, 4 12. *Sherango*—Mt. Pleasant, 9 50; Pulaski, 5 66; Unity, 7.
 GENEVA.—*Cayuga*—Aurora, 15 75. *Chemung*—Elmira 1st, 9 25; Monterey, 1 14; Sugar Hill, 1 35. *Geneva*—Seneca Falls sab-sch., sp., 50; West Fayette, 1 25. *Steuben*—Corning, 9 69.
 HARRISBURG.—*Carlisle*—Danphin, 7; Middle Spring, 35. *Huntingdon*—East Kishacoquillas, 32 35; Fruit Hill, 10; Little Valley, 3; Lower Tuscarora, 27 55. *Northumberland*—St. Mary's, Shiloh, 5; Williamsport 1st, 10; Williamsport 2d, 8 25. *Wellsboro*—Wellsboro', 2 31.
 ILLINOIS CENTRAL.—*Bloomington*—Gilman, 2. *Peoria*—Galesburg, 43 80.
 ILLINOIS NORTH.—*Chicago*—Chicago 2d, 100; Chicago 4th, add'l, 375 82; Dunton, 3 28. *Freeport*—Zion, 3 05. *Rock River*—Fulton, 1 45.
 ILLINOIS SOUTH.—*Alton*—Greenfield, 2; Virden, 1 23. *Mattoon*—Arcola, 1 42; Redman, 2; Vandalia, 2 65.
 INDIANA NORTH.—*Crawfordsville*—Lafayette 2d, 42 55; Waveland, 5. *Logansport*—Mt. Zion, 1 10; Rochester, 1 70. *Muncie*—Hopewell, 3; Noblesville, 5; Peru, 5 05.
 INDIANA SOUTH.—*Indianapolis*—Indianapolis 12th, 5 58. *Vincennes*—Smyrna, 4. *White Water*—Connersville, 5.
 IOWA NORTH.—*Cedar Rapids*—Clarence, 5. *Waterloo*—Greene 1st, 1 20.
 IOWA SOUTH.—*Council Bluffs*—Clarinda, 9 50; Sidney, 5. *Iowa*—Burlington, 7 25; Keokuk 1st, Westminster, 11 15. *Iowa City*—Blue Grass, 4; Hermon, 6; Scott 1st, 3 03.
 KANSAS.—*Emporia*—Augusta, 2; Waverly, 2. *Larned*—Dodge City, 2; Spearville, 1 66; Harper, 2. *Solomon*—Abilene, 5.
 KENTUCKY.—*Louisville*—Louisville Walnut st. (including 4 34 from sab-sch.), 14 42.
 LONG ISLAND.—*Brooklyn*—Brooklyn Throop ave., sp., 22 08. *Long Island*—Middletown, 5 81.
 MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—Detroit Westminster, 17 86. *Saginaw*—Bay City 1st, 75; Mundy, 7 25.
 MINNESOTA.—*St. Paul*—St. Paul 1st, 10 13.
 MISSOURI.—*Osage*—Butler, 6. *Ozark*—Ash Grove, 2 30; Bellevue, 2 75; Centre, 1 50; Ebenezer, 3; Grace, 2; Mt. Zion, 1; Pleasant Valley, 1; Preston, 85 cts.; Webb City, 2. *Platte*—Forest City, 5; Highland, 1. *St. Louis*—Bristol, 75 cts.; Whitewater, 1 85.
 NEBRASKA.—*Omaha*—Niobrara, 5; Omaha, 6.
 NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Clinton, 1 79; Perth Amboy, 8 75; Pluckamin, 7. *Mounmouth*—Columbus, 1 50. *Morris and Orange*—East Orange, 13 88; Madison, 37 36; Morristown South st., sp., 59 75. *Newark*—Bloomfield 1st, 23 92; Newark 1st, 50 01; Newark Park, 43 67. *New Brunswick*—Trenton 1st, 117 46; Trenton 5th, 58 cts. *Newton*—Hackettstown, 20. *West Jersey*—Cedarville 1st, 1.
 NEW YORK.—*Hudson*—Liberty, 1 46; Middletown 2d, 4 92; Monticello, 3 81; Palisades, 4; Scotchtown, 1 62; Washingtonville 1st, 15; Westtown, 8. *New York*—Mt. Washington, 6 16. *Westchester*—Bedford, 14.
 PACIFIC.—*Sacramento*—Sacramento Westminster, 15. *San José*—Milpitas, 3; Salinas City, 5.
 (The remainder will be acknowledged in January.)

Total receipts for October.....\$4,415 24

H. R. WILSON, JR., Treasurer.

BOARD OF RELIEF.

"If we have sown unto you spiritual things, it is a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things!"

The first seven months of the financial year show a steady increase in the receipts over those of the corresponding months last year. But new cases are coming in calling for an advance in the rate of contributions from all sources.

The scheme of Ministerial Relief is in strict accordance with the plan laid down in God's word, and when our Ministers, Ruling Elders, and communicants, in a spirit of love, obey the divine command, then every difficulty will vanish and the treasury will be full.

Is the *duty* of the church to support the Christian ministry (sick or well), and their widows and orphans, set forth from the pulpit as it should be, and pressed home on the hearts and consciences of the people? Is this cause to the extent of its just claims laid before God in the public prayers of the sanctuary, in the closet, at the family altar, and at the social meeting? When these faithful men do their work, or have done it, let them have their wages, while they "give themselves to prayer and to the ministry of the Word." Let them be "free from worldly cares and avocations;" and do not compel them to waste their time, and to exhaust their nervous energy and brain-force, in contriving methods to acquire the means of personal comfort in sickness and old age, and a provision for their families after they are dead. The whole work required to be done is practicable, and is within the pecuniary ability of the church. Let then the rich and poor join heart and hand, each one doing according to his ability.

