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NORTH FORK, CREEK NATION, April 24, '53.

MR. EDITOR:—I have not written for some time, in consequence of my distance from any post-office. I have an opportunity of sending this letter to Fort Smith, to be mailed, and have time to write but a few words only.

Since my last letter I visited the Muskogee church—two were received for baptism, but as it was the time of our communion, we had not time to administer the other ordinance. The congregation was unusually large—many having to remain outside of our large new meeting-house. Last Saturday and Sunday we had a church-meeting at North Fork; two were received for baptism, and the Lord's Supper was observed.

Brother Munday preaches steadily among the Seminoles, and two Sundays ago he baptized one. Two weeks from this time I have an appointment to preach and baptize in a neighboring town, where some young converts are waiting for an opportunity to follow Christ in the ordinance of baptism. Prospects were never more favorable.

Affectionately yours,

H. F. BUCKNER.

For the Indian Advocate.

Public Acknowledgment of Private Favors.

BOOTHMAN EDITOR:—There are some secrets which I can keep; but that contained in the following letter from a woman in bondage, is too weighty for me to bear alone.

I may be guilty of violating the rules of propriety, as well as the wishes of the two unknown contributors, but I hope to be excused, for I feel that a necessary bond upon me.

I humbly hope that in the day of the Lord Jesus, some of my afflictions and privations for the gospel's sake will be revealed, that, in this world, were known only to myself; but I am unwilling that a public acknowledgment of such private favors should be deferred until that time.

I beg leave to present the letter accompanied with a few observations, hoping that they may meet the eyes of my kind benefactors, as I would not know how to address to her a private letter:

CHARLESTON, Jan. 24, 1853.

DEAR SIR:—My attention having been arrested by an advertisement in the New York Observer, headed "A Hard Case," I perused it with much interest, and having under some circumstances experienced the loveless breath of forth in your letter of October 4th. I write to tender you such sympathies as we have a right to claim in times of suffering at the hand of our fellow men. (a.) Willingly would I offer you spiritual tenderness, were I capable of it; but alas! though a child of many prayers and blessings, and one wishing for that "peace which passeth all understanding"—I am still a stranger to God. By inadvertence I should be found among his chosen few, for my much loved father while on earth was his yourself, and ambassador of Christ's; yet, up to the present time, I have withheld from an atoning Saviour the only tribute worth offering him—a broken and contrite heart.

(b.) When you address the "throne of grace" in your morning and evening devotions, plead that God remember me in mercy, and not in judgment, that Christ who me by his love, and that the Holy Spirit shed his benign influence over my heart and not leave me like "Sphairin"

joined unto my idols. (c.) Gladly would I relieve your temporal cares and anxieties were you within reach, for while I count not myself among the rich of this world, I am enabled to a certain extent to realize the pleasure it is more "blessed to give than to receive." (d.) Will you accept the accompanying ten dollars as a token of sympathy and remembrance? and while it may prove but a drop in value, let it strengthen your faith that a prayer-hearing God has heard your cries to him for help and will answer you fully in his own way and time. (e.)

Yours sincerely, ELIZA A. M.

P. S.—I am requested to enclose with the above amount, five dollars, from one who also sympathizes deeply with the destitute missionary.

(a.) I did regret that the "New York" or any other "Observer," ever saw the "advertisement" to which you allude. The "letter of October 4th," was written under deep affliction, to a sympathetic brother in the gospel, and for the only purpose of soliciting an interest in his prayers. Though it contained nothing but the truth, yet there were in it some expressions that I should have omitted, had I known that it would ever meet the public eye. I never knew that the "Observer" had copied it from the Recorder, until I heard that an enemy was reading it in that paper to the natives, trying to get up a prejudice against me for calling this a "more than heathen land." The next I saw of it was in the Western Watchman, used as an argument against a revision of the English Scriptures. As foreign from my intention as it was from the subject of revision.

(b.) "A child of many prayers." Your "father or an ambassador of Christ," and you "still a stranger to God." O woman, I would not have you claim a right to God's house, as many of the Scribes and Pharisees did to the baptism of John, on account of natural descent, nor hope for salvation on the ground that you have given "all your goods to feed the poor," but, may I not truly encourage you to hope for salvation in the day of the Lord Jesus? The promises of God mean just what they say. In Christ Jesus they "are yes, and in him amen, unto the glory of God by us." Jesus said to his disciples, "And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward." James says, "The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous man availeth much." I trust that, even now, you have given to God that sacrifice which he "will not despise." My Indian brethren, to whom I read your letter, will not allow that you are "still a stranger to God;" and, while I beseech you never to stop short of the Spirit's witness to your conversion, allow me to say that it is not without an assurance of hope, I expect to see you numbered with the redeemed of the Lord.

(c.) "God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you." Will you not address me another letter (it shall be private if you choose), with your name in full? I would bear it on my heart to a throne of heavenly grace. But do not increase my indebtedness, which is already "beyond my means," by another gift; but let my friends send their contributions directly to the Board.

(d.) A blessedness and a pleasure which many never know, who still boast of happy frames and spiritual illuminations, but are yet farther from the kingdom of God than some who profess to be "still strangers" to him.

(e.) I do not doubt it for a moment. God has heard my cries to him already, and I reverently receive this gift from the Lord; no less doubting that it is from him, than if he had employed no agent or second cause whatever. And while

I humbly thank him for the gift, accept, O woman—and you, my other unknown friend—accept the acknowledgment ever due to God's rhenia messengers of mercy.

H. F. BUCKNER.

Southern Baptist Convention.

This religious body, composed of clerical and lay delegates, from the various Baptist churches of the Southern and Western States, assembled in the Seventh Baptist church, (Rev. Dr. Fuller's,) corner of Saratoga and Paca streets, Baltimore, May 13th, agreeably to the previous adjournment, and was called to order at 10 o'clock, by Rev. R. B. C. Howell, D. D., of Richmond, Va., the President. He read an appropriate portion of Scripture, and announced a hymn, which was sung, when Rev. N. M. Crawford, of Georgia, invoked the blessings of Divine Providence on the deliberations.

