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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

**Then and Now.**

SHENANDOAH CITY, PENNA.

*Dear Brother,*—I herewith send my second yearly report concerning this missionary field, and respectfully apply for the quarter's appropriation.

I. SHENANDOAH CITY. One year ago we worshipped in a school-house, noted only for its filth. Now we have a neat church capable of holding one hundred and sixty or one hundred and seventy, and nearly all paid for, and that without applying to the Board of Church Extension, or going to city churches. We hope that the debt will soon be extinguished, but the frequent strikes greatly hinder us. One year ago we had no Sabbath-school, but now we have over one hundred scholars on our roll. We have secured a library, good teachers in the main, a good assistant (I am superintendent) superintendent, one hundred copies of the Presbyterian Sabbath-school Visitor, &c. Our school does very well on the whole. One year ago we had no professors of religion here, but God poured out his Holy Spirit, and we organized a church this last spring of twelve members, which has since increased to eighteen. One year ago we had services here every

other Sabbath *once*, now we have service once every Sabbath. Some that never, or scarcely ever came to church, when I first came, are quite regular now. Some who were careless are now thoughtful, and, I believe, prayerful, and I have hopes of an outpouring of God's Spirit this winter. If, as our Saviour assures us, one soul is worth more than the world, then we have cause for abundant rejoicing at the work done here, for I hope that twenty were born again since last December —. Pecuniarily we are doing moderately here.

II. MAHANOH PLANES. I can see but little fruit here. The attendance is better than it was—the Sabbath-school has been kept up by urging things, and I have hopes of seeing some results. The place is growing—contains now considerably over one thousand inhabitants, and I am the only preacher there of any denomination whatever. There are several good Christians there. Pecuniary matters satisfactory.

III. BEAR RUN. I preach here as at Mahanoy Planes, every other Sabbath, and trust that four souls have been born from darkness into light. Sabbath-school is kept up winter and summer. Much good has been accom-

plished, and a change is quite manifest there. Several families have moved away, and only about one-half of the money formerly raised can be secured—hardly that. No one else preaches there, so that I cannot leave with a good conscience if I would. Population runs into the hundreds, and within a circuit of one-half a mile is considerably over one thousand.

IV. GRISCOMS. Though the population there and near there was over one thousand at one time, the "great strike" did not leave any hearers. They are beginning to return slowly—have not had services there for two months. I would like to preach at Delano, if I could, but can't arrange it at present. Two men could be profitably employed here, in supplying destitute places. I climb mountains, till I can hardly move, and yet can't reach half the places. This is a *very* hard field—the physical labour is heavy—I might say terrible, and the people all poor—some of them have been great sufferers.

This year I preached a sermon, &c., designing to *double* our last year's subscriptions in the churches. I have one place to take up from yet, which will make it double—hope to get ten or twelve dollars from Sabbath-school beside. I made an earnest appeal for the Board, telling them though poor I *must* give five dollars myself. They therefore *quadrupled*—last year five dollars, this over twenty dollars. Had I but two dollars, I said I would give *one* to God.

Yours in Christ,

W. E. H.

### A Wide and Promising Field.

ATHENS, MISSOURI.

The first quarter of my missionary year has closed. In this report I will study brevity. Permit me to say in the outset that I am at present the only minister adhering to the General Assembly in all that portion of Northeast Missouri, which lies north of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad, and east

of North Missouri Railroad, which intersects the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad at Macon City, and runs thence through Kirksville to the Iowa State line. My field is in Clark County at the extreme northeast point of this large and destitute territory. My commission is for the church of Athens and vicinity, the word in the application was *vicinities*. The church is named from the village of Athens of eighty families on the south bank of the Des Moines River, and twenty miles from its mouth. On the opposite side of the river is Croton, a small village and station on the Des Moines Valley Railroad. The river at this point forms the State line. The territory of the Athens church lies therefore wholly in Missouri, and in the form of a semi-circle.

At a point eight miles southwest of Athens I established a mission at the opening of the year for one Sabbath in each month. On the second Sabbath of October a church was partially organized at this point. The organization when completed will consist of ten or twelve members, with two good men as ruling elders.

Prior to my appointment the people in that neighbourhood had no preaching except one Sabbath in the month by a Methodist itinerant. The enterprise I regard as hopeful. At another point seven miles northwest of Athens I also preached one Sabbath in the month. It is yet uncertain whether the nucleus of a church can be gathered at this point. I live in the country four miles west of Athens, near the centre of the triangle formed by Athens and the two points mentioned above. One-half of my time is given to the church of Athens, the first Sabbath of the months in the village and the third Sabbath in the neighbourhood I live in. On the second Sabbath I am at Chambersburg, (southwest point), and on the fourth Sabbath at the Duncan School House, (northwest point). The land in this region is very good. The population is



now dense and increasing. The people are plain, but industrious and enterprising, and seem anxious to have the gospel. Intelligent, plain, earnest off-hand preaching is the kind they prefer, the only kind in fact that will reach them. My field is truly missionary ground. At the three angular points I preach in large school houses. At the central one, we have the use of a small Congregational church. The attendance on public worship is generally good, and the attention good—often close and solemn. There is a Sabbath-school at each point, except the Duncan School House; none of them, however, distinctively Presbyterian.

Since my last report, two ruling elders have been elected and duly inducted into office in the Athens church, and also three members added on certificate. The church now consists of twenty communicants, of whom three are ruling elders, all good men.

I might say much. I forbear. I have said enough to show that my field is white unto the harvest, and that if the sickle is thrust in quickly and with earnestness and energy, a precious harvest may be gathered for the Lord.

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### Rapid Progress.

Missouri.

*Dear Sir*:—I make this my first quarterly report of my third year's labour here. I was installed at Brookfield, the second Sabbath of this month. It was the second anniversary of the organization of our church here. We organized here on the second Sabbath, November, 1866, with eleven members. The second Sabbath of November, 1867, we had twenty-two. The second Sab-

bath of November, 1868, we had sixty-six. We have received four since, making in all seventy. We organized our Sabbath-school, April, 1867, with thirteen scholars and teachers. We now have over sixty. A prayer-meeting was commenced the first week of our organized existence, and has been continued ever since. The young men hold a separate prayer-meeting every Saturday night. I spend three Sabbaths each month here, the other at missionary points. One place, P—— School House, fifteen miles southwest of here, is a promising point. I go there next Sabbath, and may organize a church there some time this winter. Our county town is becoming a field of interest. It is thirty years old, and I preached the second Old School sermon that was ever preached there, a few weeks ago. I am truly grateful that you have been able to send me a commission for this year. I did not know what I should do without this aid. I know you would do all you could to help us, and so I thanked God and took courage.

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### Colorado.

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee, the Rev. A. R. Day and the Rev. Charles M. Campbell were appointed missionaries in Colorado. The latter to Denver City and the former to Valmont and Boulder City.

Both these brethren have entered upon their important work, and we hope their labours will be speedily crowned with the Divine blessing.

There are various other points in Colorado and adjoining Territories, which the Committee will occupy as speedily as the means at their disposal will allow.

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### RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN APRIL, 1869.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Scheneectady ch 245 76; *Saratoga Springs* ch, mon col 50. *Pby of Londonderry*—Newburyport 2d ch 34. *Pby of Troy*—Second ch Troy 248 20 \$577 96

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Rich Hill ch 7 00

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Harmony ch 56 75; Ellicott's City ch, in part 9; Baltimore 12th ch 80; Westminster ch, Baltimore, from —, for Nebraska 100. *Pby of Cartiste*—Big Spring ch 120; Bloomfield ch 9 28. *Pby of Catawba*—Poplar Tent ch 2 50; Geo M Ochler

10. *Pby of Potomac*—Capitol Hill ch 76 50; Seventh St ch, Washington, from the Youth's Missy Soc'y 50 514 63

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Rochester City*—Rochester 1st ch 83 00

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Chicago*—Linn and Hebron chs 15 30; Willow Creek ch 20 98. *Pby of Schuyler*—Pilot Grove ch 4; Pittsfield ch 3 43 23

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Bainbridge ch 5. *Pby of Cincinnati*—Feesburg ch 5; Glendale 1st ch 32 97. *Pby of Miami*—Second ch Springfield, from the Sab sch 50. *Pby of Oxford*—Harmony ch 20. *Pby of Sidney*—Spring Hills ch 17 30; De Graff ch 11 55; Huntsville ch 8 25; Mt Jefferson ch 2 152 07

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Bloomington*—Eureka ch 2; Galloway ch 10. *Pby of Kaskaskia*—Hillsboro' ch 20. *Pby of Palestine*—Pleasant Prairie ch 23; Arcola ch 18 25; Milton Station ch 10; Rev E Howell 5. *Pby of Peoria*—Peoria 2d ch 108 50. *Pby of Saline*—Odin ch 2 97 199 72

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Indianapolis*—Greenfield ch 4 10; Bethany ch 9 50. *Pby of New Albany*—First ch New Albany 86. *Pby of White Water*—Sardinia ch 5 65; Dunlapville ch 4 50 105 75

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Dubuque*—Independence ch, bal 2. *Pby of Frankville*—West Union ch 4 94; Rossville ch 6 12 94

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Leavenworth*—Leavenworth 1st ch 104 00

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Paducah*—Princeton ch 30. *Pby of Transylvania*—Burksville ch 11 20. *Pby of West Lexington*—Bethel ch 20 61 20