If this part of the obligations of the church may be neglected without loss to the delinquent, why may not every church scheme be neglected or abandoned?

"Bring ye all the tithes into the store-house, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

RECEIPTS FOR BOARD OF RELIEF IN OCTOBER, 1880.

ALBANY.—*Albany*—Albany 6th, 9; Albany State St., 27 35; Kingsboro', 16; New Scotland, 9. *Champlain*—Keeseville, 10; Plattsburg, 24 90. *Columbia*—Centreville, 6 38. *Troy*—Cambridge, 14 21; Lansingburg 1st (including 2, Miss B. A. Eddy), 62 37; Mechanicsville, 4 44; Troy Woodside, 29 47.

BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Deer Creek (Harmony), 23 66; Taney Town, 29 25. *New Castle*—Elkton, 23; Newark, 20; New Castle, 76 50; Port Deposit, 6; Port Penn, 8; Wilmington Central, 100. *Washington City*—Washington 1st, 16.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Binghamton*—Freetown, 6 25; Smithville Flats, 5. *Otsego*—New Berlin, 3. *St. Lawrence*—Gouverneur 1st, 31 78. *Syracuse*—East Syracuse, 5; Oswego 1st, 15 14. *Utica*—Clayville, 5; Utica 1st (including 15 56 from sub-sch.), 102 96; Utica Bethany, 42 25; West Utica, 25.

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI, per H. W. Hughes, Treas., 41 67. *Chillicothe*—Hillsboro', 86 75; "From an Octogenarian," 10. *Cincinnati*—Cincinnati 5th, 20 24; Cincinnati Mount Auburn, 25; Cincinnati Walnut Hills 1st, 64 13; Glendale, 38; Harrison, 5; Lebanon, 17 60; Mason and Pisgah, 2; Reading and Lockland, 10; Sharonville, 5 58; Somerset, 2 31; Springdale, 18 50; Venice, 13 50. *Dayton*—Dayton Park, 16 50; Monroe 1st, 3 50; New Carlisle, 10; New Jersey, 2 80; South Charleston, 10 30; Troy 1st, 39 50. *Portsmouth*—Gallopis 1st, 12 16.

CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—Chester, 6; Cleveland North, 1 11. *Mahoning*—East Palestine, 3; Ellsworth, 11 65; Hanover, 5; Jackson, 5; Massillon 2d, 23; Mineral Ridge, 6. *St. Clairsville*—Antrim, 3. *Steubenville*—Dell Roy, 15; New Cumberland, 8; Still Fork, 5; Two Ridges, 9.

COLORADO.—*Colorado*—Denver 17th St., 20; Monu-

ment, 5; Rawlins, 3; Table Rock, 2. *Utah*—Rev. William C. Cort, 2.

COLUMBUS.—*Athens*—Middleport, 6. *Columbus*—Columbus 1st, 50 57; Columbus Hoge, 6 15; Midway, 1 50; Mt. Sterling, 7. *Marion*—Berlin, 7 50; Delaware, 25; Iberia, 5; Mt. Gilead, 13; Ostrander, 10; Radnor, 2. *Wooster*—Haysville, 5 57; Jackson, 12 38; Jeromeville, 1 85; McKay, 1 50; Mt. Eaton, 1; Wooster 1st (including 8 75 from sub-sch.), 52 80; Wooster Westminster, 9 60. *Zanesville*—Jefferson, 5; Keene, 6; Mt. Pleasant, 1; Salem, Ger., 2 40.

ERIE.—*Allegheny*—Allegheny 2d, 6 95; Allegheny Central, 11 73; Bridgewater, 8; Cross Roads, 10 50; Sharpsburg, 15; Tarentum, 5. *Butler*—West Sunbury, 3. *Clarion*—Bethesda, 4 80; East Brady, 1 85. *Erie*—Harbor Creek, 4; Meadville 2d, 17 60; Tideoute, 14 42; Utica, 5. *Kittanning*—Bethel, 9; Currie's Run, 17. *Shenango*—Hopewell, 6; Little Beaver, 4 70; Mahoning, 15; New Brighton, 34; New Castle 2d, 24; Sharpsville, 5; Unity, 4 50.

GENEVA.—*Cayuga*—Auburn Calvary, 10 14; Aurora, 10 50; Port Byron, 6. *Chemung*—Elmira 1st, 6 75; Monterey, 85 cts.; Sugar Hill, 1 04. *Geneva*—Penn Yan, 17; West Fayette, 1 74. *Lyons*—Sodus, 5; Wolcott 2d, 2 50. *Steuben*—Campbell, 25; Canisteo, 6; Cohocton, 3 50; Corning, 7 07.