On motion, the Convention then proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Rev. R. B. C. Howell, D. D., President; Rev. Richard Fuller, D. D., of Md., Rev. J. B. Jeter, of Va., Rev. Wm. C. Buck, of Tenn., and Judge T. Stock, of Ga., Vice Presidents; W. C. Pressly, of Charleston, S. C., Treasurer; H. K. Ellyson, of Richmond, Va., and Rev. Wm. Carey Crane, of Mississippi, Secretaries.

The seventh annual report of the Board of Domestic Missions, was then read by the Recording Secretary, Rev. T. F. Curtis. It appears from this paper that the amount of funds on hand on the 1st of April, 1852, was \$3,512 82; amount received during the past year up to the 1st of April, 1853, \$13,074 47—making a total of \$16,587 29.

This document also was of a very encouraging character, and evidenced a most extensive knowledge of the wants of the people in those parts of the country represented by the Convention. It shows in a particular and specific manner the advancement which the cause is making in the several States.

Of the amount received, were contributed by the State of Alabama, \$3,732 62; Georgia, \$2,964 63; Virginia, \$2,445 85; South Carolina, \$1,625 61; Tennessee, \$714 30; Arkansas, \$650; Mississippi, \$552 17; Maryland, \$125; Louisiana, \$100; Kentucky, \$75 40; Missouri, \$48 80; Florida, \$30; Texas, \$12; \$13,074 47. This makes the total of \$16,587 29. The various disbursements made to the traveling agents, and for other expenses, leaving a balance on hand of \$2,331 01.

The report of the Foreign Mission Board was read by the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. James B. Taylor, of Virginia.

This document is quite lengthy, and presents a clear, graphic and interesting view of mission operations. It shows the amount of the receipts for the past year to have been \$21,438 45; the disbursements for various purposes \$21,429 25—leaving in the hands of the Treasurer, together with the previous balance on hand, the sum of \$11,094 11. The largest contribution made by any one State was by Georgia, viz: \$5,545 92.—The next by Virginia, \$3,911 74. Maryland had contributed but \$657 83.

Appropriate allusion is made to the death of Dr. Mendenhall. The circulation of the Home and Foreign Journal, it appears, is more extensive than both the former periodicals combined, being about 12,000 monthly, "but this is much less than it ought to be; at least 30,000 copies should be circulated." At present there is a serious deficit in the amount of receipts from this source—about \$400 annually. The number of missionaries has been increased. The stations are at Shanghai, Canton, Liberia, Cape Palmas, Sino, Bexley, Junk and Monrovia. The Board have seen no reason to change their decision in dismissing Rev. J. J. Roberts from their service. Rev. J. L. Shuck and Dr. Burton have returned to this country, though the latter will shortly sail again for his field of labor. California was earnestly commended to the Convention, and Africa was represented as a very important and inviting field, both on account of the constantly increasing emigration from the United States, and the facilities enjoyed there for evangelizing the heathen tribes. The advantages of Central Africa for missionary operations were dwelt on at length in an alluring tone, and its importance made manifest.

It further appears by a review of the work, that there are connected with the missions in China,

two stations and one out-station, eight male and six female missionaries, and two assistants, and one boarding and five day schools and chapels. Identified with the African missions in Liberia, there are thirteen stations, nineteen missionaries and teachers, and eleven day schools with about 400 scholars. Three stations are proposed in Central Africa, to be occupied by six missionaries, four of whom are already secured. Total stations and out-stations, nineteen; missionaries and assistants, thirty-nine; schools, seventeen; scholars, four hundred and eighty; churches, fourteen; with a membership of six hundred and forty-four.

American Baptist Missionary Union.

The following is an abstract of the thirty-ninth Annual Report, presented at Albany, N. Y., May 19th, 1853.

Rev. Morgan J. Elcees, D. D., Recording Secretary of the Board of Managers, and Mr. Simon G. Shipley, a member of the Executive Committee, have deposed within the year; also two assistant missionaries—Mrs. L. T. Lyon Lord, of the Ningpo Mission, and Mrs. J. L. Douglass, under appointment to Burmah.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

The receipts from all sources, for the year ending March 31, were \$134,112 17, and the expenditures \$135,344 28. Of the receipts, \$10,500 were from the American and Foreign Bible Society, \$1,000 from the American Bible Union, \$3,800 from the American Tract Society, \$96 62 from the American Baptist Publication Society, and \$4,000 from the U. S. Government. The expenditures exceeded those of the preceding year by \$10,788 19.

AGENTS.

The service performed in nine districts is nearly equal to that of nine men 11 months each. The agents have personally presented the claims of the missions to about 1200 churches and public meetings, besides correspondence and other less direct efforts.

PUBLICATIONS.

The publications of the year were, 2,000 copies of the 38th Annual Report, and the monthly issue of 5,700 copies of the Missionary Magazine, and 36,500 of the Macedonian. Both periodicals have a larger circulation than in 1851, and defrayed from their receipts the expense of their publication and distribution. The Memoir of Dr. Judson is nearly finished, that it will be published the coming autumn.

MISSIONARY APPOINTMENTS.

Appointments have been given to the Rev. Jacob R. Scott, late pastor of the First Baptist church, in Portland, Me., and to Messrs. Robert Telford of the Senior class in the Rochester Theological Seminary, Miles J. Knowlton, of the Senior Theological class in Madison University, and Abraham Snyder, of the Senior class in Newton Theological Institution. Rev. Joseph G. Binney has been re-appointed. He is expected to resume his place in the Maulmain Karen Mission, as Teacher of the Theological Seminary; Mr. Scott is designated to France; the others, with the Rev. J. L. Douglass, appointed the preceding year, are expected to sail the present year, to missions in Asia not yet designated.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNION.

The Union now embraces 1,132 members, constituted by the payment of \$100 each.

RECAPITULATION.

The number of missions prosecuted under direction of the Board is 19, embracing 82 stations and 111 out-stations, besides 350 places of stated preaching in Germany and France. Connected with the missions are 64 missionaries, of whom 60 preachers, and there are 66 female assistants. 8 missionaries and 11 female assistants have joined the missions. The number of native preachers and assistants is 206; total of missionaries and assistants connected with the missions, 336. 6 missionaries are under appointment. There are 181 churches, having an estimated membership of 14,280, of which about 1,200 were added by baptism the past year. The number of schools is 81, including 24 boarding-schools, with 1,989 pupils. The number of pages printed in two of the missions, Maulmain and Ningpo was 4,494,800.

