

Missions.

Conducted by the Corresponding Secretary for the Board of Managers of the Seventh-day Baptist Missionary Society.

We acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt from the author, Rev. John C. Lowrie, D. D., one of the secretaries of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, of "Missionary Papers," an interesting and instructive book, that treats of many different phases of foreign mission work, from the point of view of a man of large experience.

REV. S. H. BABCOCK, pastor at Albion, Wis., writes: "We have a Mission Band of some 35 members, organized April 1, 1882, that holds bi-weekly meetings, the object of which, in addition to literary culture, is to raise funds for the support of the China Mission. So far, the Band is working finely, and gives promise of becoming a valuable auxiliary to our working force."

ALL home missionaries and missionary pastors are requested to forward with promptness their annual reports. And we venture to say that the Treasurer would be glad to have the contributions of churches and individuals forwarded promptly, too.

TENT WORK IN KANSAS.

Last night we held the closing service in the tent at Marion. I am on my way home to spend three or four days, while Bro. Seager and Bro. Oursler move the tent to Florence. We are to hold our first service there, Providence permitting, next Second-day night.

LADY MEDICAL MISSIONARIES.

[We first received the following in the form of a private letter, kindly sent us by the editor of the Review, Rev. Mr. Wilder, of Princeton, N. J. It is an interesting and valuable article, although we question the justice of his criticism upon the love of "exercising authority by some of our Mission Boards;" still he may be right, and we would not favor giving men missionaries so much authority over women missionaries.]

A respected secretary of one of our foreign missionary organizations sends us the following questions, viz:

"1. What value do you place upon work by lady medical missionaries in heathen lands? 2. In what way could we set a small medical mission going with the least possible expense?"

REPLY.—My dear brother, to your first question I reply: Very high value indeed. Such are the notions of men and women in most heathen countries, that a skillful woman doctor, getting access to native women as no men doctors can, has special facilities for relieving suffering and thus winning the good will of native women, and, through them, of the native men also.

of men doctors, when procurable; and besides, well-trained European doctors are to be found only in the European communities gathered in a few sea-ports and large cities for political and trading purposes, while in India able European surgeons are found at all the large stations, in the civil and military services.

2. As to your second point, much—almost everything, indeed—depends on your ordained missionaries in the foreign field. They are able to see the need of medical missions, or of any and every branch of mission work, and its promise of success, too, as no home officers can see them.

This deference to the ordained workers of a mission, in regard to a woman doctor, is equally necessary in regard to all lady helpers. There is immense loss of time, money and energy in most of our foreign missions from disregarding the foundation principles I here seek to emphasize.

Some modification of this principle may be necessary in case of women sent to the foreign field by women's societies, like that of the M. E. Church, entirely separate and independent of the men's society; but even in such a case there should be a mutual understanding between the workers of the different societies in the same mission—some recognized rule or plan for adjusting all dif-

ferences of views and practice on the ground, without appeals to the home authorities.

I am quite well aware that the zeal, energy, efficiency, and self-sacrifice in this work, of such women as Ann Hasseltine Judson in Burma, Fidelia Fisk in Persia, Ann Wilkins and Sophrona Farrington in Africa, have never been surpassed if, indeed, they have been equaled, by any men in the history of missions.

But woman's work should hold the same relation to man's in the mission fields of heathendom that it holds in the most happy, perfect homes and churches of Christendom, where her work is accomplished with a grace that disarms opposition, her views and plans are adopted because none better can be devised, and her influence is all the more potent because unconscious.

WE derive benefit from missions in a pecuniary point of view. Not the benefit which the missionary receives, but which the people of our land receive as one of the results of missionary effort. First, the expense saved on insurance of vessels. Where missions exist there is safety, where once crews were murdered and cargoes stolen.

WHAT A LITTLE BOY'S MITE-BOX ACCOMPLISHED.—A little boy, three years old, sent the contents of a mite box, eleven dollars, to Rev. Gerald F. Dale, of Syria. The results of that very juvenile seed-sowing are as follows: 1. A Bible for the Baalbec Hotel.

HOME INFLUENCE.—The importance of "woman's work for woman" in heathen lands is well illustrated by a fact stated in a missionary's letter. He says that "when Christian women are married to heathen husbands, generally the influence of the household is Christian. But, when a Christian man marries a heathen woman, he quite as generally loses his Christian character, and the influences of the household are on the side of heathenism."

THE majority of the people in the United States of Colombia have never seen a Bible in their native language, and know nothing of its holy precepts. They have no Christian Sabbath. The first day of the week is one of their many holidays on which they visit, have big dinners, attend balls and theatrical performances; and so far as it does not interfere with their pleasures, they buy and sell as on other days.

LET us remember that our Home Mission Societies trace their descent from the Foreign, and not the Foreign from the Home. It is my firm conviction that if every Christian preacher should go abroad, and the whole Christian Church should precipitate

itself upon heathendom as in the days of the Crusaders Europe precipitated itself upon Asia, there not only would be no ultimate loss, but the home-field would flourish as never before—ay, the mighty angel of the Apocalypse would soon bind Satan, and the millennial era dawn. I counsel no fanaticism. I recognize the fact that Providence puts obstacles in the way of some which it would be criminal to disregard.