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of St Louis*—Nazareth Ger ch 12 50

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Burlington*—Burlington ch, bal 32 34; Columbus ch 8. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—Logansville Sab-sch 1 50. *Pby of Luzerne*—Wilkesbarre ch Sab-sch 175; Archbald Ger ch 5; Kingston ch 75, of which Sab-sch 23 12; Wyoming ch 10 75. *Pby of Moremouth*—Matawan ch 56 38. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Titusville ch 40. *Pby of Newton*—Knowlton ch 13; Belvidere ch, a special col 35. *Pby of Passaic*—Mt Freedom ch 70; Morristown 1st ch, quarterly col 149 32; Connecticut Farms ch 58 08, of which 23 08 from the Sab-sch; Springfield ch 50 45; Chester ch, from Miss Mary H Woodhull 25. *Pby of Raritan*—Fairmount ch 15. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Towanda ch 65 86, of which 96 cts from children of Rev S F Colt, and 2 50 special; Wyalusing 2d ch 20. *Pby of West Jersey*—Deerfield ch 101 23, of which Sab-sch 9, less 20 for Record = 81 23; Cold Spring ch 45 1,031 91

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—Bridgeport ch 57; Mt Kisco ch 18 33. *Pby of Hudson*—Jefferson Ger ch 7; Middletown 2d ch 69 55; Milford ch 15. *Pby of New York*—University Place ch, New York 2,296 75; Alexander ch 8 65 2,472 78

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Crawfordsville*—Rockville ch 9 50. *Pby of Fort Wayne*—Kendallville 1st ch 41. *Pby of Lake*—Sumption's Prairie ch 10; Millerstown ch 7 50. *Pby of Muncie*—Prospect ch 3 50; New Castle ch 5 76 50

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Hocking*—Athens 1st ch 5. *Pby of Marion*—Rodney ch 4. *Pby of Zanesville*—Senecaville ch 31 25 40 25

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of Benicia*—Big Valley ch, 24 33, of which 9 67 from Bloomington congregation 24 33

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Middle Octorara ch 79. *Pby of Huntingdon*—Martinsburg ch 14; One half of Presbyterian col 18; Shirleysburg ch, from Mrs M Brewster 5; Mt Union ch 5. *Pby of New Castle*—Zion ch 20; Rock ch 20. *Pby of Northumberland*—Berwick ch 14; Bald Eagle and Nittany ch, from Mrs W Wallace Brown 5. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Princeton ch Sab-sch 25. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*

—Neshaminy ch 9; Holmesburg ch mo col 14; Easton 1st ch, add'l 50 278 00

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Clarion*—New Rehoboth ch, add'l 50 cts. *Pby of Ohio*—Grace, Coloured, ch 7 30. *Pby of Saltsburg*—Centre ch 4 60; Indiana ch, a friend 5; Plum Creek ch 39 56 40

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of Southern Minnesota*—Preston ch, add'l 1; Kasson ch 5; Claremont ch 5 11 00

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Findlay*—Kenton ch 11 50. *Pby of Michigan*—South Lyon ch, add'l 10; Hudson ch 5. *Pby of Western Reserve*—Northfield ch, from Miss Jane McConaughy 5; Springfield ch 8 60 40 10

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Fairfield*—Vernon Prairie ch, add'l 4; Bonaparte ch 4. *Pby of Iowa*—Round Prairie ch 7 25; Burlington ch 35 50 25

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Bethesda ch 7; Alliance ch 12; Bethel ch 26; Madison ch 18. *Pby of St Clairsville*—Freeport ch 5; Bellair ch 49 50, of which Sab-sch 18. *Pby of Washington*—Washington 1st ch 16 25. *Pby of West Virginia*—Kanawha ch 10; Kingwood ch 7 141 75

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Milwaukee*—Waukesha ch Sab-sch 5 35

Total received from churches, \$6,106 07

LEGACIES.—Bequest of Mrs. Margaretta T Rea, dec'd, late of Strattonville, Pa 12; Bequest of Rev Jas H Donaldson, dec'd late of Schellsburg, Pa 50; Estate of Mrs Jane McClure, Pa 323 33 395 33

MISCELLANEOUS.—E R, Philadelphia 10; A Friend, through Miss R Falls, Baltimore 3; Rev Jas Crawford, Iowa 1; "L," Delaware 1 50; Rev John Newton, Birdseye Ridge, Mo 10; A Friend 75; Mrs Clark 1; Wm Shear, Augusta, Ga 10; A Friend 1 112 50

Total Receipts in April, 1869, \$6,613 90

S. D. POWEL, Treasurer,

No. 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

#### CLOTHING.

1 small package from Miss S J C, Ohio, value not given.

1 box from the Ladies of Ross St ch, Brooklyn, N Y, valued at \$426 91

3 boxes from the Ladies' Society of 7th ch, Philadelphia, Pa, valued at 915 00

1 box from the Ladies of Saratoga Springs ch, value not given.

2 boxes from the 1st ch, Trenton, N J, valued at 314 29

1 box from the Ladies' of Middletown 2d ch, N Y, valued at 160 00

1 box from the Central ch, Geneseo, N Y, valued at 100 00

10 boxes from the Ladies' Missionary Society of the 10th ch, Philadelphia, Pa, valued at 2,250 00

\$4,166 20

#### MISSION HOUSE.

No. 907 ARCH STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

Cor. Sec. pro tem.—Rev. G. W. MUSGRAVE, D.D.

Treasurer—SAMUEL D. POWEL.

LETTERS relating to Missionary Appointments and other operations of the Board, should be addressed to the Corresponding Secretary, No. 907 Arch street, Philadelphia. Letters relating to the pecuniary affairs of the Board, or containing remittances of money, should be sent to S. D. POWEL, Esq., Treasurer—same address.



## BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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

### The Last Hours of a dear Lover of Jesus.

A young gentleman, profitably employed as a civil engineer and superintendent of a coal mining company, in the anthracite coal district of Northeastern Pennsylvania, had presented to his soul, amidst his responsible employments, this question, How can I best serve Jesus? In the gloom of the mine, in the solitude of lonely places, even in the midst of the noise of crowds, still the deep question, struggling for recognition, and reply was this:

His intellectual capacity, his refinement, his genial and gentlemanly address, his decided and reliable moral traits were a foundation which seemed to promise fortune and honour as the reward of continued exertion in his profession. But there was Jesus before him, with one hand uplifted as if in sad admonition, and the finger of the other pointing him in a different direction. Could he turn away, when that dear Friend, who loved him, and died for him, said to his secret spirit, Come, follow Me?

He gave up all, and followed him. And the same willing obedience, and the same ardent and deep love for Christ, sent him with his young family to the most distant Northwest, to labour as a humble missionary among a people who were able to pay him but two or three or four hundred dollars a year, but whose souls were as dear to him for Jesus' sake as though they were possessed of millions.

The life of our friend in this new field was a happy one. He laboured with his whole heart in his work. And the people reciprocated his efforts for good to them by a sincere and cordial love for him. What they could not give in money they tried to do in kind presents of the necessaries of life. One brought some wheat, another some article of comfort for the use of himself or a member of the family. And the smile of the Saviour's approbation seemed to rest upon what he did. Souls were converted; the young were drawn to the path of peace; and religion was honoured in the community.

A call from a position of greater usefulness in an adjoining State led him to change his sphere of labour. He was there but a few months. He is dead. We find in one of our religious papers the narrative of his last days. It shows that Jesus having loved him as his own in the world, loved him unto the end.

“He entered upon his new field of labour with zeal perhaps beyond his physical ability. His health soon became impaired, but he continued to meet all his appointments, with one or two exceptions, until within a week of his death, when he was attacked with pleurisy. When informed that he would probably not recover, he smiled, and said that he was glad, but was afraid the news was too good to be true. Turning to his wife and children, he said, much as I love you all, I love Jesus more. Having requested the others to retire, he commended his wife and each of his children to Jesus. His sufferings were severe, and his mind at times delirious, but the mention of Jesus' name would restore his reason, and he would again be able to converse intelligently. A few hours before his death, when asked by a ministerial brother if he had the support of religion, he replied, ‘O wonderfully—I could not have believed that one could be so sure of Heaven.’ ‘Just as

I am, without one plea,' etc., was often on his lips. He felt a very deep interest in the church he was serving. It was often the subject of his prayers, even during his last hours. A few minutes before his death, he requested all to stand and repeat in concert the Lord's prayer, and raising himself up in his bed, he repeated it with them, uttering every word distinctly. At one o'clock, on Friday morning, he fell asleep in Jesus."

Thus departed, to a heavenly recompense, the Rev. John Frothingham, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. His work in the ministry had been a continual joy to him. To engage in it he had given up more than most persons. But one of his last requests to her who had faithfully and willingly shared his toils and his trials was, that the two young sons whom he left should be trained up to follow in his footsteps as preachers of the gospel. It may be well for the reader to ask in the light of that upper life upon which this faithful servant of One whose face is there unveiled has entered: Was his wish a wise one?

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### Recommendation from a Minister to Students in regard to Teaching.

Not a few students will be engaged in teaching during the summer. The following advice to such will be timely. The experience gained by them in the school room will be of inestimable value in all their subsequent life as ministers of the gospel.