A lady who had refused to give, after hearing a charity sermon, had her pocket picked as she was leaving the church. On making the discovery, she said, "If God could not find the way in my pocket, it seems the devil could."

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Removal of the Rooms.

The Rooms of the Association have been removed to the corner of Third and Market streets, adjoining those occupied by the Western Recorder and Christian Repository; entrance on Third street.

Agents for the Board.

Rev. R. W. Thomas, Gen. Agent for Kentucky.
Rev. V. R. Thornton, Gen. Agent for Georgia.
Rev. W. M. Manning, for Mississippi.
Rev. A. G. Nugent, for Indiana and Illinois.
Rev. B. Kimbrough, Tennessee.
Rev. L. Compere, for Mississippi.

Special Notice!

Letters on business connected with the Indian Mission Association, should be addressed to
Our Secretary Am. Ind. Miss. Association

LOUISVILLE, KY.

Those containing remittances, to

CHARLES E. TUCKER,

Treasurer Am. Ind. Miss. Association

LOUISVILLE, KY.

It is also particularly requested of all persons coming to the city, having in charge money for the Association, that they call at the Treasurer's Office, 405 Main street, and pay it there.

The Circular.

Already over one hundred dollars have been received into the treasury, in response to the Circular issued by the Board in March last. This is as it should be. If all our pastors, friendly to the cause of Indian Missions, would read the Circular and make suitable appeals to their congregations, the Mission would be saved a heavy expense in agencies. Brethren, try it, and help save the poor Indian from his bondage and degradation in sin.

We still expect large results from our Circular. We know too well the liberality and intelligence of American Baptists, to indulge the fear that they will let the Indian perish at their very door. Brethren, send up your contributions.

The Appeal.

As elsewhere stated in this issue we have been highly gratified by the responses from churches and individuals to the appeal of the Board sent out in March. We are confidently expecting still more substantial returns, and would earnestly invoke all who have been addressed upon the subject, to give the matter early consideration.

The cause is assuredly one of great moment. It involves the salvation or destruction of a large and noble class of beings—it is the presentation to a benighted race, of the Gospel light, or their continual enshrouding in gloom and error.

Our claims, considering their momentous importance and the immediate responsibility devolving upon us, since we are neighbors of the red man, have never been properly estimated. Our calls have been unrequited, and upon that score we certainly deserve at the present juncture generous assistance.

Circulate the Advocate!

We are frequently informed that numbers of the Advocate remain uncalled for in various Post Offices throughout the country. We would suggest to brethren who are interested in the salvation of the Indians (and who are not) the propriety of relieving the postal shelves of these papers, and their gratuitous distribution. The postage is a mere trifle. It will not lighten the pocket. It will do good, however. Interest may be aroused for missions by the perusal of one of these sheets. Indeed, the great day alone can unfold the ultimate bearings of even so small an act.

The certificates of Life Members obtained at the Annual Meeting at Jackson, are filled up, and will be sent to Bro. D. E. Burns, by the earliest opportunity. Any one having paid the money for a Life Membership, and not having obtained a certificate, will have one forwarded to them by mail or as they may direct, by writing to the Corresponding Secretary at Louisville, Ky.

Tenth Annual Report of the Board.

In presenting this, the Tenth Annual Report of the Board, we can adopt the language of the Psalmist—"Thou crownest the year with thy goodness"—and invite the Association to unite with us in thanksgiving to God for his continued favor to us.

If success in an enterprise be calculated to stimulate those engaged to more energetic efforts, the friends of the Indian Mission Association are called upon to carry forward with renewed zeal the glorious work in which they are engaged.

Wherever a missionary has preached among the Indians, success has crowned the effort. There are upwards of twenty churches connected with the Board; a number of church edifices, some of them built by the Indians themselves; a large and efficient corps of pious native preachers; a membership of about 1,500 well trained in the active duties of Christianity; prejudices and opposition removed; some of those who Saul of Tarsus-like were lately persecuting the saints, "now preaching the faith they once destroyed," some of the tribes soliciting aid or sending up the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us." All this, as the result of ten short years of effort, are evidences of the Divine approbation not to be mistaken.

God says to us by his providence, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest;" and shall we not trust in the cycle and reap, and "receive wages and gather fruit unto eternal life?" Shall we repeat to the Association that the means at our command and the force at our disposal are inadequate to carry out the original intentions of your organization? It would afford us pleasure to have some expression of opinion from your associated wisdom as to the best method of enlarging the sphere of our operations.—You will perceive from the following brief synopsis of the year's labor, that it has been one of prosperity:

AGENCIES.

On the 1st day of January, Rev. Y. R. Pitts entered upon the discharge of the duties of Financial Secretary. He discharged the duties of this office until the 1st of November, when we called him to the city to take the place of Brother Dyer, whose resignation took effect at that time. On the 1st day of January, Brother Pitts resigned his connection with the Board; since which, with a view to economy, the correspondence has been conducted temporarily by Brother Jas. E. Tyler, and the Advocate has been in charge of our efficient young brother, C. D. Kirk.

The Board is satisfied that such an officer as a Financial Secretary is not now demanded by the wants of the Mission. But that we must have an officer at Louisville, whose primary duty it shall be to attend to the interests of the Mission.

Rev. J. M. Bennett was appointed and served as agent a short time in the State of Kentucky.

Rev. V. R. Thornton, of Georgia, the steadfast friend of the Association, the efficient agent of the Board, has continued to labor gratuitously for us.

Rev. J. F. Herrick, of Mississippi, traveled as agent a portion of the last year, but his operations not being satisfactory to the Board, his agency was suspended.

At the June meeting of the Board, Rev. R. G. Kimbrough, of Tennessee, was appointed an agent of this Board, and has rendered efficient service.

In August, at the request of Big Hatchie Association, of Tennessee, Rev. A. S. Wynne was appointed an agent of this Board, and is doing good service.

Rev. A. G. Nugent, of Indiana, continues to collect funds for us in Indiana and Illinois.