HARRISBURG.—*Carlisle*—Dauphin, 7; Dickinson, 5 20; Gettysburg, 5 35; Middle Spring, 40; Paxton, 20; Rev. Geo. Robinson, chaplain U. S. A., 10. *Huntingdon*—Altoona 1st, 58 52; Birmingham, 90 55; Milroy, 19 90; Osceola, 12. *Northumberland*—Chillicothe, 9 55; Grove, 45; Linden, 5; Williamsport 1st, 10; Williamsport 2d, 8 90. *Wellsboro'*—Wellsboro', 1 69.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL.—*Bloomington*—Champaign 1st,

40 28; Clinton, 22; Lexington, 10; Tolono, 6. *Peoria*—Brunswick, 5 80; Delavau, 5 35; Galesburg, 43 50; Knoxville, 11 87; Salem, 10 20. *Schuyler*—Bardolph, 4 81; Hersman, 5; Perry, 5; Wythe, 2. *Springfield*—Irish Grove, 3; Jacksonville Westminster, 10 50; Macon, 3 50; Petersburg, 6 50; Springfield 2d, 42 96. ILLINOIS NORTH.—*Chicago*—Chicago 3d, 123 22; Englewood, Rev. E. J. Hill, 10. *Freeport*—Hanover, 3; Winnebago, 7 55. *Rock River*—Aledo, 4 60; Fulton, 2; Hamlet, 7; North Henderson, 8; Princeton, 11.

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS SOUTH, per Rev. S. H. Hyde, 21. *Alton*—Belleville 1st, 6 60; Bethel, 5 45; Butler, 7; Greenfield, 2; Sparta, 20; Virden, 90 cts.; Waveland, 3. *Cairo*—Cairo 1st, 7 50; Centralia, 2 60; Cobden, 5 25; Dubois, 3; Equality, 1; Friendsville, 4; Galum, 3; Golconda, 3 50; Grand Tower, 8 90; Harrisburg, 1; Shawneetown, 18. *Mattoon*—Arcola, 1 03; Mattoon, Ladies' Working Soc., 3.

INDIANA NORTH.—*Crawfordsville*—Beulah, 3 25; Lexington, 5 69; Newtown, 7; Prairie Centre, 1 45; Sugar Creek, 4 61. *Logansport*—Bethlehem, 2; Concord, 2 40; West Union, 3 60. *Muncie*—Peru 1st, 19. INDIANA SOUTH.—*Indianapolis*—Hopewell, 17 68; Indianapolis 11th, 3; Indianapolis 12th, 8 02. *New Albany*—Anderson, 4 08; New Albany 1st, 71. *Vincennes*—Evansville Walnut St. (including 4 from sab-sch.), 22; Upper Indiana, 5 55; Washington (including 300 from a member), 307. *White Water*—Greensburg, 40.

IOWA NORTH.—*Cedar Rapids*—Cedar Rapids 1st, 242 04; Clarence, 5 25; Richland Centre, 7 20. *Dubuque*—Dubuque 2d, 18; Sherrill's Mound, Ger., 6 50. *Fort Dodge*—Carroll, 5; Grand Junction, 5.

IOWA SOUTH.—*Council Bluffs*—Brooks, 1; Clarinda, 7 37; Nodaway, 2; Sidney, 3 20; Walnut 1st, 5. *Des Moines*—Centreville, 2 55; Colfax, 4 50. *Iowa*—Burlington 1st, 6 18; Keokuk Westminster, 8 14; Oakland, 4. *Iowa City*—Marengo 1st, 7 58; Red Oak Grove, 5; Tipton 1st, 11 18.

KANSAS.—*Emporia*—Burlingame, 3. *Solomon*—Norton, 2 71; Abilene, 5. *Neosho*—Geneva, 2 25; Liberty, 2. *Topeka*—Manhattan 1st, 7 50; Oskaloosa, 4; Perry, 2.

KENTUCKY.—*Ebenezer*—Covington 1st, 67 99. *Louisville*—Louisville Walnut St. (including 3 17 from sab-sch.), 10 53.

LONG ISLAND.—*Brooklyn*—Brooklyn Clinton St., 30 64; Brooklyn Green Ave., 5 56. *Long Island*—Middletown, 11 71; Moriches, 13; Southampton, 41. *Nassau*—Northport, 10.

MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—Detroit Westminster, 13 03; Howell 1st, 25; Plymouth 1st, 12 50; Pontiac, 16 13. *Grand Rapids*—Ludington, 6. *Kalamazoo*—Niles, 41 11; Richland, 3. *Monroe*—Monroe 1st, 7 67. *Saginaw*—Saginaw City 1st, 87 85.

MINNESOTA.—*Mankato*—Mankato, 20 95. *St. Paul*—Minneapolis 1st, 23 86; Minneapolis Franklin Ave., 12; Minneapolis Westminster sab-sch., 18 10; Oak Grove, 4; St. Cloud, 6 90.

MISSOURI.—*Platte*—Highland, 1. *St. Louis*—Bristol, 50 cts.; Ironton, Rev. J. Donaldson and wife, 2; LaFayette Park, 47 65; White Water, 1 25.

NEBRASKA.—*Omaha*—Dakota City, 1; Elk Valley, 75 cts.

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Clinton 1st, 1 31; New Providence, 12 50; Pluckamin, 7. *Jersey City*—Paterson 1st, 35. *Monmouth*—Burlington, 126 46; Columbus, 4 50; Cream Ridge, 9; Englishtown, 3; Farmingdale, 5; Freehold 1st, 14 33; Jacksonville, 3; Plumstead, 5; Providence, 4. *Morris and Orange*—Chatham, 19 83; East Orange, 10 13; Madison, 4 85; Mendham 2d, 9 25; Mt. Freedom, 8 70. *Newark*—Caldwell, 12 18; Newark 1st, 42; Newark South Park, 78; Newark Wickliffe, 11. *New Brunswick*—Kirkpatrick Memorial, 12; Trenton 1st, "Cash," 100. *Newton Presbytery*, per Rev. Thomas A. Sanson, 15; Belvidere 1st, 8 70; Blairstown, 11 50; Hackettstown, 25; Harmony, 9 50. *West Jersey*—Camden 2d, from Mrs. Rev. F. Harris, 5; Salem, 46 01.