"I think that I can safely say, that much good was accomplished intellectually, morally, and religiously during the time I taught. Teaching brings one in contact with old and young, children and parents, and affords a good opportunity for becoming thorough in the arts and sciences; and I would recommend that more of our young men would adopt this course and provide means for their own support in the prosecution of their studies after graduating. There is too much of a disposition among some candidates to take all they can. If they are not successful, useful teachers, I would have serious doubts about them being useful in the ministry. I have very little confidence in men who not successful in anything else being successful in the ministry. Indeed it requires a man who can do almost anything else, and be successful, to be every thing that one should be in the faithful discharge of the pastoral office."

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### What a Pastor did for Africa.

On the banks of the Susquehanna was once settled a Presbyterian pastor (yet alive) whom God afflicted with sickness. In the midst of languor and disease, it was sweet for him to look to Christ, and to form high and solemn resolves to live more unreservedly to his glory if life were spared. His meditations were one day interrupted by the hymns of praise which a young carpenter mingled with his daily work. And the sick man heard them. His pious and enterprising soul soon suggested the question, "Why may not this young carpenter glorify the son of Joseph in the ministry of salvation?" He immediately determined that, if the youth were of a suitable character, and had a love of souls, he would educate

him in the hope that the Spirit of Christ would count him worthy of the sacred calling. The pastor insisted upon his wife's inviting the young man to lead in family prayers, which he did with unusual unction. Inquiries justified the favorable impression received. The pastor recovers. The carpenter lays aside his plane and his saw. He enters an academy, and then a college. He determines, by the grace of God, to devote himself to the ministry, and to be a missionary to the heathen. He enters Princeton Seminary. The peculiar savour of his piety is yet held in sacred remembrance there. He sails for Africa, and enters her vast fields waving with the harvest. In the midst of his labours the noon-day sun smote down the reaper; but doubtless he was carried

home rejoicing, "bringing his sheaves with him." From the mansions of glory, he testifies to the precious influences of a pastor's care.—*Rev. Dr. Van Rensselaer—Annual Report 1847.*

### Cheering Letter from a Minister's Daughter.

Letters like the following greatly encourage the hearts of those labouring to carry forward the work of the Church.

*Dear Sir.*—A daughter, in looking over the little treasures of a mother now in heaven, found a box containing one, two, three, and five cent pieces, amounting in all to one dollar and a half.

Her heart will not let her spend the money, and yet it must not lie idle. So she sends it to the School Department of the Board of Education, as having belonged to one, who, in her life, was an ardent friend of education.

The writer of this has already given her annual contribution to the Board of Education, and cannot afford to add anything further. She, however, gives you her prayers, and would send you thousands of dollars, if she could.

With great respect, yours, &c.,  
A MINISTER'S DAUGHTER.

### A Grateful Heart.

A beloved brother in the ministry writes in the following pleasant way of his numerous reasons for gratitude to God, since, by the aid of the Board of Education, he was enabled to take up the blest work of a herald of salvation:

I thank God for giving me a companion in every way adapted to the sphere I have chosen; whose counsels are wise, whose example is instructive, and who can win the love of all. You will know her in heaven. After this I would bless Him for the kind and affectionate intercourse of *the truly good* of all churches. Then for the continued and patient attention of the people to such utterly inadequate ministrations. Above and beyond all this, however, is the spiritual consolations of a life enclosed as it were on all sides within the influences of the gospel, and the permitting and requiring such intimate relations with Jesus. Of external results I may mention the following:—The result of my first year, inducing a church to stand alone, and put on an active instead of a passive form of life. During the second year, a gentle and very refreshing shower of divine grace, in which some, not many, souls were born again. During the third year, a gathering up of the loose ends and confidences of this people, and securing the order and harmony, as well as benevolent exertions of this church. During the fourth and last, the presence of God's Spirit in some measure reviving Christians and converting others. Twenty-five have been added to this church during my acquaintance with it, and perhaps nearly the same number to the churches where I preached for a year in Ohio. About twenty souls have, as I hope, been born again in connection with these churches during these years. I have seen enough to convince me that God is faithful, and when his people are so, they will discover it.

### RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN APRIL, 1869.

#### I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Gloversville ch 72 11; State St ch 100; Saratoga Springs ch 25; Tribes Hill ch 8 37; Amsterdam ch 8; Mariaville ch 5	218 48
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Sewickley ch 58 89; Bridgewater ch 28 23; Beaver ch 23; 1st ch Allegheny 121 91; Sharpsburg ch 50; Concord ch 2	284 03
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Ellicott City ch 20; Baltimore South ch 5; Churchville ch 10	35 00
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Little Beaver ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Beulah ch 7; New Alexandria ch 1	8 00
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Deer Creek ch 4 50; Chenoa ch 6; Gilman ch 4; Lexington ch 10; Heyworth ch 10; Bloomington ch 10; Union Grove ch 5 17; Eureka ch 2; Galloway ch 5	56 67
<i>Pby of Buffalo City</i> —Calvary ch 87; East Aurora ch 7	94 00
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Geneseo ch	5 00

<i>Pby of Burlington</i> —Mt Holly ch 23 42; Columbus ch 2; Burlington ch 48 70	74 12
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Bloomfield ch 4 64; Lower Path Valley ch 12 72; Burnt Cabins ch 10; Silver Spring ch 12 15; Green Castle ch 49 50; McConnellsburg ch 5; Green Hill ch 5; Dickinson ch 20	110 01
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Hermon ch 7 50; Blue Grass ch 3 85; Tipton ch, 6 88 of which Sab-seh, 27 24; New York ch 8 06; Red Oak ch 8 15; J D Mason 5; Marion ch 36 10; Muscatine ch 16 50	113 00
<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Winona 1st ch 18; Caledonia ch 5; Sheldon ch 2	25 00
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Reading ch,	7 50
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Allensburg ch 7 70; Concord ch 7; Elkton ch 5	18 70
<i>Pby of Columbus</i> —First ch, Columbus	69 67
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Mt Kisco ch 8 03; Yorktown ch 28	36 03
<i>Pby of Crawfordsville</i> —First ch Terre Haute	11 90
<i>Pby of Dane</i> —Richland Centre ch 1 50; Richland City ch 2; Fancy Creek ch 2 50	6 00



<i>Pby of Des Moines</i> —Oskaloosa ch	9 00	ton 5; 9th ch Phila 51; West Spruce St ch. col	
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Middle Octorara ch 21; Slate Ridge ch 29 46; Columbia ch 71 50	121 96	142 68, Morris Patterson 25, C A Finley 10, Geo Jenkin 17, C H Grant 50 = 244 68	300 68
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Liberty Corner ch 10; Siloam ch 1	11 00	<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Richmond ch 20; Alexander ch 25; Hestonville ch 5	50 60
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Petroleum Centre ch 30; Park ch 55; Warren ch 13 68	98 68	<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Bensalem ch 3; Falls of Schuykill ch 14; Easton 1st ch 50	67 00
<i>Pby of Fairfield</i> —Crawfordsville ch	3 50	<i>Pby of Raritan</i> —Holland ch 6; 2d Amwell ch 15 40; Milford ch 22 15	43 55
<i>Pby of Findley</i> —West Union ch 6 63; Enon Valley ch 1 62	8 25	<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —West Newton ch 20; Laurel Hill ch 15; Mt Pleasant ch 40 68; Round Hill ch 10; George's Creek ch 5; McKeesport ch 20 72; Dunlap's Creek ch 19 41; McClellandtown ch 8 12	138 93
<i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —Fort Wayne 3d ch, of which from Sab-seh 2	10 00	<i>Pby of Richland</i> —Clear Fork ch 2 75; McKay ch 4 80; Perrysville ch 5 50; Utica ch 5 60; Frederickstown ch 15; Mt Vernon ch 16 82	50 47
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Wyoming ch 15 50; Tuscarora ch 5; Portageville ch 4; Groveland ch 12	36 50	<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Galena ch	4 00
<i>Pby of Highland</i> —Highland ch	5 00	<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Parnassus ch 9 50; Centre ch 3 10; Ebenezer ch 19 60; Elderton ch 2 34 20	21 00
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### Recent Intelligence.

**DEATH OF THE REV. JAMES H. ORBISON.**—In the last number of the *Record* the arrival of Mr. Orbison and his family was reported. He was then apparently in good health, and expected in due time to return to India, after making arrangements for the education of his children. On the 19th of April he was removed by death at Bellefonte, Penna., after a short illness. His mind was kept in great peace, and we cannot doubt that his death was his entrance into the heavenly rest. Mr. Orbison first went to India in 1850. On a visit to this country in 1858 he was again married. He leaves a wife and four children, for whom tender sympathy will be felt in their great bereavement. The removal of a devoted missionary in the midst of his days is one of the mysteries of Providence.

**ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF MISSIONARIES.**—The Rev. B. D. Wikoff and his family arrived from India on the 3d of May; Mr. Wikoff's health was improved by the journey. D. B. McCartee, M. D., and his wife arrived at San Francisco from Ningpo, and may be expected here in a few days. Their visit to this country is for the sake of health. The Rev. Edward P. Capp started on the journey to China about the last of April; Mr. Capp graduated at the Theological Seminary, Princeton, a year ago; he was ordained by the Central Presbytery of Philadelphia, and his field of labour in China is in the province of Shantung. Many prayers will follow him, we trust, as he goes to his work.

