

declared himself, all he had intended and desired, and descending toward the close of this life amidst tranquility, widely-extending reputation, and the homage of the great and learned. We behold him appointed soon to appear before the Judge to whom he had never alluded without malice or contempt, yet preserving, to appearance, an entire self-complacency, idly jesting about his approaching dissolution, and mingling with the insane sport his reference to the fall of superstition, a term of which the meaning is hardly even dubious when expressed by such men. We behold him at last carried off, and we seem to hear, the following moment, from the darkness in which he vanishes, the shrieks of surprise and terror, and the overpowering accents of the messenger of vengeance. On the whole globe there probably was not acting at the time as mournful a tragedy as that of which the friends of Hume were the spectators, without being aware that it was any tragedy at all.—*John Foster.*

[From the Portland Zion's Advocate.]

AM. BAPTIST MISSIONARY UNION.

The anniversary meetings of this body were held in Philadelphia last week. We give in this paper a brief account of the proceedings, condensed from the daily reports in the Philadelphia papers.

The Board of Managers met on Tuesday, May 16th, Hon. Ira Harris in the chair. After the devotional exercises, and the calling of the roll, a brief but fervent address was made by the Chairman, in which he spoke of the noble results already flowing from that enterprise started forty years since by a little band of thirty-seven earnest, faithful men.

The morning session was taken up in the reading of the reports of the Treasurer and Secretaries, with other papers.

In the afternoon, the Secretary read a paper on Reinforcements and Supplies, in which it was stated that the sum of \$155,900, would be required to meet the expenses of the ensuing year; also that ten additional missionaries were needed to prosecute the work in China.

The Report of the Deputation, a lengthy document, occupying two hours, was read, and afterwards referred to a special committee.

The committee appointed last year to report upon the relative proportion of time given by the missionaries to printing, schools, translations and other missionary occupations—aside from the preaching of the gospel—reported through the Chairman, Rev. Dr. Wayland. This report was made the special order for Wednesday.

In the evening, public addresses were made before a very large audience, by Messrs. Peck and Granger, of the Deputation, upon the importance of christianizing the Hindoos, Burmans and Chinese.

At the session on Wednesday morning, the report of Dr. Wayland was taken up, and the discussion then continued until the adjournment. The subject of the report is one of great importance, and one on which there has been considerable diversity of opinion. The discussion, which was participated in by some of the ablest men connected with the Board, was earnest and warm. We hope to give a report of it hereafter.

The special committee, to whom was referred the paper on the work of the Deputation, reported through the chairman, Rev. Dr. Hague, partly approving, and partly condemning their proceedings. This subject, also, elicited a warm discussion, a portion of which we shall present hereafter.

In the evening, addresses were delivered by Dr. Dean, of the China Mission, and Rev. J. G. Oncken, of Germany. Reports were also presented on several of the Asiatic Missions.

On Thursday, the discussion on the subject of the Deputation, occupied the entire morning. The report was finally referred to the Union.

MEETING OF THE UNION.

The Union organized at 1 o'clock, P. M. The President, Gov. Briggs, being absent, Judge Harris took the chair. After the preliminary business was accomplished, adjourned to 3, P. M.

At 3 o'clock the Union assembled. The Annual Report was presented, of which the following is an abstract:—

"The present week completes forty years since the organization of the Triennial Convention in the city of Philadelphia—a period fruitful of changes and of progress in the missions.

"Since the last annual report, the Rev. D. Sharp, D.D., of Mass., the Secretary of the first Baptist Society in America for conducting Foreign missions, a member of the Board of Managers from the 1817 to his death, two years excepted, and the first President of the Missionary Union under its present constitution, and the Rev. Elisha Tucker, D.D., of Illinois, a Vice President of the Union—have deceased.—Also two missionaries and five female assistant missionaries—the Rev. George Dauble, of Assam, the Rev. H. E. Knapp and Mrs. M. C. C. Rose, of the Arracan, Mrs. N. C. S. Nisbet, of the Bassein, Mrs. O. C. Harris, of the Shwaygyeen, Mrs. M. B. Crocker and Mrs. Shermer, of the Bassa, African mission."