NEW YORK.—*Hudson*—Florida 1st, 15 50; Haverstraw 1st, 5; Haverstraw Central, 21 89; Liberty, 1 06; Middletown 2d, 3 57; Monticello, 2 78; Monroe, 9; Palisades, 4 50; Scotchtown, 1 19; Washington-

vile 1st, 15; West Town, 6. *New York*—Mt. Washington, 26 27; New York Brick Ch. Chapel, 11 89; New York Church of the Covenant, 480 13; New York Rutgers, 589 02; New York Washington Heights, 6 35. *North River*—South Amenia, 12 46.

PACIFIC.—*Los Angeles*—Ojai, 7; Westminster, 2 40. *Sacramento*—Sacramento Westminster, 10. *San Francisco*—San Francisco St. John, 75.

PHILADELPHIA.—*Chester*—Avondale, 6; Chester 3d, 41 60; Darby Borough, 10 55; Great Valley, 19. *Lackawanna*—Canton, 12 50; Scranton Green Ridge Ave., 20 66; Terrytown, 2; Tunkhannock, 18 16. *Lehigh*—Easton 1st, 82 05; Jamestown sab-sch., 10 cts.; Mauch Chunk, 24 30; Summit Hill sab sch., 52 cts. *Philadelphia*—Philadelphia 2d, 59 36; Philadelphia South Western, 8 21; Philadelphia Tabernacle, 61 25. *Philadelphia Central*—Philadelphia Alexander, 47; Philadelphia Kensington, 30; Philadelphia Northern Liberties 1st, 33; Philadelphia West Arch St., 47 50; Mantua 2d, 10. *Philadelphia North*—Bridesburg, 20; Bristol, 60; Germantown 1st, anonymous, 10; Germantown 2d, 99 60; Newtown, 38 75; Pottstown, 15. *Westminster*—Bellevue, 15; Chestnut Level, 21 84; Columbia, 23 94; Middle Octozara, 8; Mt. Nebo, 2; York (including 5 from Miss C. Kurtz), 324 56.

PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Beulah, 45 23; Cross Roads, 4; Fairfield, 9 19; New Salem, 10 30; Penn Station, 2; Unity, 15 50. *Pittsburgh*—Bloomfield, 1 11; Centre, 10 50; East Liberty, 15; Fairview, 6; Forest Grove, 12; Hazlewood, 16 08; Miller's Run, 3 15; Mingo, 10; Oakdale, 8 38; Pittsburgh 1st, 147 50; Pittsburgh Central, 30 19; Riverdale, 1 62; Sharou, 13. *Redstone*—Long Run, 36. *Washington*—Bethlehem, 2 38; Hookstown, 3 43; Monndsville, 4; Mt. Prospect, 9 65; Upper Ten Mile, 12; Washington 1st, 14 91. *West Virginia*—Morgantown, 13.

TENNESSEE.—*Holston*—Amity, 1; Mt. Bethel, 1; Oakland, 1 14; Rev. A. M. Penland, 1. *Kingston*—Forest Hill, 3; Mars Hill, 2; Pleasant Forest, 1; Rockford, 2 50. *Union*—Washington, 3 30; Westminster, 1 85.

TEXAS.—*Trinity*—Stephensville ch., 2.

TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*, 2 15; West Liberty, 56 cts. *Huron*—Peru, 6. *Lima*—New Stark, 3. *Maumee*—Bryan 1st, 23 43.

WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Buffalo*—East Aurora, 10; Fredonia, 46 81; Jamestown, 20; Silver Creek, 19. *Genesee*—Batavia, 32; North Bergen, 5; Oakfield, 5; Rev. G. S. Corwin, sp., 25. *Genesee Valley*—Ellicottsville, 6; Franklinville, 1. *Niagara*—Knowlesville, 7; Niagara Falls, 52 03; R. S. E., "Cash," 50. *Rochester*—Rochester Memorial, 3; Tuscarora, 4 20; Union Corners, 1; Victor 1st, 11 08.

WISCONSIN.—*Chippewa*—Maiden Rock, 5. *Lake Superior*—Marinette, 5. *Milwaukee*—Beloit German, 2 50; Wheatland German, 2 50. *Winnebago*—Auburdale, 2 50; Marshfield, 1 50. *Wisconsin River*—Baraboo 1st, 10 84; Fancy Creek, 1 50; Lodi, 14.

From the Churches..... \$8245 25

MISCELLANEOUS.

Ill., Pana, from Mrs. John Kidd, 5; Del., New Castle, from "J.," 10; San Francisco, anonymous, 10; Ind., Bloomington, from Mrs. Alicia Gilman, 1; Interest on Permanent Fund, 405; Mich., Cassopolis, Mrs. Jane B. Walton, 10; Mich., Kalamazoo, from Mrs. E. G. Kellogg and daughter, 10; Pa., per Rev. Dr. Niles, from "H. N. G.," 100; Iowa, West Grove, C. B. Caldwell, "from the children and family," 10 07; Mich., Plymouth, Mrs. M. S. Clayton, 5; from "C. and R.," special, 5; Per Rev. S. Mitchell, from a "Beneficiary," 21; Interest on Permanent Fund, per Wm. E. Tenbrook, 513 50; Anonymous, 11; Miss Lee, 3; Interest on Permanent Fund, per E. G. Woodward, 1726 26; "C., Conn.," 4. 2849 83