FOR ME.—Little Carrie was a heathen child, about ten years old, with bright black eyes, dark skin, curly brown hair, and slight form. A little while after she began to go to school, the teacher noticed one day that she looked less happy than usual.

CHINESE LEPER GIRL.—One incident can never be forgotten by those who have read or heard of it—that of the leper girl who was brought to Miss Houston by her friends, on foot, for nearly a hundred miles, that she might take her to Jesus, for him to lay his hands upon her and cure her of her leprosy.

FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Ordnained missionaries, 99; wives of missionaries, 71; women of W. F. M. S., 39; foreign teachers, 17; foreign local preachers, 11; native workers of W. F. M. S., 199; ordained native preachers, 218; unordained native preachers, 237; native local preachers, 226; native teachers, 527; other native helpers, 144; communicants, 28,127; day scholars, 11,161; S. S. scholars, 48,616.

OUR American missionaries, in carrying the Bible into foreign lands, have opened up new avenues for trade, established our flag in distant ports, formed new treaties of friendship and commerce where none existed before, given employment to our merchant marine, taught the English language so as to facilitate commercial transactions, and introduced American books and newspapers.

IN 1836 the anti-mission spirit was so strong in the Miami Association, Ohio, that nineteen churches expelled six churches that favored Sunday-schools, Bible and temperance societies. At this time the six churches had 441 members, the nineteen churches 706 members.

FOREIGN MISSIONS test the faith of the disciples in the Savior's last promise, and their obedience to his last command.

If mission work in Africa had commenced when the slave trade of Western Europe and the American colonies began; if the ships which proceeded to the African coast for human chattels had carried the gospel and scores of missionaries; if the energy which has been applied in stimulating intestine and tribal wars for booty of men, women, and children, had been applied in education and in promulgating the arts of civilization, Africa would have presented a different aspect to-day.

WHEN the British in India sought terms of treaty with the famous Hyder Ali the latter would allow no British officer to come near him, but sent them word to send the missionary Schwartz, for he was a man of truth and could be relied on; "him and no other will I receive and trust," was the memorable testimony of this heathen ruler.

THE American Board, in addition to its work among the Zulus, in Africa, has during the last year succeeded in planting its standard at Bihe back from Benguela, and in Umzilla's Land, near the east coast of Monomatapa. In both cases a manly and vigorous population has been found under the government of chiefs of rare natural ability, and of impulses favorable to mission work; in both, pioneers have fallen on the threshold of their career.

REV. MR. AND MRS. DAVIS, and Miss Nelson have prosecuted the study of the language, superintended the day schools, the Sabbath services, and a Sabbath-school, in Shanghai, and rebuilt the mission house; and the mission now seems to be in a position for earnest and successful work.

THE English Presbyterian Church has issued a new and enterprising religious paper, The Outlook, devoted to denominational interests, general religious intelligence and discussion, and Missions, home and foreign. It appears in attractive form, and is well backed by leading men of the denomination, among whom is Rev. J. Monro Gibson, D. D., late of Chicago.

THERE never was a stronger or healthier stimulus to the charities of the church at home than the foreign missionary spirit, which by giving to the benevolence of the church that wide, full sweep that its Lord intended it to have, has placed it in its normal condition, and given it a power and activity that has not been manifested since apostolic times.

AFTER careful investigation, it is affirmed that, last year, from the expenditure of \$1,133,000 in gospel work in the State of New York, the result was only one baptism to every \$300 expended. The same year the \$288,000 expended in foreign missions, resulted in one baptism to every \$51 expended—the gain among the heathen being almost ten-fold.

ONE of the most encouraging facts connected with missions, is the great increase of the native ministry as compared with that of missionaries sent from Christian lands. While the number of ordained missionaries of the Presbyterian Board has in ten years increased only 19, the number of native preachers and helpers had risen from 41 to 300.

IN the dreadful massacre in 1862, in which a thousand whites were slain in Minnesota, Christian Indians helped save the lives of many whites and divided the Indians into two parties, so that, dreadful as was the destruction of whites, it was far less than it otherwise would have been.

THE growth of the United Brethren Church, since it has been actively working in the mission field among the destitute, has been five-fold as rapid as it was before.

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Among the various nations through which the gospel has been introduced to the fame of the Christian religion, the power of eloquence means speaking on utterance of strong adapted to excite in others, and on and forcible through an easy, effective, and sioned manner. The of the human mind combination of fact and yet, the keynote simplicity of expression result of the speaker and his language is and impulses. But ceptible of culture, fore, forever object is a pretty native, cultivated. Rather Quintillian and The Personal ascendency out adequate talent be as surely felt a but when it is in speech, it seems fir supplies the mind ing a delight, not to all who come w fluence.

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Selected Miscellany.

SONG OF THE PLOW.

BY WILL CARLETON.

Ye drawing rooms and palaces, I recognize your splendors. Your ladies bright and beautiful—the power of their defenders...

stirring temperance song, clear and sweet, rang out upon the frosty air from a score or more of voices. She paused to listen, heedless that the winds swept piercingly through her scant clothing...

that den of iniquity would sully her pure soul. "There is no place for you, Daisy; never go in there again," he said, as soon as they were outside.

and plenty of money at her command, had watched over her with a mother's tenderness, ever since the night she had taken her home in her carriage. When Daisy became conscious and had strength to look about her, at first she thought herself in fairy land...

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