**ADMITTED TO THE CHURCH.**—The Rev. W. Hamilton, Omaha, April 28th, mentions the reception of sixteen of the Indians, and his own young son, to the communion of the church on the preceding Sabbath. Since January thirty-six new communicants have been received, thirty-three of whom are Indians, who were admitted by baptism. The Rev. A. W. Loomis, San Francisco, March 29th, speaks of a Chinaman received into the church on the Sabbath previous, a man fifty-two years of age, who "has made sacrifices and suffered many things for the Master's sake." The Rev. D. Thompson, March 30th, reports the baptism of three Japanese converts at Yokohama; see letters printed further on. The Rev. C. R. Mills, Tungechow, February 6th, refers to the baptism of the oldest girl in the boarding school, and says, "She is a very bright girl, serious and dignified, and has great influence over the younger girls. She bids fair to become very useful as an assistant teacher in the school, and an apt teacher of her ignorant country-women." The Rev. J. F. Ullmann, Futtehgurh, March 22d, reports the baptism of a Hindu at Chhibramow, on the 6th of that month. His son was baptized two years ago, and his wife several months ago, so that Mr. Ullmann can add, "The whole family is now a Christian family."

**LETTERS RECEIVED TO MAY 14th.**—From Monrovia, April 13th; Benita, March 15th; Bogota, March —; Rio de Janeiro, March 26th; Sao Paulo, March 18th; Mynpurie, April 5th; Futtehgurh, March 22d; Dehra, March 15th; Ambala, March 18th; Lodiana, March 26th; Labor, March 18th; Canton, March 17th; Shanghai, March 20th; Ningpo, March 15th; Hangechow, March 13th; Chefoo, January 21st; Tungechow, February 6th; Peking, February 11th; Yokohama, March 30th; San Francisco, April 14th; Navajo, April 15th; Seminole, April 19th; Omaha, April 28th.



HOW THE MISSION YEAR ENDED, and some remarks concerning the work and its support, contained in an article to be found below, will receive the consideration as we hope of all our readers.

THE SERMON FOR THE BOARD, by the Rev. Dr. Thayer, of Newport, Rhode Island, was preached before a large congregation in the First Presbyterian church, New York, on Sabbath evening, May 2d. We hope this sermon will be printed and widely circulated.

### The Situation: April 30, 1869.

The mission year of the Board ended on the 30th of April. At the Annual Meeting, held May 4th, the Report of the Executive Committee was considered, approved and directed to be laid before the General Assembly, and the Executive Officers were re-elected. We take some figures from the Report, as follows: ordained missionaries, eighty-two; native ordained ministers, thirteen; native licentiate preachers, ten; assistant missionaries, from this country, eighty-six—including the wives of missionaries; native teachers, catechists, colporteurs, &c., one hundred and ninety-three; new labourers sent out, nineteen—of whom eight are ministers, and ten are females. Receipts from all sources, \$333,497.82; expenditures \$343,798.42; balance against the mission treasury, \$5,300.60.

These returns are in some respects very favourable. Taking the reports of the last five years into view, we find an increase in the number of ordained missionaries of twenty-seven—of whom nineteen are Americans, and eight natives. The increase in the number of native labourers of other kinds in the same period is forty-one. The number of communicants reported is one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three; in 1865, it was one thousand and twelve. The number of scholars in the mission school was five thousand eight hundred and seventeen in the former year, and seven thousand four hundred and two last year. The missions to the Winnebagoes and the Navajos are new missions. The older missions are well maintained, as a general remark, though there are not wanting in some of them serious causes of anxiety, especially in the small staff of labourers in some of the vast fields. The additions to the churches last year were greatly encouraging in several missions; we may specify the Omaha Mission, now for the first time reporting a goodly number of converts, twenty-nine since January; the Seminole Mission, fourteen—making the whole number one hundred and ten; the mission in Brazil, fifty-seven; several of the churches in India, forty-four; in China, over one hundred; besides very interesting additions to the Church in connection with the missions in Siam, Japan, Africa, United States of Colombia and other countries. Surely God has granted remarkable success to the labours of his servants.

We account it, moreover, a precious token of his favour, that not only have new missionaries been sent out last year, but several brethren are under appointment as missionaries, and others still are applying for such appointment, so that in a few months at least seven or eight new labourers might be on their way to different fields, if the funds of the Board would only permit them to be sent out. Will not God who has given them grace to offer themselves for this work, also give his people grace to provide the means necessary for sending them forth and supporting them? We hope so. We believe he will.

So much has had to be said in our columns heretofore about the state of the mission treasury, that we would prefer to make no reference to it here, beyond the general statement already given. But the subject needs further consideration. We are grateful for two things: first, for the great liberality of so many of our churches and our Christian people; the regular contributions exceeded those of

any former year. Second, for a large legacy paid in a few days before the year ended; but for this bequest, of over \$68,000, the debt of the Board would have been a very serious one. But why should there not have been a large surplus in the treasury, instead of a balance against it, after the receipt of such a legacy? Because 1. The year began with a debt of over \$27,000; 2. The work of the missions, by direct order of the last General Assembly, was not conducted on the plan of large retrenchment, but of continued though moderate enlargement; and 3. The money received was in currency, whereas most of the money paid was in gold or its equivalent, so that \$49,832 had to be expended in making the money received pass for the purposes of the missions. And thus it has been for several years. Given the case of the treasury out of debt, and the receipts all of the value of gold as in former years, and the large bequest above referred to might have been all expended in strengthening the work or occupying new ground. We forbear to dwell on this matter. We do not doubt the ability of our churches to increase largely their support of this great work; it is stated that the amount now given by the churches does not average a dollar to each communicant; the noble gifts of last year would have been very much larger, if all our church members had shared in the privilege of thus advancing the cause of Christ in the world. Let the donations of the year now begun be made on the basis of gold, and the year will end with no debt. Yes, and let them flow from hearts full of love to Christ and compassion for lost souls, and be accompanied by faith and prayer, and then whoever writes a similar article to this for the *Record* in 1870, will be able to write it with a joyful and grateful heart. Even now, the foregoing statements show that the Church and the world have reasons of great gratitude to God, for his blessing on this sacred cause during another year.

But the work still lies before us. It is hopeful, nay it is successful, but yet it is earnest, work for our blessed Lord and for a lost world, that we are still called to do; and strenuous effort will no doubt be required on the part of all our churches, if the year now begun shall end without embarrassment—if the missions are to be sustained, and the new missionaries to be sent out. We trust that the confidence, sympathy, gifts, and prayers of the people of God will still be enjoyed by this cause. With these, by the divine blessing, all will go on well.

### The Navajos.

The Rev. J. M. Roberts, writing from the Navajo Reservation, New Mexico, April 15th, 1869, gives a painful account of the present condition of these Indians. He is showing how impracticable it is in their present circumstances to conduct day-schools successfully among them, and favours the establishment of a boarding-school for some of their children, with the hope that these scholars would do great good to their people. It is very evident that he has a most difficult work before him. Let him be aided by many prayers. The Gospel can change all this. Armies cannot do it; the Government cannot; only the Gospel, and the power of the Holy Spirit can. These have lifted up other tribes as debased and apparently as hopeless as the poor Navajos. Mr. Roberts thus writes:

On the 1st of April the whole tribe

were together on an enclosure of about half an acre for general count; seven thousand two hundred tickets were issued to them. The whole tribe was supposed to be present except such as were too sick to come; just now the smallpox is very bad among them. When thus brought together, for whatever cause, all bring their effects with them. They have not confidence in each other to leave anything behind them. Even their hoes, axes, little looms, and spinning arrangements are all carried with them wherever they go. On that day when we could see them and count their flocks, which now consist wholly of goats and sheep—cattle they have none—I do not think in all, counting their ponies also, there are more in number than a thousand. Each Navajo is supposed to have a blanket or a part of one, which is of their own manufacture, very coarse. Besides this blanket, the great majority of them, male and female, have nothing to cover their nude bodies except moccasins, leggings that reach to the knees, and a shirt of thin muslin or calico, which reaches only to their loins. During this cold winter,



in which the mercury has been more than once nine degrees below zero, this is all they have to protect them from the cold. A few have a sheep skin or bear skin to lie on at night, not many. Their "Hagans" are made of poles, placed, some six, some ten feet apart at the ground, leaned together at the top, covered with bark and brush with about one foot of earth to keep out the wind. The ground is the floor, fire in the centre; the smoke escapes through a hole near the top. In many of these more than one family exists, they can hardly be said to live. Often from ten to fifteen, and even twenty, souls are thus crowded together in a compass of ten feet in diameter. Think of the filth, vermin, and stench that must of necessity be found in such a place. In case of sickness what possible chance of recovery. Their food consists of corn and beef, half a pound of each for a day issued every fourth day to them. This is what the United States Government calls half rations. Where do they get the other half? Who can blame them for stealing it if they can get it in that way? Some bake a bread of ragweed seed, which grows common in the States, and is the curse to him who would raise corn there. They gather potatoes, which grow spontaneously in some places here. They are about as large as peanuts and somewhat the shape. There is also a kind of yellow clay here which they eat.

They do not live thus from choice, but they have nothing more, and no money to buy with, and no game to hunt. They are as poor as I can conceive a people to be. They were once rich in cattle, sheep, goats and horses. Men among them, now of the poorest, delight to tell of their once having had thousands of horses and cattle and great herds of sheep and goats. But in 1863, and during the war with them before that, the Government troops took from them all their stock, destroyed their crops and cut down their orchards, and thus they were compelled after the winter came on to give themselves up as prisoners, which they did, coming into the Fort Wingate in great droves of thousands. Then they numbered about fifteen thousand, now not more than eight thousand. In the face of these facts is it consistent for us to ask them to support their own schools at their own expense? Especially when we know them to be exceedingly superstitious. They do not see the need of

education. They see no use in it. They say it will do very well for white men but be of no use to the Navajo.