In June, 1852, Rev. L. Compere, of Mississippi, was appointed to an agency for the Board, and in a letter received from him, bearing date December 7th, 1852, after stating that his ill health had prevented him from accomplishing anything of consequence previously, generously remarks: "I learn from different sources that your mission is very much in need. I have determined, if my life and health will permit, to give you three months service free of charge."

Rev. J. M. Ashburn, on account of declining health, has not been able to accomplish much for the Board, and has resigned his agency for South Carolina and part of Georgia.

After the resignation of our Secretaries, it was deemed expedient to have a General Agent in the field, and accordingly Rev. R. W. Thomas, of Warren county, Ky., was appointed, and has entered upon the discharge of his duties with commendable success.

APPOINTMENT OF MISSIONARIES.

On the 10th day of June, 1853, Bro. C. M. Brown and wife were appointed Domestic Superintendents of Putawatimic Station.

At the same time, Sister Martha McKay was appointed Assistant Teacher, to be under the direction of Rev. D. Lykins. She is assisting at Putawatimic Station, though in very feeble health.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

It will be noticed that a small decline in the receipts of the past year has occurred, owing to the fact that we have not received as much from Government as usual. Last year we received from Government \$4,568 91, while our receipts from that quarter this year have amounted to only \$2,637 02; but the receipts from other sources have been nearly equal to those of the preceding year. In order, however, to do justice to the various stations already established, and to justify the enlargement of our operations as the actual necessities of the case seem to demand, there must be a great increase in the contributions of the churches. Will our brethren prayerfully consider their individual responsibility in this matter?

ORGAN OF THE BOARD.

The Indian Advocate is regarded as the cheapest agency employed by the Board. The dissemination of missionary intelligence among its numerous readers, and the example of those who give liberally to spread the gospel, are calculated to stimulate its patrons to active energy in this good work, besides the amount received in subscriptions will very near cover the cost of publishing.

THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

The action of your Association for several years past upon this question has confirmed the Board in the opinion expressed several years ago, and reiterated in almost every annual report, that in carrying forward the work of evangelizing the Indians, schools should be considered as merely auxiliary, and should be patronized only as their prospects of usefulness to the ultimate object of the Association justifies.

The cost of sustaining them, the necessary close confinement of the missionaries who manage them, and the divided heart that they are compelled to bring to their work, are all arguments against the school system. The success of those missionaries who disconnected with schools have gone into the field and preached the gospel, ought to have its influence in determining the future action of the Association and its Board.

NEW FIELDS OF LABOR.

How delightful it would be to the Board to occupy the fields that are now accessible. But with the present means at command, the most we can do is to maintain our present position. Anxiously did the Board desire to occupy the inviting field presented by the Pueblos of New Mexico, and while the friends of the enterprise were making vigorous efforts to raise the amount especially for that object, the Home Missionary Society sent out the Rev. Mr. Gorman to labor among them. We trust that the time is not distant when God, in his providence, will raise up friends to the almost helpless Indian. Who will determine that every tribe shall have the living ministry to point them to the "Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world"?

MISSIONS AND SCHOOLS.

CHOCTAWS—ARMSTRONG ACADEMY.

MISSIONARIES—Rev. R. D. Potts, Rev. A. Moffatt, Preachers; Mrs. Potts, Mrs. Moffatt, Miss CHICKENWORTH, and Miss DAVIS, Female Assistants; Rev. HENRY GRAVES and B. M. WORCESTER, Native Assistants. Total, 8.

The Academy connected with this mission, under the supervision of the Rev. R. D. Potts, is in a flourishing condition. Already is the Choctaw Nation enjoying the benign influences which result from intellectual training; and the future prosperity of that people will bear ample testimony to the blessings of these educational facilities. At this school the pupils enjoy a high degree of religious privileges, and many have professed the religion of the blessed Saviour.

The mission at this station is steadily increasing in interest and usefulness. It has not enjoyed any large outpouring of the Holy Spirit recently. Rev. R. D. Potts, in a letter dated May 31st, 1853, says: "I cannot say that there is any particular religious excitement at any of our meetings, though it is perceptible in individual cases. Our native preachers are, I think, exerting a good influence." From the letters received from the missionaries at this station, we learn there have been baptisms, since the last report, about forty.

CANADIAN RIVER.

MISSIONARIES—Rev. JOSEPH SHELLEY, Preacher; PETER FOLSON, Native Assistant. Total, 2.

A cheering degree of prosperity has been enjoyed by this station during the past year. Very frequently has the devoted missionary been called to the water's edge, to "bury with

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Christ in baptism" those who were dead to sin. In a letter dated February 8th, 1853, Rev. Jos. Smalley writes:

"Last Lord's Day, the two ordinances were administered for the first time near the Big Sans Boine. Three days previous, the weather had been very severe. The rain, snow and frost made my travel on Saturday very trying. The Big Sans Boine was impassable, so that the west of the stream from the meeting. We had, however, a good attendance. Six full blood Choctaws were immersed—three of each sex. Afterwards the dying love of the Saviour was commemorated. . . . My last meeting at Dog Creek, together with this first one of the kind on Big Sans Boine, have afforded me greater encouragement than ever before since my removal from Philadelphia to the far West. Four more Choctaws will, God willing, be immersed at Dog Creek the first Sabbath in March."

The baptism of eighteen converts, with prospects of extended usefulness in the future, are the results of the year's labors.

CRICKS—NORTH FORK TOWN.

MISSIONARIES:—Rev. H. F. BUCKNER, *Preacher*; Mrs. BUCKNER, *Female Assistant*; Rev. CHILLY MCINTOSH, Wm. MCINTOSH, *Native Assistants*. Total, 4.

The general prevalence of sickness in the immediate vicinity of this mission has operated disadvantageously by retarding its interests. Rev. S. Wallace and wife were both prostrated by severe illness, as were also a large portion of the native population. Nevertheless, a steady religious interest was engaged with encouraging token of success. Some sixteen have been baptized by the missionaries at this station. In consequence of ill health, Bro. Wallace and wife have been compelled to leave this position. They will hereafter occupy a different field of labor.

CRICK AGENCY.