Total for October.....\$11,095 08

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COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

The rapidity with which the work among the Freedmen increases on the hands of the Committee is truly amazing. Application upon application for schools comes almost every mail. Each school organized prepares the way for a church, and every church constituted opens the way at once to the "*regions beyond.*" We are doing what we can to meet the wants of these poor people, but we can only go forward as we have the means. A new impetus has been given to our cause in many of the Synods, and a deeper interest is awakening among the people. This is very cheering to the Committee, and we trust this interest will widen and deepen till all our churches feel it. The news from the field is encouraging, though it brings to us the knowledge of the sad wants of these poor people. One of our most faithful missionaries writes from Dorchester, Liberty Co., Ga., as follows :

"You find here a large body of Christ's poor people, a great majority of whom, in piety, honor, dignity and faithfulness, I have not seen surpassed in many white churches. These are above the average Freedmen of this state in intelligence, energy, sobriety, and fidelity to Christ and his Church. They are intensely Presbyterian; 500 of them resisted all the blandishments and efforts of other denominations to capture or seduce them. Some, as in all congregations, are worse than useless to the Church, very poor specimens of Christians, a drag on her spirituality and prosperity. The Elders are particularly faithful; the Board of Deacons admirable, trusty, working men. Both sets of officers have no superiors in intelligence and devotion to duty, and are rapidly acquiring great intelligence and system, in their jurisdictions. I am moderator over every department of church work. Our Sabbath-school is large and full of interest. I am its only teacher—teaching en masse, and systematically. I am now on a course of theology, drilling on a doctrine of the catechism, and have 75 readers to read the Scriptural proofs, which I explain, and preach briefly. We have a choir of 30 fine voices, an organ, with my eldest son as organist. The Board of Church Erection gave us \$1200 for a noble, beautiful chapel, to be used for church and school purposes. It waits for the pews to be finished, and then the whole to be dedicated, and be ready for school Oct. 1st. We expect over 200 pupils. Two teachers have never been enough, so I have been in the school 6 years; and for 5 months, three of us are not enough, the work overtakes us. Education is elevating this church; it could

not be anything but a mere stolid, coarse, degraded Negroism without it. The state gives no help of any value to children. The Church must do it, or the Freedmen will never be valuable as Christians or citizens, but an incubus and expense to both forever."

A young colored brother whom we have just sent to Cameron, Moore Co., N. C., writes thus of his work. Cannot some congregation build this brother a chapel, or school-house, or send at least the books he speaks of needing so much?

"During the past month it has been my happy privilege to visit all my churches and Sabbath-schools, and to find a great increase in interest and attendance. On last Sabbath, notwithstanding there was a 'camp meeting' only two miles from us, the number of persons at Carthage church was unusually large; and the Holy Spirit evidently blessed our service, and so at all the churches. I regret not being able to report the organization of the church at Blue's Crossing, which I hoped to do at this time; but they are not quite prepared. They are making good progress in building a church, and are raising means to carry on the work. You can imagine how much we need a house of worship there when I tell you that when I went there to preach the first Sabbath in this month I found the log cabin (our church) stripped of the benches (pine boards) and the pulpit (a box mounted on four sticks)—the gentleman owning the building having needed these things to make a cover for his well. But for all that we had a good meeting; and this little incident excited them to duty. They are doing well with our church at Carthage, having it nearly inclosed, and hope the exterior will be finished when I write again.

"I have arranged to move my residence to Carthage. A gentleman there is building a house to rent me, as I could get none otherwise. It will be a great advantage every way, being nearer all my churches, and in the midst of one of them; so that I can teach among them. At present most of my time is consumed in travelling. Cool Spring church is doing well, and will soon be completed. They are trying in every way to raise means sufficient for that purpose; so that I am encouraged with the prospect of soon being able to go to work in right good earnest, as it shall please the Lord to enable us to do so. The condition of the Sabbath-schools gives good promise to our churches. The people of all denominations prefer our Sunday-school. The great difficulty is, I have no books of any kind, and do not know where nor how to get them. When our churches are completed we shall make an effort to procure these and other needed things; but, as the winter is rapidly coming on, all our time and means have been given to the building. Pray for us that the work may prosper. We pray for you always."

The following extract from a letter of one of our best and most faith-

ful female teachers, at Mayesville, S. C., ought to call forth responses from many of our churches. She writes:

“Our people are going to build a new church. They have subscribed liberally, and have paid in a hundred dollars. The church will cost not less than \$1500. They have moved the old church back on the lot, and that cost them \$20. They are trying to raise that by Sunday collections. The old house is very much out of repair; it needs a new roof: and when it rains we can hardly find a dry spot for our school. Then there are more than a dozen lights broken out of the windows. We want to get fixed up someway, so as to be comfortable before cold weather comes. We need a new set of charts, some Bibles and Testaments, and a good many other things. I am sure there are many good people who would aid us if they only understood and knew how much we needed help. New scholars have been coming into our school every day, and soon we will have more to do than we can do well. But I suppose there is no use to ask the Committee for another teacher. I dread the time to come when the roll numbers more than a hundred, and it has over two hundred in the winter.”

We will send this dear lady an assistant teacher (and she greatly needs one in her school of 200 scholars) if some congregation will only help us.