At this present time their very poverty will contribute as a means to overcome this superstition. They will allow their children to be governed if I will agree to feed and clothe them. I have no fears of being permitted to control and teach them in any way I may choose, if only I will take good care of them.

Now shall we take the advantage thus afforded us and bring this tribe into civilization in a few years, when they will sustain their own schools and find their own teachers; or shall we let it slip and wait years, as was the case with many others, until they see the advantage of educating and become what they are now, self-sustaining? Another reason for establishing boarding schools is, that in attempting to teach these children, the first practical lesson will be cleanliness. Rid them of vermin. Dress them with decent, comfortable clothing. But what is the use of dressing, cleaning, and combing them up each morning to go at night and sleep in those filthy hagans? All of which clothing would have to be furnished anew each morning; their friends would take the new clothes and use them for their own use and send the children next morning to be recled. They are the most inveterate thieves. It does seem that they teach their children to steal as soon as they are able to walk. I do not think they look upon stealing as we do. Of course they do not. They seem to think of one who has succeeded in stealing a good deal, as we do, or as the world does, on a shrewd merchant who will sell his goods for three prices just because he knows he can get it. They deem it much worse to steal from a Navajo than from an American, or any one who does not belong to their tribe. It seems almost a miracle to find one who will not steal. Now I am not writing to see myself write, or because I like it, or from a desire to be noticed, but I know whereof I speak. From my own experience and that of others, I have already learned to look upon Navajos as upon other people as depraved; and when he is compelled to live on half rations, he will steal the buttons off his brother's coat if only he can thereby get the other half ration. . . .

The Government only intends providing this half ration until next October. Government supposes that they can then support themselves. They might, if they were not now driven from sheer hunger to eat more than half the

grain given them to plant, and if they had a good country for planting. I have heard a Rev. Mr. Shaw, who was an army chaplain at this post in 1853—6, and has been all over this country, say that if every foot of land capable of irrigation on this whole Reservation were planted in corn and wheat there would not be enough to feed them one year. It is certainly the most barren region I have ever seen, except for grazing. And unless the Government furnishes them with stock of all kinds it will be many years before they can do anything at that business. In view of all these, which are practical facts, presenting themselves to me every day, I cannot see that I can accomplish anything worth staying here for except through a boarding school. I cannot preach without two interpreters, a Navajo and Spanish. There is no one known in the territory who can interpret Navajo into English.

While learning the language I must have something to do, what shall it be?  
Yours truly, JAMES M. ROBERTS.

### Three Japanese Converts.

The Rev. D. Thompson, under date of March 30th, at Yokohama, sends the following accounts. They will be read with much interest and with thanks unto God, by those who have been praying for the conversion of the Japanese. Mr. Thompson had been severely ill for some weeks, but we are glad to learn he was rapidly regaining his health. He says:

Only a few days before I was taken sick we had the pleasure of receiving three Japanese into the church by public profession of their faith, an account of whom may not be unacceptable to you. One of these was an old Japanese woman, who, living at a distance, is yet in the habit of attending our Sunday services with a good degree of regularity. I visited her a short time before in company with Mr. Cornes, and found that she had been sick. In her sickness she said she had prayed for strength to come to our meetings once more. After which she said she would be willing to die. To her own surprise she began to recover, and said she took this as a sign and a support to her faith, and spoke of it to her heathen neighbours without reserve. According to her desire and prayer she was again at our services, and, continuing to profess her

faith in Christ and her desire of baptism, we thought we would be rather justified in administering it than in withholding it, though she manifests yet much ignorance concerning many things. The old woman has laid aside her idols, and appears to worship God in sincerity. She is one of the earliest who attracted the attention and awakened the interest of missionaries in Japan, having been intimate with Dr. and Mrs. Hepburn from their first landing here.

Another case is that of a man about thirty-five years of age, who has been my teacher for the last five years. All the missionaries who know him will unite in testifying that he is one of the best teachers that have come to our notice. He is a man of good judgment, good taste, and fine manners. He has often talked with me with great freedom and fullness on the subject of personal religion, and has a good understanding of the gospel, and while he manifests no great emotion or feeling, yet appears sincere and firm in his profession. It did not in the least abate his desire to profess Christ, when I represented to him what he might be called to suffer for so doing from his countrymen and from the Government. In fact, all three go forward with as much indifference to persecution, as they would if there was no government to threaten them.

The third and last case is that of a young man, of whom I wrote an account to the Bible Society more than a year ago. For some time back he has been the teacher of Dr. Hepburn, who will rejoice to hear of his conversion. Like Timothy he is of a delicate constitution and has been so from his youth. Before foreigners came to Japan he had his attention turned to Western science and knowledge by a Japanese doctor, who visited him in his sickness. This doctor knew something of Western countries through the medium of the Dutch language. From that time the sick youth conceived the desire to know more of Western books, and succeeded in getting some, and began the study of the English language. He gathered some of his friends around him, and induced them to commence the same study. Having imbibed some foreign ideas he began to preach that, in emergencies, a man ought to disobey prince or *father* especially when their commands interfere with our higher interests. (Hence he is qualified to explain to the Japanese such a scripture as,



"Suffer me first to go and bury my father," or "He that loveth *father* or mother more than me," &c.) Having become suspected of being a Christian in the Japanese sense of the word, he was consigned to his own room for four hundred days, during which time he endured great mental struggles and resisted temptation to commit suicide. Here in his confinement his teacher, who had come into possession of a Bible, I believe at the Bonin Islands, and who was studying it, sent to him in his room passages of Scripture, written out, and suited to his case. Here in confinement, he formed the desire to know more of God's Word. When released he immediately resigned his rank and rendered back his salary to his prince, and came to Yokohama to study the Bible only, and this he has continued to do with only the interruptions that ill health and the necessity of supporting himself, have rendered unavoidable. Like the merchantman seeking goodly pearls he has continued seeking in the right place, and now we rejoice to see him profess his faith before the world.

His teacher, spoken of before, is a remarkable man, who has renounced idolatry, and the atheism of Confucius, but is not yet a believer in God's Word. It is not a little remarkable that this young convert and his teacher, and several others of their company, agreed to give up idolatry years ago, like the Sandwich Islanders burning their idols before the missionaries arrived. We have reason to thank God for these tokens of his favour, and pray that He would add to their number. The two men of whom I speak, are capable of becoming very useful as teachers of their countrymen, and the latter especially, having heartily tried and rejected Buddhism and Confucianism. I doubt not he has been a preacher by his incessant conversations with his friends, for the last two years, and will continue so to labour unconscious perhaps that he is spreading the gospel. The two young men Rev. Mr. Ballagh baptized, and these last two are all superior men when compared with the mass of their countrymen, and if God add to their gifts his blessing, will be able to do much for their countrymen.

MRS. HEPBURN'S NARRATIVE OF BABA.

Mr. Thompson speaks of "an old Japanese woman" as one of the converts. Our friend, Mrs. Hepburn, wife

of Dr. J. C. Hepburn, has written a narrative of the first convert from among the women of Japan, which we are sure will be read with interest all the greater because of the somewhat minute circumstances here given.

Some of your readers may perhaps remember a short article written almost nine years ago from Japan, in which mention was made of an elderly woman, in whom I had become much interested soon after our arrival here in 1859. This woman was then living in a small but comfortable house with her husband, who was then living. It always did me good to go and visit her,—she kept her house and the few articles for cooking, &c., which she owned, so perfectly neat, and she was always so cheerful and gave me such a hearty welcome. . . .

Early in the month of January, 1860, I missed her usual visits and went to her house to inquire what had become of her. . . .

As soon as I entered the door she raised herself up and began to cry, saying she was very sick, and the Japanese doctors thought she must die. I tried to comfort her, but she was quite inconsolable. Said she had prayed to her gods, at the same time pointing to a little shrine, such as is found in nearly every Japanese house, and that they had not done her any good. I tried to point her to the true God, and to Jesus the only Saviour as the only one who would help her. It must have been with a stammering tongue, for I did not then know much of her language. I went home and got Dr. Hepburn to go with me to see her. He found her very sick with some lung complaint. His prescriptions were of use, and she soon began to mend. As soon as she could get to my house, before her hair had been dressed, as she showed us, she came to see us to express her gratitude. Dr. Hepburn used often to tell her of Jesus, and I found her of great help in learning the language. She would sit on her feet a-la-Japanese, by the half hour near him while he explained the truths of our holy religion to her. She got a copy of the Lord's Prayer, which had been translated into Japanese, and was delighted; said she prayed that prayer morning and evening. . . .

All the mission families felt an interest in her. When Mr. Ballagh first started a Japanese service on the



Sabbath, she was one of his hearers, and she has continued a regular attendant ever since, often not heeding unpleasant weather, though she had to come four miles. I have many times thought how her example put to shame, not only those brought up in Christian lands, but professing Christians themselves. On the last Sabbath of January, Mr. Thompson was to baptize his own and Dr. Hepburn's teachers, and she also gladly joined them in publicly professing her faith in Jesus. She has long been under Christian instructions, and was intelligent in her understanding and professing her faith in the one true God, and in His Son Jesus Christ as her Saviour.