Receipts and Expenditures.—The receipts into the Treasury during the year, from all sources, were \$136,802 42, the expenditures, \$146,388 36. Of the receipts, \$6,500 were from the American and Foreign Bible Society, 3,500 from the American Tract Society, and \$4000 from the U. S. Government. Compared with the preceding year, there was an advance in expenditure of \$11,044 08, in receipts, of \$2,690 25, and in donations by living contributors, of nearly \$12,000.

Publications.—The publications of the year were—1500 copies of the 39th Annual Report, and the monthly issue of 5,848 copies of the Missionary Magazine, and 36,800 of the Macedonian.

The Memoir of Dr. Judson, has been issued, but the care of its publication, at her own suggestion, was relinquished to Mrs. Judson.

Missionary Appointments.—The Rev. A. R. R. Crawley, a graduate of Newton Theological Institution, has been appointed temporarily to the Rangoon Mission.—Messrs. A. B. Satterlee and G. P. Watrous, of the senior class in the Rochester Theological Seminary, and Mr. F. A. Douglass, of the senior class in the Newton Institution, have received appointments, their fields yet to be designated. Mr. Crawley, with the Rev. Messrs. J. L. Douglass, R. Telford, and M. J. Knowlton, appointed the preceding year, and the Rev. E. C. Lord and Mr. J. H. Chandler, returned missionaries, have departed to their respective stations.

RECAPITULATION.

The number of missions prosecuted under direction of the Board, is 21, embracing 85 stations and 540 outstations. Connected with the missions are 66 missionaries, of whom 61 are preachers, and there are 63 female assistants. 2 missionaries and 5 female assistants have died, and 4 missionaries and 4 female assistants have joined the missions. The number of native preachers and assistants is 211; total of missionaries and assistants connected with the missions, 340. 3 missionaries are under appointment. There are 214 churches, having a membership of 15,715, of whom were added by baptism the past year, 1,780. The number of schools is 80, including 3 for native preachers, and 14 normal and boarding schools; with about 1,927 pupils.

After the reading of the Report, some unfinished business was taken up and disposed of. The reports of several committees were presented and adopted.

The Board of Managers proposed an amendment to the 3d article of the Constitution, which we find given as follows:

The Union shall be composed of life members and annual members. All the members of the Baptist General Convention who may be present at the adoption of this Constitution, shall be members for life of the Union. Other persons may be constituted life members by the payment, during one financial year, of not less than \$100; and churches contributing annually to the Union, funds not designated for life memberships, may appoint each one annual member.

The amendment was agreed to. The following were elected as officers of the Union for the ensuing year: President, Hon. G. N. Briggs; Vice Presidents, Rev. Drs. B. T. Welch, and S. Bailey; Recording Secretary, Rev. Dr. W. H. Shailer. The names of the Board of Managers we have not yet received.

In the evening, the Annual Sermon was preached by Rev. E. G. Robinson, D. D., of Rochester University.

The following letter from our correspondent, of a little later date, gives a general view of the proceedings.

PHILADELPHIA, May 19.

Bro. Foster:—The meetings are about over. Most of them have been interesting,

although in some the interest has not been altogether what we could desire. Every department of our benevolent operations seems to be pressed on with vigor and success. There have been many able speeches made, with many not so able. From the Maine brethren but little has been heard.

The greatest interest has been in the meetings of the Union, the chief of which with the most of the discussion, was excited by the subject of the "Deputation." Some were not satisfied with some of the proceedings of the Deputation, and some thought the measure uncalled for. The general opinion, however, seemed to be that whether justifiable or not on the grounds whereon it is defended, it would be of very great value for the future, if not in the direction intended. Messieurs Hague, Turnbull, and Sampson led the opposition, while Messrs. Peck and Granger, of the Deputation, and Bro. Bright defended themselves. The impression seemed to be that Bro. Bright was responsible for the measure, and that such assumption of authority was unwarrantable in any except the Board of the Union. But Bro. Neale, of Boston, stood up like a man and took his share of the responsibility. He said he wanted a part of the honour of sending them out.