The work has so increased on the hands of Rev. A. J. Henry, a graduate of Lincoln University, who is laboring at Amelia C. H., W. Va., that he writes for four additional teachers. The Committee granted commissions for two, but had not the means to send others. He says:

“In regard to schools, I hope it will meet your approbation to give the four teachers for the two schools, which were very large last year, and I am sure will be larger this year if we have teaching force. Last year we were compelled to discourage children from coming into the schools because we had not force enough to teach them should they have entered. I do hope this will not be the case this year, but to the contrary, I hope to be able to go out into the highways and invite them to come in and reap the benefit of educational advantages. Consequently I ask in the name of the Head of the Church, to do what you can for us. Please consider our appeal favorably if possible.”

It is sad to turn away these ignorant children, whose parents so earnestly desire their education. But what can we do? We go just as far and as fast as our treasury will allow us. The work needs to be very greatly enlarged. The field is a wide one, and it is ripe and ready for the sickle of the Lord's reaper; and there are devoted men and women waiting to go and gather the harvest if the Church is ready to send them. There is surely a most solemn obligation resting on the Christians of this land to give these people the gospel. They are beg-

ging it at our hands, and in such language that every earnest Christian cannot fail to hear the providential messenger of God exclaiming, "The kingdom of God is nigh unto thee," and the answering cry of four millions of helpless and perishing people, "Come over and help us." We have appeals like the above all the time, and the Committee ought not to be permitted to say no to them. These poor people have claims upon the Church and the country that are solemn and touching, and should not be passed by without serious consideration. The interest of the nation as well as the Church is to-day, as it has been in the past, connected in a serious manner with this people. The influences which under God's providence shall determine their future will in an important sense determine some of the most vital interests of our country.

RECEIPTS FOR FREEDMEN IN OCTOBER, 1880.

ALBANY.—*Albany*—West End, 2; New Scotland, 9; State St., 18 91; Albany 2d, 47 40. *Troy*—Olivet sab-sch., 25 58.

ATLANTIC.—*Yadkin*—Mt. Olive, 1.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Utica*—Clinton, 47 55; Lyons Falls, 3 70.

CINCINNATI.—*Cincinnati*—Wyoming, 43 22; Morrow, 5.

CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—Case Ave., 4 19; Western Reserve College, 10; Cleveland North, 77 cts. *Mahoning*—Coitsville, 2 50; Lowell, 1 50. *Steubenville*—Buchanan, 2.

COLUMBUS.—*Wooster*—Black Creek, 3.

ERIE.—*Allegheny*—Allegheny 1st, by Mrs. M. J. Hays, 100. *Butler*—Scrubgrass, 32. *Kittanning*—Crooked Creek, 5 90; Appleby Manor, 5; Union, 5.

GENEVA.—*Cayuga*—Aurora, 8. *Chemung*—Monte-rey, 58 cts.; Elmira 1st, 4 67. *Steuben*—Corning, 4 90.

HARRISBURG.—*Carlisle*—Shippensburg ch., by Miss Theresa D—, for a student in Middle University, 25; Hollidaysburg, 18 14. *Huntington*—Altoona 2d, 25 66. *Wellsboro*—Wellsboro, 1 17. *Northumberland*—Williamsport 2d, 10 10.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL.—*Schuyler*—Prairie City, 8.

ILLINOIS NORTH.—*Rock River*—Fulton, 2.

ILLINOIS SOUTH.—*Alton*—Virden, 63 cts. *Cairo*—Carbondale 1st, 10. *Mattoon*—Arcola, 71 cts.

INDIANA SOUTH.—*New Albany*—Mitchell, 3.

IOWA NORTH.—*Fort Dodge*—Grand Junction, 4 57.

IOWA SOUTH.—*Council Bluffs*—Clarinda, 6 52. *Iowa*—Keokuk Westminster 1st, 5 63; Burlington, 4 39.

KENTUCKY.—*Louisville*—Louisville Walnut St., 5 09; Louisville Walnut St. sab-sch., 2 19.

LONG ISLAND.—*Brooklyn*—Brooklyn 2d, 25; Brooklyn 1st, E. D., 6 08; Brooklyn Throop Ave. Mission Sabbath-school Mission Assoc., 50. *Nassau*—Huntington, 31 38.

MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—Howell 1st, 25; Salina, 4 48; Detroit Westminster, 9 01. *Lansing*—Lansing 1st, 12 90. *Saginaw*—Vassar, 11 61.

MISSOURI.—*Otsego*—Gilbertsville, 28.

NEBRASKA.—*Omaha*—Silver Ridge sab-sch., 2; Fremont 1st, 4 89; Fremont 1st sab-sch., 1 54.

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Elizabeth Westminster, 50; Elizabeth 2d, 20 83; Pluckamin, 7; Clinton, 91 cts. *Monmouth*—Cranbury, 23 60. *Morris and Orange*—Morristown South St., 139 69; Madison, 3 37; East Orange, 7. *Newark*—Newark 2d, 8 60. *New Brunswick*—Amwell United 1st, 5 75; Trenton Prospect St., 30 20; Trenton 1st, 114 48. *Newton*—Hackettstown, 30.

NEW YORK.—*Hudson*—Nyack 1st, 8 10; West Town, 5; Liberty, 74 cts.; Scotchtown, 82 cts.; Monticello, 1 92; Palisades, 4; Haverstraw 1st, 7 07. *New York*—Covenant, 5 21; New York 14th St., 24 14; Mt. Washington, 6 22. *North River*—Cool Spring, 2.

PHILADELPHIA.—*Lackawanna*—Harmony, 5. *Lehigh*—Easton Brainerd, 133; Summit Hill sab-sch., 36 cts.; Jamestown sab-sch., 8 cts. *Philadelphia North*—Deep Run and Doylestown, 15 58.

PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Fairfield, 17. *Pittsburgh*—Amity, 3; Bethel, 41 50; Pittsburgh 3d, 1311 23. *Redstone*—Uniontown, 2 50. *Washington*—Cross Roads, 11; Washington 1st, 11 61.

TENNESSEE.—*Kingston*—Pleasant Forest, 1.

TEXAS.—*Trinity*—Stephensville, 2.

TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Bellefontaine, 1 49; West Liberty, 40 cts. *Huron*—Melmore, 5 31; Bloomville, 3 53. *Maumee*—Toledo Westminster, 68.

WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Genesee*—Warsaw, 19. *Niagara*—Niagara Falls 1st, 67 72. *Rochester*—Dansville, 16 82; Rochester Memorial, 3.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A Friend, 1; James McQueen, Chapinville, Pa., 34; A Friend, Clarence, Iowa, 2; Bequest of H. B. Cheeseman, late of Washington Co., Pa., 433 03; J. B. Davidson, Newville, Pa., 5; Mrs. J. H. Mallory, Utica, N. Y., for support of girl, Miss Nannie Myers, at Scotia Seminary, 50; A. W., Ohio, 20; Legacy of Wm. Beer, dec'd, late of Ashland Co., Ohio, 480; "C., Conn.," 3.

Total..... \$4012 87

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ECCLESIASTICAL RECORD

To NOVEMBER 10, 1880.

PASTORAL RELATIONS DISSOLVED.

Rev. McDuff Simpson and Richmond Church, Philadelphia, Oct. 18th, 1880.
 Rev. Franklin Noble and church at Hempstead, L. I., N. Y., Oct. 5th, 1880.
 Rev. B. D. Luther and church at Barnard, Mo., Platte Presb., Sept. 16th, 1880.
 Rev. Alex. Miller and Kirkpatrick Mem. Church, Ringoes, N. J., Oct. 5th, 1880.

CALLS ACCEPTED.

Rev. John Rea to church at Watsonville, Cal.
 Rev. E. W. Gaylord to Leacock Church, Lancaster Co., Pa.
 Rev. S. M. Crissman to Second Church, Freeport, Ill.

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS.

Rev. J. O. Gordon was installed pastor of First Church, Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 16th, 1880.
 Mr. Harry O. Scott was ordained and installed pastor of the church at Brownville, Neb., Oct. 13th, 1880.
 Mr. H. G. Rice was ordained and installed pastor at Jefferson, Iowa, by Fort Dodge Presbytery, Oct. 20th, 1880.
 Rev. Alex. Miller was installed pastor of First Church, Dunellen, N. J., Oct. 12th, 1880.

POST-OFFICE ADDRESSES CHANGED.

Rev. E. W. Brown from Ebensburg, Pa., to Chesterville, Ohio.
 Rev. R. L. Bachman from Fayetteville to Utica, N. Y.
 The address of Rev. H. P. Fullenweider is Taylorville, Ill.
 Rev. J. P. Schell from Kirkville, Iowa, to Grand Forks, Dak. Ter.
 Rev. John Rea from Oakland to Watsonville, Cal.
 Rev. S. Osinga from Parma to Pewamo, Mich.
 Rev. L. B. W. Shryock from Fairbury to Beatrice, Neb.
 Rev. Samuel Sawyer from Marion, Ind., to Marinette, Wis.
 Rev. H. A. Rossiter from Marion to cor. of Chesnut and Beech Sts., Cincinnati, Ohio.
 Rev. M. H. Dysart from Bloomfield to Moulton, Iowa.
 The address of Rev. James McNeal is Piney Falls, Tenn.
 Rev. E. W. Gaylord from Galena, Md., to Leaman Place, Pa.
 Rev. I. N. Hurd from Menlo Park, Cal., to Tucson, Arizona Ter.
 Rev. D. Scovel from Marcellus to Wilson, N. Y.
 Rev. E. N. Lord from Somonauk to Astoria, Ill.
 Rev. H. C. McCook, D.D., from 1901 Vine Street to 125 N. 21st Street, Philadelphia.
 Rev. Franklin Noble from Hempstead, N. Y., to Washington, D. C.
 Rev. J. W. Crawford from Woodhull, Ill., to 170 Madison Street, Topeka, Kas.
 Rev. H. P. Welton from Detroit, Mich., to Union Ave., Dorchester, Boston, Mass.
 Rev. T. M. Hodgman from Knowlesville to 35 Upton Park, Rochester, N. Y.
 The address of Rev. J. P. Schell is Euclid, Minn.
 Rev. C. A. Keeler from Bethany to Alexander, N. Y.
 Rev. B. D. Luther from Barnard to Craig, Mo.
 Rev. Chas. R. Strong from Santa Barbara, Cal., to St. Paul, Minn.

The address of Rev. E. J. Thompson is Casselton, Dakota Ter. He supplies the churches of Mapleton and Casselton.

Rev. J. T. Gibson from Govanstown, Md., to Sharpsburg, Pa.
 Rev. W. H. Rogers from St. Louis, Mo., to Bainbridge, Ind.
 Rev. S. E. Barr from Charlestown, Ind., to Pewee Valley, Ky.
 Rev. M. C. Williams from Williamsport, Md., to Princeton, Ill.
 Rev. F. G. Strange from Empire Prairie, Mo., to Hiawatha, Kansas.
 The address of Rev. S. C. Faris is Perrysville, Ohio.