It was an interesting service to us to see there three precious souls received

into the Church of Christ. Had Mr. Thompson no other reward for the six years he has been here labouring for this people, the privilege of baptizing them, and feeling that they were truly born of God must have been enough to encourage him to go on with fresh courage in the teaching of this people in the way of life. Old Bal. said, now that Jesus had heard her prayer, and she had been permitted to come once more to the service and profess her faith in him, she was willing and ready to depart. I have not seen her since that Sunday. . . .

May we not ask, dear friends, that you will remember these dear Christians in your prayers. In your happy, free country, you can never know what it costs a Japanese to profess Christ.

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803 92

**SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.**—*Pby of Allegheny*—Buffalo ch 14; Westminster ch 14 45; Clintonville ch 5; Rich Hill ch 8. *Pby of Allegheny City*—First ch Allegheny City, N N A. for American Indians 111 50; Concord ch 5; Bridgewater ch 76 60; Sab-sch 19 33; John and Lizzie Alexander 4; Macaulay Sab-sch 2 = 101 93; Sharpsburg ch 56 70. *Pby of Beaver*—Clarksville ch 35; Sharon ch 30; West Middlesex ch 42. *Pby of Erie*—Petroleum Centre Sab-sch 10; Sandy Lake Sab-sch 5; Oil City ch 50; Franklin ch 40

528 58

**SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.**—*Pby of Atlantic*—Wallingford ch 4 50; 1st Col'd Sab-sch. Wilmington, N C 1. *Pby of Baltimore*—Central ch, Baltimore 105 77; Sab-sch 27 75; Mission Sab-sch for China 15 = 148 52; 12th ch Baltimore 71 50; Sab-sch 15 = 86 50; Govane Chapel Sab-sch 7; Westminster ch, Baltimore 50; South ch, Baltimore 34. *Pby of Carlisle*—Lower Marsh Creek ch 63; Millers-town ch 24; Bertha and Hervey 1 90 = 25 90; Bloomfield ch 14; McConnellsburg ch 49; Green Hill ch 20; Wells Valley ch 11; Dickinson ch 50; Sab-sch 10 = 60. *Pby of Potomac*—N Y Ave ch Youth's Miss'y Soc'y 47 94; Seventh st ch Washington Youth's Miss'y Soc'y 60; Bridge st Sab-sch Georgetown Juv Miss'y Soc'y 60

768 36

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138 50

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119 94

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544 13

**SYNOD OF INDIANA.**—*Pby of New Albany*—First ch New Albany 175. *Pby of White Water*—Ebenezer ch 2 87; Mt Carmel ch 17 20; Dunlapville ch 5 50.

200 57

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29 50

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40 10

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174 50

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### A Response.

A Domestic Missionary in Wisconsin thus acknowledges a donation of the Board to his Sabbath-school. The demands upon this Fund are heavy, and it needs replenishing. We again appeal to churches, Sabbath-schools, and benevolent individuals to furnish us the means for making donations of this character to our poor and destitute schools.

“*Dear Brother*,—The books and papers so generously donated by our Board of Publication to our Sabbath-school came to hand this day. We feel that the donation is a very liberal one, is just what we need, and is made at the very time it will be the means of doing the most good. Until lately our school has been a ‘Union’ school. A short time since we reorganized it, and we are now working on a true Presbyterian basis. We make the Shorter Catechism a text book. You can well imagine that a respectable library of our books, to aid us to stand upon our own feet, will be highly appreciated. Everything looks encouraging with us now. Our school numbers some seventy scholars. My earnest prayer is, that God’s people may see the necessity of contributing liberally to the Board, that it may be enabled to do for many other weak and struggling schools throughout the land, what it has done for us. And permit me to return to you, and the Board, the unanimous and heartfelt thanks of the superintendent, officers, teachers, and children of our school for this blessed gift. We all feel encouraged to go forward with renewed energy in the great work of training our youth for God. May God bless this Board with his choicest favours. Yours in Christ, J. M. McD.”

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### A Word of Encouragement.

A Domestic Missionary in Illinois, who is also an efficient colporteur within the bounds of his congregation, sends us a few words of encouragement. After giving an account of a precious revival in his congregation he adds,

“During the time of this deep interest it was my habit to go from house to house during the day, accompanied by one of my elders, and furnished with some of the excellent books and tracts of our Board of Publication. God alone knows how largely these have been the blessed

means of pointing souls to Jesus. The work which I performed for the Board has been done gratuitously. There is a blessing in *this strong arm of the Church*, if used aright. That it may be prospered and blessed of God is the prayer of your humble servant.

W. K."

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### Just what is needed.

A missionary in Wisconsin thus acknowledges the donation from our Board of Publication, of books to the library of his poor but interesting Sabbath-school:

"Dear Brother,—Many thanks to you and the Board, from the children of our Sabbath-school, for your donation of books to its library. They are just such as we needed; and they will be highly prized and eagerly perused by our young folks. If our churches, and if benevolent individuals, knew the good they are doing, and the encouragement they are giving to our feeble churches, by enabling the Board of Publication to make these donations, the treasury of the Board would be replenished with funds which would enable it to flood the whole Northwest with such a sound literature as would more than counteract, through this whole region, the prevalent tendency to infidelity. Hoping such will be the case, I am,

Yours respectfully, A WISCONSIN PASTOR."

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### A Terrible Warning.

The following incident is related by a colporteur of the Board who is now labouring in the western part of Pennsylvania.

"God sometimes suffers sinners to go unpunished through a long lifetime, but sometimes he seems to give sudden and fearful proofs of His displeasure. As I was recently travelling on my colportage work, I arrived at a village where I had some acquaintances, and where I found a number of the class usually styled 'loafers.' Among the group of persons the subject of religion and religious books was introduced. A gentleman of rather kind and affable manners strongly expressed his infidel sentiments, stating that he had once belonged to the church by a profession, but had left it because he believed the gospel to be only a cunningly devised fable. I expostulated with him and reproved him with more than usual earnestness and sorrow for his sad condition, feeling, indeed, a strange interest on his behalf. The views and sentiments he expressed were shockingly profane, yet outside his infidelity he seemed to be a kind and pleasant man. I left him with the intention of having another interview at the earliest opportunity, when I would, if possible, sell him some suitable books for himself and family. In our conversation I had urged him to consider seriously the effect his infidel principles would have upon his growing family. Only two days after this first interview he was descending a navigable stream on a raft, when, in crossing a dam, he was swept off and instantly drowned. Thus was he without one minute's warning ushered into the presence of that

God of whom he had so lately spoken with bold profanity. At the time of my writing his remains had not been found, and perhaps they will not be until the sound of the great trumpet calls him to stand in the body before his Maker. C.”

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### Take Heed what Ye Read.

How many will read what they would blush to hear? What we see and read reaches the mind and corrupts the heart, as well as what we hear. What must be the desolating influence of that flood of corrupt literature which is poured in ceaseless torrents over our whole country? What can be expected but that the seed will spring up in the wicked hearts of men, and bring forth its appropriate fruit in deeds of darkness and of blood? To stay this tide of evil should be the aim of every good citizen; and to counteract its influence, the Bible and other good books should be scattered unsparingly in every part of our land. If you would guard your children from the dangers which, in this regard, beset their path, teach them to take heed *what they read*, and place in their hands such books and periodicals as will profit as well as interest them. Such books abound; and why should not the friends of religion and morality be as diligent in circulating them as the devil and his allies are in circulating those that are evil? While the press is so abused by the enemies of that which is good, why should it not be used, and used well and diligently by the friends of virtue and religion? Let God be thanked that it is in any measure used aright; and that thus is fulfilled what is written,—“When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.” Around this standard let all the good rally, that they may resist and turn back the tide of evil and of death! Take heed what ye read!

W. J. M.

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### A Pastor's Estimate.

A faithful and successful Wisconsin pastor expresses the following opinion of the colportage work. His reports, for a series of years, show him to be an efficient *colporteur* as well as *pastor*.

“My estimation of the preciousness of this agency (colportage) for the gospel work grows every month, perhaps even more from negative testimony confirming the deplorable lack of its service, than even by the positive evidences of its good results. I never have served, and I never will serve as pastor of a people without a stock of our Board's publications on hand. I hold it to be beyond a question that there are no means by which a pastor or people can effect so much for the general good, or for our ecclesiastical and organic advancement, at a moderate outlay, as by expending it for the dissemination of our Board's literature. I meet facts daily, in the light of which our general apathy in this duty astounds and saddens me.

J. I. S.”



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<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Zion ch 8; Rock ch 9 17 00	
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —East Palestine ch Sab-sch 70 cts; Pleasant Valley ch 6 70 7 40	
<i>Pby of New York</i> —Edgewater ch 90 00	
<i>Pby of New York 2d</i> —Colchester ch 1 90	
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —First ch, Greenwich 37 08; As-	

## MISCELLANEOUS.

A Friend 40; W Shear, Esq. Augusta, Ga 10; S J McMahon, Cambridge, Ohio 10 60 00

\$2,122 53

WINTHROP SARGENT, *Treasurer.*

## BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Corresponding Secretary, Rev. H. R. WILSON, D.D.

Treasurer, DAVID KEITH, St. Louis, Mo.