MISSIONARIES:—Rev. H. F. BUCKNER, Rev. S. WALLACE, *Preachers*; Mrs. WALLACE, *Female Assistant*; Rev. D. N. MCINTOSH, Lewis MCINTOSH, J. PERKMAN, and Rev. Mr. JACOB, *Native Assistants*. Total, 6.

This has been a prosperous mission from its commencement. The judicious and self-denying labors of Bro. Buckner have been abundantly crowned with success. Rev. S. Dyer, in giving a synopsis of our mission, remarks concerning this: "As many as seven or eight churches are connected with the Creek Agency station, into which large numbers have been baptized every year." A good degree of zeal is manifested by all the missionaries. As the result of the past year's labor, sixty-four have been added by baptism, a number restored, and the prospects for usefulness greatly enlarged. Among the cheering results of the labors at this point we would mention those embraced in a retrospective view by the Rev. H. F. Buckner, written April, 1852. He remarks: "During the past year we have baptized sixty-five into the fellowship of the churches on this side of the river, ordained four preachers, constituted one church, and contributed for benevolent purposes \$412 25." In May he writes: "To-day we had a congregation of five or six hundred, who all paid serious attention to the preaching of the word. Thirty-two came forward for prayer. We collected \$19 75 for church expenses." In June he writes: "Yesterday was the time of our communion. I baptized two, and about forty came forward for prayer. It was one of those times when I feel to thank God for casting my lot in this nation. It was a heavenly place in Christ Jesus."

By the advice of the Board, the missionaries and churches concerning, Bro. Buckner has left this station, and moved to the mission property at the North Fork town. He, however, continues to visit this place. The whole of the Creek people are not only accessible, but present an inviting field for enlarged effort.

WEAS AND PIANKEHAW.

MISSIONARIES:—Rev. D. LYKINS, *Preacher*; Miss ELIZA MCCOY, Miss S. G. SIMMERWELL, *Female Assistants*. Total, 3.

The success of this mission was limited until 1847; since which time, under the judicious management of Rev. David Lykins, the school department has been very thrifty, and a fair degree of religious excitement exerted. The progress of the pupils (averaging about 30), has been such as to call forth the warmest expressions of approbation from the Government agent, sent to examine into its affairs. The improved condition of the Indians around this school has been such as to attract attention.

In the mission work, as well as in the school room, Bro. Lykins is ably assisted by Sisters Eliza McCoy and Sarah G. Simmerwell. In a letter from Sister McCoy, bearing date January 24th, 1853, she writes: "On the 18th five were received by the church, for baptism, of whom two were scholars. One

of these was a little girl about twelve years old, who had been given to Sister Osgood soon after the establishment of the mission. . . . Yesterday, 23d inst., three others were baptized. . . . And now, though our Father has lain low with one hand, he is building up with the other, and causes us even in affliction to rejoice."

PUTAWATTOMIES.

MISSIONARIES:—Rev. R. W. SANDERS, *Preacher*; Brother BROWN and Wife, *Domestic Superintendents*; Sister SANDERS and Miss MARTHA MCKAY, *Female Assistants*.

But little has been accomplished at this station. Large buildings have been erected, and a farm of considerable extent improved. The pupils have not been regular in their attendance, and but few of the Putawattomies have professed religion. On some accounts, it is desirable to maintain the position already occupied; located farther West than any of our northerly stations, if sufficient life could be infused, it would be a good outpost from which to extend our operations.

RECAPITULATION.

Missionaries	4
Native Assistants	6
Out Stations	13
Missionaries and Assistants	25
Churches	22
Baptisms	146
People in School	1500
Communicants about	1500

CONCLUSION.

In closing this brief address and account, we are thankful to the wise Disposer of events, that in the midst of general sickness and death, the lives of our missionaries have been spared; and though some of them have been reminded of their frailty by being pre-estrated by disease, yet God has graciously raised them up to usefulness again. In reviewing what has been accomplished by our devoted and self-sacrificing missionaries, we "thank God and take courage." How much of goodness and mercy have been dispensed by the God of love. Near one hundred and fifty sinners reclaimed, hopefully converted, and actively engaged to lead their friends to Christ. How literally and gloriously God is fulfilling his promise, "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing." During the past year, our hearts have been made glad by the evidences of deep interest taken in the work assigned to us. Although our contributions have not been so large as we desired, the spirit which has been manifested by some of the contributors has greatly encouraged us. Two gentlemen in the District of Columbia, writing to our Treasurer, remark: "Enclosed you will find a draft on New York for one hundred dollars to aid the Association in their efforts to evangelize the Indians, and the Lord grant that the number of your helpers may be greatly increased."

We feel, to some extent, the responsibility that rests upon us, and, encouraged by the past, feel desirous, with renewed zeal, to enter the duties of the coming year. Dear brethren, we are satisfied that to occupy all the posts of usefulness that are now open to us, we need at least fifty active missionaries instead of twenty-eight, and at least \$25,000 instead of \$15,000. Let us all determine to do more, and we now appeal to the benevolent and philanthropic of every State in this Union to come to our assistance, so that we may speedily reach every tribe.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand from last year	\$306 17
Donations acknowledged in Advocate, and subscription to same	6,830 84
Legacy of Mrs. Eliza McFadden, in part	100 00
From U. S. Government, for Wm. Manual Labor School	300 00
For Putawattomies Labor School	2,295 02
Collected by J. F. Herick	446 50
From Choctaw Nation, for support of Armstrong Academy	2,900 00
	\$14,030 53

EXPENDITURES.

Missions and Schools, Drafts, Purchases and Remittances	\$,881 55
Corresponding Secretary's Salary	600 00

AGENCIES.

Rev. A. S. WYNN	126 57
" R. G. KIMBROUGH	76 90
" Y. B. PITT	771 72
" J. M. BEANETT	181 00
" J. F. HERICK	731 50

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Rent of Mission Rooms	100 20
Printing Advances	600 15
Stationery	3 15
Postage and Box Rent	15 21
Carriage Expenses	2 60
Traveling Expenses of Corresponding Secretary and Agents	265 83
Armstrong Academy	2,900 00
Cash on hand	741 20
	\$14,030 53

We have examined the foregoing account, and find the same correct.