The address of Rev. C. C. Herriott is 130 West New York Street, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Rev. S. M. Crissman from Williamsburg, Ohio, to Freeport, Ill.
 Rev. W. J. Young from Tekamah, Neb., to 1334 East Locust St., Des Moines, Iowa.
 The address of Rev. C. E. Tedford is Wapakoneta, Ohio.

Rev. John Hancock from Tom's River, N. J., to 29 West 9th St., New York City.
 Rev. W. E. Mack from Barnesville, Ohio, to Cedar Falls, Iowa.
 Rev. W. W. Woodend, D.D., from Highland, Kas., to Saltsburg, Pa.
 The address of Rev. T. C. Potter is Denison, Iowa.

Rev. W. M. Pocock from El Dorado to Waverly, Kas.
 Rev. F. C. Schwartz from Highland to Metropolis, Ill.

Rev. Prentiss de Veuve from Newark, N. J., to 1332 N. 17th St., Philadelphia, where he expects to spend the winter.

Rev. A. S. Badger from Homer to North Lansing, Mich.
 Rev. R. H. Hooke from Maryville, Tenn., to Flandreau, Dak. Ter.

Rev. E. M. Deems from Longmont, Col., to 429 W. 22d St., New York City.
 Rev. J. F. Clarkson from Homer to London, Mo.

Rev. Jas. Mitchell from Moscow to Cleves, Ohio.
 Rev. G. W. Newell from Salem to Carthage, Mo.

Rev. T. J. Sherrard from Clarion to Brookville, Pa.
 Rev. H. S. Beavis from Peoria to El Paso, Ill.

The address of Rev. W. E. McCrea is Homestead, Pa.
 The address of Rev. D. J. Meese is Sandusky City, Ohio.

Rev. W. J. Blain from Amsterdam to Esperance, N. Y.
 Rev. J. Walker from Hesperia to 891 Congress St., East Detroit, Mich.

Rev. E. L. Boing from Federalsburg, Md., to Durham, N. Y.
 The address of Rev. S. G. Wilson is Tabriz, Persia.

Rev. T. S. Childs, D.D., from Hartford, Conn., to 1329 G St., Washington, D. C.

DEATHS.

Rev. W. G. Bell at Coleman, Texas, Sept. 23d, 1880.
 Rev. Aaron Wilkie at Kinsman, Ohio, Oct. 14th, 1880.

Rev. Sfas W. Gossler at Philadelphia, Oct. 29th, 1880, in the 28th year of his age.
 Rev. Luther Halsey, D.D., LL.D., at Norristown, Pa., Oct. 29th, 1880, in the 87th year of his age.

Rev. Cochran Forbes at Philadelphia, Nov. 5th, 1880, in the 75th year of his age.

Ministers are respectfully requested to furnish their changes of address directly to *The Monthly Record*. It is sent to all ministers of the Presbyterian Church, and it is important that their correct addresses should always be in the office.

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National prosperity has overtaken the work at Lincoln. Through all the Departments of the University it feels the throbbing pulse of new life.

Thirty thousand dollars have recently been added to its invested resources. The support of five of its six Professors is now assured.

There is also partial relief from the financial rack and screw of the past seven years. Distress for funds to meet current expenses continues; but it is less severe and disheartening.

Interest in the higher Christian Education of Negroes is rapidly increasing. People know more and care more about the work of Lincoln University. Their eyes are turned that way and are fixed upon it.

Applications for admission to the University by colored young men in all parts of the South and elsewhere, as well as appeals on their behalf, are more numerous, urgent, and touching than ever before.

The Faculty have received *sixty-five* new students into the classes of the College year now opening. These, with the old students who return, make the total present number about *one hundred and fifty*. They come, moreover, with better classical preparation, and more pecuniary ability to help themselves.

This reviving prosperity is the summons of the Master to enlarge and advance the work. The friends of this enterprise are entreated to unite in this forward movement.

The Trustees call urgently for funds to put the College buildings in good order. Thorough and somewhat costly repairs are absolutely *necessary*. A new Dormitory will very soon be needed. A large amount of furniture for the rooms to be occupied by the new students has to be procured, and a supply of warm bedding for fifty beds.

The thorough training of Christian Educators for the Negroes in this land and in Africa is looming up high among the benevolent enterprises of the Church, and, in Christ's name, demands more consideration from those who love their neighbor, their country, and their Lord.

Information will be given and contributions received by

REV. EDWARD WEBB,

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BEQUESTS.

In the preparation of Wills, when it is desired to make Bequests to the General Assembly, or any of its Boards or Permanent Committees, care should be taken to insert the Corporate Name, as known and recognized in the Courts of Law. Bequests for the

General Assembly should be made to "The Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America."

Board of Home Missions,—to "The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, incorporated April 19th, 1872, by Act of the Legislature of the State of New York."

Board of Foreign Missions,—to "The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America."

Board of Church Erection,—to "The Board of Church Erection Fund of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, incorporated May 5th, 1871, by the Legislature of the State of New York."

Board of Publication,—to "The Trustees of the Presbyterian Board of Publication."

Board of Education,—to "The Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America."

Board of Relief,—to "The Presbyterian Board of Relief for Disabled Ministers and the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers."

The Committee on Freedmen is not incorporated. Bequests for their Treasury may be made to "The Trustees of the General Assembly," as above, "For the use of the Presbyterian Committee of Missions for Freedmen."

Sustentation is not incorporated. Bequests for its treasury should be made to "The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, incorporated April 19th, 1872, by Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, for Sustentation."

N. B.—If Real Estate be given by will, let it be carefully described.

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