Another year of labour in behalf of Church Extension has closed. By the mercy and favour of our blessed Master, all the members of the Board have been spared, and the work in which we are engaged has been carried forward with more rapid progress than in any previous year. The receipts of the Board during the year were \$12,721 in advance of the preceding twelve months, nearly all of which came from the churches—there being but two small legacies amounting only to \$75. This is an encouraging fact, in which we greatly rejoice. Could all our churches be induced to unite with us in this great work, not only would the amount in our treasury be greatly increased, but the hearts of our working people and self-denying missionaries would be greatly encouraged by this evidence of Christian sympathy and co-operation in their work. We have entered upon a new year under some heavy embarrassments, and with the conviction that we shall be called upon more loudly and piteously for aid, by the many new churches that have been organized during the past year by the Christian families and colonies that are converting our western prairies and forests into fruitful farms. Will not the churches come up to our help, in this time of need, with increased liberality? Many of your own sons and daughters are among these emigrants. They must either be fed with the bread of life or famish for the want of it, and if this precious gospel be given to them, they must have sanctuaries in which to assemble to receive it.

## DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION IN APRIL, 1869.

<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Twelfth ch, Baltimore 20; Churchville ch 10	\$30 00	<i>Pby of Leavenworth</i> —Paola ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Second ch, Pittsburgh, special 135; Concord ch 1	136 00	<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Muskingum ch 10; Washing- ton ch 23 50	33 50
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Scranton ch, special	255 00	<i>Pby of Troy</i> —Second ch Troy 66 55; Cambridge ch 12 39	78 94
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —New Salem ch 19 84; Con- gruity ch 9; Livermore ch 18; Salem ch 7; Blairsville ch 66	117 84	<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Mt Union ch 5; Princeton ch 4	9 00
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Bull Creek ch 5 50; Har- risville ch 18; Rich Hill ch 4	27 50	<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —Petersburg ch	50 00
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Temperanceville ch	5 00	<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Second ch Wyalusing 3; Towanda ch 6 24	9 24
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Alliance ch	18 00	<i>Pby of Buffalo</i> —Central ch	20 00
<i>Pby of Indianapolis</i> —Greenfield ch	15 00	<i>Pby of Missouri River</i> —Brownville ch	8 00
<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —Spring Hill ch 15 30; De Graff ch 17 85; 1st ch, West Liberty 5 58; Huntsville ch 3 65	42 38	<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Bellair ch	23 15
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Bethel ch 7; Riley ch 4; Venice ch 22 55; College Corner ch 3 10; Harmony ch 5	41 65	<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —First ch Morristown 118 53; Chester ch 15; Connecticut Farms ch 18	151 53
<i>Pby of Marion</i> —Rodney ch	3 00	<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —First ch Burlington	8 65
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Montgomery ch	12 00	<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Park ch Sab-sch	25 00
<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Cape Island ch 5; Deerfield ch 9; Cold Spring ch 20	34 00	<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Uniontown ch	50 25
<i>Pby of St Louis</i> —Carr Place ch	19 65	<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Caledonia ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Lake</i> —South Bend ch 7; Bethel ch 1 40	8 40	<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Elizabethport ch 5; Lib- erty Corner ch 5	10 00
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Manalapan ch 14; Tennent ch 20	34 00	<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —South Salem ch 32 75; Mt Kisco ch 8 50	41 25
<i>Pby of South Minnesota</i> —Stewartville ch 1; Waseca ch 3; Claremont ch 3	7 00	<i>Pby of New York</i> —Fifth Ave and Nineteenth St ch 2,675 20; Chelsea ch 20 73	2,698 93
<i>Pby of Milwaukee</i> —Delafield ch 4; Ottawa ch 3 70	7 70	<i>Pby of St Paul</i> —St Peter's ch	14 00
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Lower Ten Mile ch 10; West Alexander ch 43; 1st ch, Washington 45 20 98 20	20 98 20	<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Titusville ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Eureka ch 2; Galloway ch 5	7 00	<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Zion ch 20; Rock ch 20	40 00
<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —Capitol Hill ch	112 00	<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Little Britain ch 23; Bellevue ch 16 63	39 63
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Sherrill Mount ch 11; Jessup ch 6 70; Pleasant Grove ch 5	22 70	<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Princeton ch Sab- sch, special	31 03
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —New Bloomfield ch 9 28; Wells Valley ch 5; McConnellsburg ch 5; Middle- town ch 26 77	46 05	<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —First ch Easton 50; 1st ch Norristown, special 70	120 00
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Second ch, Oxford 23 04; Dan- ville ch 2; Asbury ch 11; Knowlton ch 2 05; Upper Mt Bethel ch 10	48 09	<i>Pby of Hocking</i> —First ch Athens	10 00
<i>Pby of Dane</i> —Hurricane ch 1; Rockville ch 4	5 00		
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Annapolis ch 7; Richmond ch 7 25	14 25		

## MISCELLANEOUS.

R L and A Stuart, N Y 10,000; A Friend 30; Wm  
Shear, Augusta, Ga 10; A Friend in Indiana. Pa  
2 10,042 00

## LEGACY.

Estate of Mrs Jane McClure, through Thos  
Penny, executor 333 33

Total for April, \$15,031 84

DAVID KEITH, Treasurer,  
St. Louis, Mo.

## FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS,

## AND THE NEEDY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

Rev. GEORGE HALE, D.D., *Secretary.*GEORGE H. VAN GELDER, Esq., *Treasurer.*

OFFICE, 320 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The following amounts have been received since the last report, viz:

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Rockwell's Falls ch 5; Saratoga Springs ch 25	\$30 00	<i>Pby of Marion</i> —Radnor ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Troy</i> —Troy 2d ch	71 55	<i>Pby of Richland</i> —McKay ch, add'l	25
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Tarentum ch 38 95; Sunbury ch 6; Rock Hill ch 4; Clintonville ch 3	51 95	<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Apple Creek ch 15; Dalton ch 39	54 00
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Concord ch	2 00	<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Muskingum ch 10; Coshocton ch 16; Seneca ch 7	33 00
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Westminster ch 25; Baltimore 12th ch 25	50 00	<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Shirleysburg ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Silver Spring ch 24 75; Bloomfield ch 2 32	27 07	<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Rock ch 15; Zion ch 15	30 00
<i>Pby of Rochester City</i> —Charlotte 1st ch	10 00	<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Fourth Pres ch	30 00
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Camden ch Sab-seh	7 00	<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Germantown 1st ch 210; Deep Run ch 2 03	212 03
<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Bainbridge ch	5 00	<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Congruity ch 9; Livermore ch 12 40; Salem ch 5 20; Blairsville ch 53 46	80 06
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Cincinnati 7th ch	105 10	<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Pisgah ch	6 90
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Miami City 1st ch	25 00	<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —Caledonia ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Bethel ch 12; Riley ch 12; Somerville ch 3; College Corner ch 7 50	34 50	<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Uniontown ch 30; West Newton ch 15; Brownsville ch 15	60 00
<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —Spring Hills ch 12; Huntsville ch 2 45	14 95	<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Mahoning ch 7; Saltsburg ch 37 05	44 05
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Galloway ch	5 00	<i>Pby of St Paul</i> —St Peters 1st ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Palestine</i> —Mattoon ch	13 00	<i>Pby of S Minnesota</i> —Preston ch 1; Stewartsville ch 1; Kasson ch 1; Clairmont ch 2	5 00
<i>Pby of Saline</i> —Pisgah ch	4 00	<i>Pby of Des Moines</i> —Knoxville ch	6 75
<i>Pby of Sanjamon</i> —Petersburg ch	25 00	<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Burlington ch	23 25
<i>Pby of White Water</i> —Dunlapville ch	1 75	<i>Pby of Missouri River</i> —Brownsville ch	8 00
<i>Pby of Burlington</i> —Columbus ch	2 00	<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —New Lisbon 1st ch 20; Alliance ch 13	33 00
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Liberty Corner ch	10 00	<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Minerva ch	7 50
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Pittston 1st ch	25 00	<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Cadiz ch 21; Concord ch 10 35; Bethel ch 2 80; Bellair ch 23 15	57 30
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Tennent ch	15 00	<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Holliday's Cove ch 10; Three Springs ch 10; Lower Ten Mile ch 8 65; Claysville ch 10	38 65
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Knowlton ch 2; Asbury ch 9; Upper Mt Bethel ch 5; Oxford 2d ch 18 56; Newton ch 62 02	96 58		
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Bound Brook ch 50; Dutch Neck ch 13; New Brunswick 1st ch 20; Cranberry 1st ch 25; Morrisville ch 1; Trenton 2d ch 13 45; Titusville ch 15; Mrs S M Hammill of Lawrenceville ch 20; Religious Contribution Society of Princeton Seminary 50 81	208 26		
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Morristown 1st ch 29 64; Connecticut Farms ch 25; Orange Central ch 100	154 64		
<i>Pby of Raritan</i> —Amwell 2d ch	16 20		
<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Towanda ch 10 40; Wyalusing 2d ch 3	13 40		
<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Bridgeton 1st ch 100; Cold Spring ch 15; Deerfield ch 14	129 00		
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Mt Kisco ch	13 52		
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Monroe ch 5; Middletown 2d ch 17 52	22 52		
<i>Pby of New York</i> —Chelsea ch 12 74; Westminster ch 3 66; Brick ch 529 22; H K Corning of do 10	645 62		
<i>Pby of New York 2d</i> —Scotch ch	713 00		
<i>Pby of Crawfordsville</i> —Carpentersville ch 7 00			
<i>Pby of Hocking</i> —Athens ch	10 00		
			\$3,314 35
		Mrs Eleanor Cuyler, of Philadelphia	10 00
		Mrs A M Hamilton, of Chicago, Ill	1 00
		John H Kelso, Esq	10 00
		A Friend	30 00
		A Friend to the cause of Christ	1 00
			\$3,366 35

GEO. H. VAN GELDER,

Treasurer Trustees of General Assembly,  
Office, No. 320 Walnut Street.