JAMES E. TYLER.
A. D. MILES.

LOCHVILLE, April 6, 1853.

For the Indian Advocate. ANNUAL REPORT.

CANTON, CHINA, December 31st, 1852.

We have just closed such a year as I have never seen before in China. I have been considering several days whether it would be best to report its results. But the providences of God are always right, though sometimes his ways are in the deep and mysterious to us; yet nevertheless his dealings with the children of men, with this nation, and with us, should not be concealed, but well known, and recorded for our instruction, prayers, and more energetic effort.

A Summary of the Year's Work.

PREACHING.—We have improved two hundred and twenty-seven precious opportunities of preaching the Word at the Baptist chapel in Canton and elsewhere, averaging I suppose about fifty hearers at each meeting, in all 11,350. Among these and others I presume we have distributed as many books, Scriptures and religious tracts.—These were kindly supplied us by the other missionaries, and were well received by the people.

SCHOOLS.—We have supported one native day school.

ORPHANS.—The Church redeemed an orphan, a deceased member's child, from bondage, and has undertaken her support.

FINANCIAL.—We have received from last year \$176 00, from a five \$100 donations \$174 53, Mrs. R.'s school \$2 20. Total, \$352 23. Paid out—Family expenses \$286 91, charities \$14 42, mission expenses \$419 72. Total, \$827 21.

CURERS.—We have had no additions this year, but have excluded one for immoral conduct, and dropped two for non-attendance.

PASSING EVENTS OF THE YEAR.—One missionary lady, Mrs. Segge of Hong Kong, has deceased; one family, Mr. Cole's, have removed to California; and two families, Messrs. Vrooman and Brewster's, have arrived to reside in Canton.

TIEN-TEH.—But perhaps one of the most important events of the year, with regard to China, both her political and moral movements, is the internal struggle among her own people under the leader Tien-teh. This has been in progress several years, but seems specially to have made headway during this. The leader is opposed to idolatry, professes to worship the true God, and seems thus far to be blessed in his deed. A Chinese gentleman observed to me the other day: "It will not be long until the title of the present reign—Kam Fung—will be changed. Tien-teh's men have almost reached the capital, are several hundred thousand strong, have already appointed mandarins in several districts; and will soon do away with idolatry throughout the country! This," said he, "is a business of first magnitude." It may readily be conceived the astonishing effect upon the people, and the overwhelming work for missionaries that will ensue, should this anticipation be realized.

HEALTH.—The year closes with very good health in our family, and among the missionaries here generally; and our spirits are comfortable, thank the Lord.

MISSIONARIES.—We have been the only Baptist missionary family in Canton since my return to China in 1850. Of Protestant ministers and missionaries there are ten missionaries; and one chaplain to the foreigners in Canton; one missionary and one chaplain to seamen at Whampoa.

DESTITUTION.—We have been destitute of regular supplies during the year, and still are; depending entirely upon the Lord, who hath said:—"Verily thou shalt be fed." Ps. 37: 3. As for the cause of this I have but little space or inclination to expatiate here. But can honestly say, that I have endeavored faithfully to maintain peace and union—"union is strength," and to discharge the duties of a missionary in the fear of God, with sincere integrity as in his sight. And we design, the Lord helping us, to continue to do so.

As corroborating testimony, however, I may be allowed to quote two short extracts from the letters of gentlemen in the United States, who have fully examined the details of the correspondence on the subject, and I believe have come to just conclusions, such as I trust the final Judge will sustain. One has just been received

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from a minister of the gospel in Tennessee, who says: "I have read with deep felt emotions the correspondence between yourself and the Southern Board, and a more frivolous person at a high-handed act of injustice I think I never knew. A month ago I was at Nashville; Bro. Black, and other brethren there got up a remonstrance and sent it on to the Board." Thank you, brethren, for the kind interest you have shown in our hard case. In a letter received from Bro. McCullo, Corresponding Secretary of the Kentucky State Society, he remarked: "I have carefully read all you have transmitted to our Board, and cannot express to you the measure of joy experienced by the personal joy at the plain, convincing proofs you adduce of your rectitude and Christian deportment in all things pertaining to this missionary operations." And now in view of this disinterested testimony, which I trust will prove satisfactory to all impartial readers, let me address my dear friends and Christian brethren in the pathetic language of Joseph in his afflictive circumstances to the butler: "But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and show kindness I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh [unto Jesus, and bring me out of this house [of afflictive circumstances]. For indeed I was stolen [forbidden] away out of the land of the Hebrews [my native land], and here also I have done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon [of dire necessity]." Gen. 40: 14, 15.

Testimony of the Disinherited—China

Having resided in China the last fifteen years, the writer is happy to present the following additional testimonials from acquaintances here:

THE UNITED STATES CORREL, CAPTAIN, to I. J. R., writes: "I will merely refer to such facts as have come under my own observation, connected with yourself during the period of my residence in China, and of our acquaintance. In looking around among the estimable men who have devoted their lives and energies in the same work, I can say, without disparagement to them, that none have made greater individual sacrifices, or have overcome greater obstacles than yourself. Without friends, from home, and relying on your individual exertions, you have raised the necessary funds to secure the ground, and to erect a place of worship as well as a residence; and not only that, but have maintained your position during the most troubled period of American missionary history, not residing in comparative security in the midst of your own countrymen, but removed at distance, and called upon to endure jeers of a licentious populace, the unchecked fury of the mob, and the opposition of the authorities; and all this with an uncomplaining patience, and unyielding firmness, characteristic of those only who are engaged in a cause whose reward is promised in a future state, and whose convictions are based on the command of a master higher than any earthly authority. I therefore consider it only the performance of a duty to yourself to give full expression to my convictions of the strong claims you have to the honor of being foremost in the rank of the missionary soldier, and to the gratitude of those under whose auspices you have undertaken this good work. So convinced am I of the advantages of your remaining where you have labored so many years, and where, by toil and affliction, you have prepared yourself for the work, that I did not hesitate to offer you pecuniary aid when it was withdrawn from home by the Society, which I shall continue if necessary to enable you to continue in China."