The idea of sending out a Deputation originated in Burmah with some of the missionaries. They are not angels, but men, and sometimes too much like the rest of us, somewhat opinionative. What made the matter more difficult was that some of the missionaries had complained of the doings of the Deputation, not to the Executive Committee, but to individuals. Great men and "promising youths" are not always wise in all things. It seems to me it would be the better course to wait with patience the results of the labors of the Deputation and then assign credit or blame wherever it is due.

Saturday Morning.—Notwithstanding the protracted discussion and the prospect of a wide difference of opinion respecting the Deputation—its proceedings especially—a very harmonious result was reached last evening. There was not a dissenting vote. This was to me most gratifying and I think it must be so to all the friends of our missions. The prospect for entire harmony in future has not been so good for years. May God be praised.

The discussion has extended through the whole week and the speakers have been numerous. While the expression of opinion has been plain and decided, the manner of all has been uniformly kind. At times the cloud looked portentous, but the breaking through of the sun at last was the more grateful.

Next year the meetings are to be held at Chicago, Ill., when I hope the glorious cause and not the machinery, will absorb all attention. Bro. Granger said in one of his addresses that "the schools kill the wives of our missionaries." Would it not be well to send out persons especially to teach, if it is judged best to continue the schools.

The streets of Philadelphia would be in all respects beautiful were it not for the dirt, hogs and dogs. They are laid out at right angles, straight, wide and level, so that one can see a great distance. Fine shade trees abound in nearly all of them. In this respect they differ much from those in New York and Boston.

The accommodations for the friends attending the meetings were every way ample. The weather has been very warm—fans in constant use. During my stay in the city, the bells have rung for fire two or three times daily, but little attention was paid to them except by the firemen and those who felt the heat.

F. M.

A Death-bed in Bethnal Green.

I went into one room in this unhappy place—this core of all the misery in Bethnal-green—and saw a woman in bed with a three weeks' infant on her arm. She was still too weak to rise, and her husband had died when the baby was three days old. She had four other children, and she panted to get up and earn. It eased her heart to tell of her lost love, and the portion of her story that I here repeat was told by her, in the close narrow room, with a more touching emphasis than I can give it here; with tremblings of the voice and quiverings of the lip that went warm to the hearts of all who listened. "The morning before my husband died," she said, "he said to me, 'O Mary I have had such a beautiful dream'—'Have you dear?' says I; 'do you think you feel strong enough to tell it to me?'—'Yes,' says he, 'I dreamt that I was in a large place where there was a microscopic clock' (he meant a microscope), and I looked through it and saw the seven heavens all full of light and happiness, and straight before me, Mary, I saw a face that was like a face

I know.' 'And whose face was it love?' says I. 'I do not know,' says he, 'but it was more beautiful than anything I ever saw, and bright and glorious, and I said to it, shall I be glorified with the same glory that you are glorified with? And the head bowed towards me. And I said am I to die soon? And the head bowed towards me. And I said shall I die to-morrow. And the face fixed its eyes on me and went away. And now what do you think that means?' 'I do not know' says I, 'but I think it must mean that God is going to call you away from this world where you have had so much trouble, and your suffering is going to be at an end, but you must wait His time, and that is why the head went away when you said, shall I die to-morrow?' 'I suppose you are right,' says he, 'and I don't mind dying, but O Mary, it goes to my heart to leave you and the young ones' (here the tears spread over the poor woman's eyes, and her voice began to tremble). 'I am afraid to part with you; I am afraid for you after I am gone.'—'You must not think of that,' says I; 'you have been a good husband, and it's God's will you should go.'—'I won't go, Mary, without saying good-bye to you,' says he. 'If I can't speak, I'll wave my hand to you,' says he, 'and you will know when I'm going.' And so it was, for in his last hours he could not speak a word, and he went off so gently that I never should have known in what minute he died if I had not seen his hands moving and waving to me good-bye before he went. Such dreams and thoughts belong to quiet poverty. I have told this incident just as I heard it; and if I were a daily visitant in Bethnal-green, I should have many tales of the same kind to tell.—*Dickens "Household Words."*

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