Philadelphia, May 5th, 1869.

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

Letters relating to the Disabled Ministers' Fund should be sent to Rev. GEORGE HALE, D.D., No. 320 Walnut Street, Philadelphia. Private correspondents may, for the present, address him at No. 202 South Eleventh Street.



## GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

REV. S. C. LOGAN, *Corresponding Secretary.*      DAVID ROBINSON, Esq., *Treasurer*, Box 224, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
WM. MAIN, Esq., *Receiving Agent*, 907 Arch street, Philadelphia.

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**Close of the Year.**

The Committee closed the year, May 1st, with a small balance in the treasury and a decided progress in the work. They now have seventy-one churches under their care, with church and school property valued at \$66,000. More than a thousand have been added to the communion of the churches during the year, and more than three thousand pupils have enjoyed the privileges of the schools. Eleven churches have been organized, and fifteen houses of worship completed. No question that is to come before the Assembly will be found more important than that referred to a special committee by the last Assembly, viz: the whole question as to what is to be done with the work among the Freedmen. We trust it will have a prayerful consideration.

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The Secretary of the Committee spent the month of February in a visitation of the missions, and found evidences of prosperity truly refreshing. The general improvement in the condition of the Freedmen is marked. The churches organized within the last two years are rapidly advancing in knowledge and in the habits of Christian life. The influence of the churches upon the community in which they are placed is salutary, as admitted by all parties. The sacrifices which the people make for the education of their children, and their devotion to the church of their choice is such as to give cheering hope, that the sacrifice now made to help them will be amply repaid. The devotion of our noble band of missionaries, their spirit and multiplied labours are above all praise. They all need help. Each particular field occupied has enlarged by the rapid growth of the churches beyond the powers of the men and women who have charge of them. The church and school must go together among this people. Twenty teachers could just now be placed where large schools ought to be in successful operation, if the funds for their support could be secured. It is a field of the Church's missions, which God is abundantly blessing. Let it have a place in the prayers and alms of all God's people.

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**Successful Missions increase Demand for Labour.**

The work of the missionaries for the last month has been carried on with cheering success. Almost every report brings us news of God's presence in the preaching of his word, and of sinners asking the way of life. There are few communions in the Freedmen churches without additions by examination, and new fields are opening in every mission. A laborious minister in North Carolina gives a few facts in his experience, which show how success in the work increases the demand for labour and enlarges the expense of these missions. He says: "I left my home at 3 o'clock in the morning for M——, distant by rail seventy miles. I spent two days preaching to the people, and received into the communion of that church eight members by examination, a ninth candidate was not able to meet the Session on account of sickness. When I think of the distance I live from this church, and the opposition it has to meet both in my presence and absence, I cannot help thinking this a work of the Lord. It was his special providence that led me here to

gather these sheep in the wilderness about a year ago. It now bids fair to become one of our most charming and prosperous churches. I now have three churches, all prospering, located thirty-five miles apart, and each of them with a wide field about them. Each should have a minister all his time and all must have teachers. The people of M—— are preparing to build a church. They will do all they can: but they must have help, and I believe money given to help them now will be blessed of the Lord."

## DONATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN IN APRIL, 1869.

<i>Pby of Atlantic</i> —Ebenezer ch and sch 13; Good Will ch and sch 10; James Island ch and sch 56 85; Lumberton ch and sch 2 70; Wilmington ch and sch 28; Edisto Island ch and sch 6 75; St Andrews ch and sch 3 50; Wadmalaw ch and sch 2 99; St Pauls ch and sch 2 82; Rosindale ch and sch 14 15	\$140 76	<i>Pby of New York</i> —First ch New York	2,435 37
<i>Fby of Allegheny</i> —Bull Creek ch 5 50; Glade Run ch 8; Concord ch 17; North Butler ch 8 38 50		<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Upper Octorora ch	11 22
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Pine Creek ch	5 00	<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Dutch Neck ch 14; 1st ch New Brunswick 25	39 00
<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Windsor ch 14; Saratoga Springs ch 25	39 00	<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —East Liberty ch, add'l	32 30
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Harmony ch 10; 12th ch, Baltimore 10; A D Harvey, Westminster ch, Baltimore 25	45 00	<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —College Corner ch	7 50
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Sharon ch	15 00	<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Chester ch 10; Morrystown ch 59 27; Lyons Farms ch 19; Connecticut Farms ch 12; Central ch, Orange 20	120 27
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —New Salem ch	18 84	<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Westminster ch, Phila	18 00
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Galloway ch	5 00	<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Neshaminy ch	12 00
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Woodhall ch	5 00	<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Princeton ch Sab-sch	25 00
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Bloomfield ch	4 64	<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Uniontown ch	20 00
<i>Pby of Catawba</i> —Charlotte coloured ch 85 50; McClintock coloured ch 32 65; Woodland coloured ch 18; Mt Olives coloured ch 13; Miranda coloured ch 30; White Hall coloured ch and sch 9; Henderson coloured ch and sch 11 35; Franklinton coloured ch 45 cts; Mocksville coloured ch 2 50; Mt Vernon coloured ch 1 50; Bethpage coloured ch 4; Poplar Tent coloured ch and sch 9 50; Concord coloured ch and sch 6; Statesville coloured ch and sch 70 cts	224 15	<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Plum Creek ch 15; Indiana ch, a friend 5; Leechburg ch 16 50	36 50
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Iowa City ch	20 00	<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —Petersburg ch	40 00
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Mt Pleasant ch 3; Mt Tabor ch 4; Mill Creek ch 6	13 00	<i>Pby of Saline</i> —Golconda ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Mt Kisco ch 10; Bedford ch 14; Rye ch 86 41	110 41	<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Bellaire ch	25 09
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Slateville ch	23 00	<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —Huntsville ch	4 75
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Siloam ch 1; Baskingridge, O S Franklin 10; Elizabethtport ch 5; Liberty Corner ch 10	26 00	<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Centre ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Findlay</i> —West Union ch 15 63; Enon Valley ch 11	26 63	<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Second ch Wyalusing	5 00
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Caledonia ch	10 00	<i>Pby of S Minnesota</i> —Kasson ch 1; Claremont ch 1; Ashland ch 2	4 00
<i>Pby of Hocking</i> —First ch, Athens	5 00	<i>Pby of Troy</i> —Second ch Troy	5 00
<i>Pby of Knox</i> —Macon coloured ch and sch, special for building purposes during the year 2,291 40; Union Point ch 70; Atlanta ch 7	2,368 40	<i>Pby of Vincennes</i> —Second ch Vincennes	14 00
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Wyoming ch 5; Pittston ch 25	30 00	<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Claysville ch 5; Holliday's Cove ch 7; Three Springs ch 5	17 00
<i>Pby of Lake</i> —South Bend ch 20; Sumption's Prairie ch 4	24 00	<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Cedarville ch 5; Absecon ch 3	8 00
<i>Pby of Marion</i> —Bucyrus ch 10; Delaware ch 7	17 00	<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Orwell ch	4 00
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Second ch, Springfield	75 00	<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Madison ch, add'l	18 00
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Manalapan ch 12; Tennent ch 5	17 00	<b>Total amount rec'd from Churches</b>	<b>\$6,428 67</b>
<i>Pby of Missouri River</i> —Brownsville ch	15 00	MISCELLANEOUS.	
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Second ch Brooklyn	109 00	Mrs W, East Springfield, Ohio 5; Mrs Em Finley, Phila 25; John W Scott, Phila 30; J L Glenn, Plainfield, Ohio 10; Isabella 51, Louisa 10 cts = 51 10; Rev T B Van Eman, Clintonville, Pa 2; Witherspoon Coloured Sab-sch, Princeton, N J 13; Rev Jas Crawford, Morning Sun, Iowa 1; Columbia coloured ch and sch, Columbia, Tenn 68 70; Russell Grove coloured ch and sch, Va 50 cts; Peabody Fund coloured ch and sch 10; Rev Jas Allison, <i>Presbyterian Banner</i> , Pittsburgh 25; Sundry collections through <i>The Presbyterian</i> , Phila 291 50 442 80	
<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Bethesda ch	8 00	<b>Total receipts in April,</b> \$6,871 47	
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Greenwich ch 29 87; Asbury ch 9; Upper Mt Bethel ch 2; Danville ch 4; Pleasant Grove ch 20; 2d ch Oxford 18 56	83 43	D. ROBINSON, Treasurer, No. 78 Fourth Street, Pittsburgh.	

The Committee acknowledge the following donations:—  
 1 lot of books from Presbyterian Depository of Pittsburgh, valued at \$30 00  
 1 box clothing from Congregational ch Norwalk, Conn., valued at 200 00  
 1 package books from Miss P., of Pittsburgh, not valued.





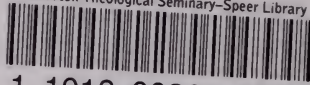
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