TEN BISHOP OF VICTORIA, to I. J. R., writes: "Mr. C., our common friend, has kindly lent me a copy of your letter to the Board for personal use. Old friendship and respect for your character led me to beg the favor of your accepting the accompanying little token of sympathy with you in your afflictive trial. I earnestly hope that your Missionary Board in the United States may reconsider their step, and restore to their connection, and sympathy, and confidence, one who has deserved well of them, and of all who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity." To C.—"Our friend Roberts may use my name as he likes."

A Missionary, Whampoa, to I. J. R., writes: "I have been an eye witness of your labors for three or four years in Canton, and must say that the gospel has been faithfully preached almost daily on your premises. And I dare say, that many more thousands have heard the first principles of revealed religion from you and your assistants than from any other Society's agent in Canton. In the distribution of books we all know that you have been unwearied."

THE EDITOR OF "Friend of China," Hong Kong, remarked editorially: "We made Mr. Roberts's acquaintance shortly after his arrival in this country, now nearly twelve years, ago, and for purely honest, self-denying purpose, we have never known one of the many missionaries sent to this country to surpass him; and this we know to be the opinion generally entertained of Mr. R. He is the first missionary who ever succeeded in erecting a Protestant place of worship in this heathen land, the difficulties encountered in the undertaking being very great, as many in this country can testify."

J. B. E., Esq., Cumingmoon, to I. J. R., writes: "I am glad that you appear in better spirits, and that you have met with friends. You are too well known here for your enemies to injure you, except by writing home groundless reports to the Mission Board, and by doing this they soon find that you have strong friends who will assist you in your cause, should the Board desert you. I, of course, shall be happy to contribute my mite towards your support."

A FRIEND, Hong Kong, to Mr. McCullo, writes: "Some ten days since, one of the missionaries resident in Canton, (an Englishman) called upon me, and had some conversation about Mr. R., in which he remarked, that since he had been in Canton he had been a close observer of all the missionaries and their operations; that if he wished to employ any one as a missionary he would give the preference to Mr. Roberts over all the other missionaries in Canton." To I. J. R.—"I presume you know that our sympathies are with you! Our increased friendship I trust will attest that. We are your friends, and we say to you try us."

Other extracts might be added, but the above are sufficient for the object intended, and therefore may suffice.

THE CLOSE.—Could I now, in the close of my report, lift up my voice as a trumpet and penetrate every land and every Christian heart, I would tell, and reiterate the desperate and perishing needs of this numerous and idolatrous people; and press with renewed and increasing zeal, their paramount claims upon the prayers, sympathies and contributions of the saints everywhere. I would tell of their accessibility—religious toleration throughout the nation; of the liberty to live among them, with our families, and preach to them the unsearchable riches of Christ; and then, O, could I with angelic ardor, tell of the 33,000 souls that go down to the pit daily from China perishing, and speak in tones of thunder the Macedonian cry, I would say—**COME OVER AND HELP US!**

I. J. ROBERTS.

METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—In the three months preceding Feb. 16, sixteen individuals among the Ojodagdas were "received on trial," all of whom promise well. There is an improved state of feeling among the members of the church gathered from the Ojodagdas; one baptism has recently taken place. The various missions in Michigan seem to be in a prosperous condition. At a late quarterly meeting at one of the stations, an intelligent and influential man from the woods came in, and, with his family, publicly renounced his idols and took upon him the obligations of a Christian, saying,—"I give my eyes to me, my ears to hear, and my heart to understand the things of God."

PRESBYTERIAN BOARD.—Three young ladies were received into the church at Tallahassee in January; one of them an assistant in the school, the others, pupils. Several others are indulging hope, and most of the children in the larger school profess to be seeking the salvation of their souls. "This church," says the Foreign Missionary, "is evidently enjoying times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord."

From the Western Recorder Song of the Watchman.

ST. DAVID LIVING.
Watchman, on the lonely shore,
Tell us how the vessel waits,
See you still the glimmering speck
Where the distant harbor glances?
Still, I see a single star,
When the rolling waves make
Gleaming brightness from the
Now it breaks a beacon's glow.
Pilot, tell us of the light
Which you distant shores illumine,
Steaming onward on the night,
Gleaming forward as through the gloom.
It is on the Ocean side,
Of the stormy sea of time,
Where eternal joys abide,
In that pure and faithful clime.
It is where the heralds wait
From old Jordan's gloomy wave—
To the outpost of the skies—
To the home beyond the grave.

INFANT'S PRAYER ANSWERED.—A drunkard who had run through his property, says Dr. Schlabach, returned one night to his unfurnished home. He entered his empty hall, anguish was gnawing at his heart-strings, and language is inadequate to express his agony as he entered his wife's apartment, and there beheld the victim of his appetite, his lovely wife and darling child. Mourn and sullen, he seated himself under a word; he could not look upon them. "The mother said to the little angel by her side, 'Come, my child, it is time to go to bed'; and that little babe, as was her wont, knelt by her mother's lap, and gazing wistfully into the face of her suffering parent, like a piece of chiseled statuary, repeated her nightly orison; and when she had finished, the child, (but four years of age,) said to her mother, 'Dear ma, may I now offer up one more prayer?' 'Yes, yes, my sweet pet, pray'; and she lifted up her tiny hands, closed her eyes, and prayed, 'O God! spare, oh, spare my dear papa!' That prayer was wafted with electric rapidity to the throne of God. It was heard on high—was heard on earth. The responsive 'Amen' burst from that father's lips, and his heart of stone became a heart of flesh. Wife and child were both clasped in his bosom, and in penitence he said, 'My child, you have saved your father from the grave of a drunkard. I'll sign the pledge!'

READING.—That you may grow in grace, advance in holiness, and acquire increased likeness to the Saviour's image, and meekness for his presence, the Spirit must enlighten your understanding and impress your heart while you are employed in reading God's holy word; and you must be fervent in prayer for his enlightening and sanctifying operation, under a deep conviction that it is only when his voice says—'Let there be light,' and there is light beaming from the sacred page, and like the sunshine of heaven, brightening, warming and gladdening wherever its blessed beams descend.

With this reliance on the Spirit, read with fixed attention, concentrating all the faculties of your mind on the work; with deep reverence, regarding it as the word of God as much as if his voice was addressing you, with a sincere desire to discover the mind of the Spirit; with self-application, seeking what God has to say to you, examining yourself by each precept, drawing the proper influence from each promise, taking the intended warning from every threatening, giving the full instruction of every example, entering into the import of every doctrine, and whenever some bright glimpse of the promised glory reserved in heaven for you, sheds celestial splendor round the sacred page, endeavoring to become prepared for such a heaven.—**WILEY.**

ILLNESS.—How important it is for you, little children, to form habits of industry. Idle children are ever engaged in mischief, and almost always bring misery or suffering upon themselves. To grow up in habits of idleness is something to be lamented, as

"Satan finds some mischief still,
For idle hands to do."

Now, little friends, would you love to grow up in such a way? Just look at the character of an idle boy, and answer my question.—**Orydan's Advocate.**

CURETIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, (EAG.)—The word of God is prospering in Prince Rupert's Land.—Mr. Hunter speaks of administering the sacraments to 135, 175, and, in one instance, to 230 communicants. A woman to whom he once read Watts' Catechism, and with whom he prayed, in the Cree language, thanked him and said, "This is the first time that I have properly understood about religion."

Georgetown College Commencement.

The annual commencement of the College will take place on the last Thursday in June, which will fall this year on the last day of the month. The examination of the classes will occupy the Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday preceding commencement day. The Education Society will hold a preliminary meeting on Monday night, and a mass meeting on Wednesday afternoon. At this meeting business of the utmost importance to the educational interests of the State will be transacted; and all the friends of the College are earnestly requested to attend. Ample accommodation will be provided for all.

S. F. GANON, Sec'y. Board.

RECEIPTS.

From March 6th to May 30th, 1858.

MISSISSIPPI.		
M. W. Phillips,	4113 77	
Jeremiah Brown,	25 00	
James B. Quinn,	29 00	
John Campbell, per F. Tate,	1 00	
B. Cooper,	100 00	
B. Cooper,	1 00	
South Carolina,	2 00	
A. A. Cassella,	1 00	
F. L. Sims,	1 00	
John P. Small,	25 00	
J. M. Sledge,	25 00	
A. A. Cassella,	1 00	
Collection of Rev. S. Wallace from Egypt church,	30 00	
Inquire Gen. Lewis from a life member,	30 00	
Rev. D. S. Snodgrass for life member, per Rev. S. Wallace,	5 00	
Rev. J. H. Sims,	11 00	
J. Martin and Mr. Boardman,	21 00	
Collection at Jackson, Miss.,	24 00	
Collection at Vicksburg,		
KENTUCKY.		
Mrs. Thomas Smith to make Rev. W. W. Everett,	30 00	
life member,		
J. B. Goss, Sec'y., Hammon, Ky. Indian Mission Society,	25 00	
J. S. Dorey,	1 00	
John H. Miller,	2 00	
B. T. Taylor, Columbia,	5 00	
John H. Tinsman, Agent,	5 00	
Rev. M. F. Hays, Scottsville, Ky., for collection in his church,	13 00	
Rev. Mr. Taylor, per collection in Columbia, Ky.,	4 00	
Rev. J. Roy, collection in Shelbyville church,	7 00	
New Rich, Indiana Mission Association, J. W. Asher, Sec'y.,	22 00	
Asher R. Southworth, collection in his church,	17 00	
GEORGIA.		
Per Rev. V. R. Thurston, Agent:		
Thomas J. Barney, Treasurer of the Bap. State Convention,	245 70	
Tolomae Association,	9 00	
Cash,	2 75	
For Agents,	1 00	
John, J. W. Bales, Savannah,	1 00	
Mrs. E. Stokes,	5 00	
ALABAMA.		
A. A. Cassella,	1 00	
F. Calloway,	1 00	
A. A. Cassella,	4 00	
Mary E. Hale,	5 00	
Rev. N. Morgan,		
INDIANA.		
Mrs. Mary Montgomery,	5 00	
D. B. Baker,	3 00	
Miss Clara Moulton,	3 00	
A. G. Nugent, Agent,	10 00	
J. A. Baird, Lebanon, Tenn.,	6 00	
Allen S. Wyant, Agent,	156 25	
OHIO.		
Rev. S. B. Page, pastor of the Baptist Church, Norwalk, Ohio, per collection,	6 00	
VIRGINIA.		
Leonard S. Gresham, Va.,	12 00	
W. C. Ward,	10 00	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.		
U. States Government, for Patuxent school,	445 75	

Georgetown College, Ky.

THIS Institution occupies a high rank among Western Colleges. Its Library, Cabinet, Museum and Apparatus are unsurpassed. Its Literary course is the same as that of Yale College, while its Scientific course embraces all the best portions of the course at West Point.

For young men designed for practical business, there is a course of three years, in which a thorough knowledge is imparted in Agriculture, Chemistry, Physiology, Botany, Practical Engineering, Principles of Commerce, and Book-keeping. In this practical feature, this College is believed to be unequalled. Its high aim is to produce American scholars and American business men. The rapidly increasing number of students in attendance is proof of its high rank and efficiency.

This unit of learning is no mere experiment; whose performance is doubtful, and whose diploma is therefore of questionable value. It is in a position to exercise and maintain a wholesome discipline without the fear of establishment, and to require of its students any thing scholarly and manly in their deportment.

This College has boarding arrangements adapted to all classes of students, and so adjusted as to avoid the dangers inseparable from the pressure of crowding 100 or 200 young men into one building. Students for the military can board at \$40 per Col. year (Col. year is 10 months), or for about \$25 or \$30, while those who prefer boarding in private families can do so at from \$20 to \$40. No student is allowed to board in any family but such as the Faculty can approve, and strictest law and discipline is enforced by the Faculty over every student wherever he may board.

The Scientific year is divided into two semesters. The first commences on the 24th of September, the second on the 1st of January. Commencement day occurs on the last Thursday in June. Tuition, \$25 per annum.

"The annual Catalogue may be had by applying to the President, Rev. R. R. Carruth, LL. D."

S. F. GANON, Sec'y.

September, 1858.

of the Board of Trustees.