

Foreign Missions.

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Foreign Bulletin.

The Executive Committee of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society met in the room in the Y. M. C. A. building, Cincinnati, April 21, 1893. Devotional services were conducted by C. T. Tanner.

FINANCES.—The receipts for the month amounted to \$12,430.30; the expenditures to \$7,280.90. The receipts from the beginning of the year to April 15 aggregate \$26,727.24. The March offering this year is nearly \$5,000 less than it was in the corresponding period last year. It ought to have been \$10,000 more at the very least. This is serious matter. It is difficult to see how there can be any increase in the force while there is no increase in the receipts.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD: India.—Dr. Durand reports one conversion in Hurda, and adds: "We hope and pray that this may prove the beginning of a glorious time of reaping. We shall follow up the work in this and surrounding villages to the very best of our ability. I hope to have the privilege of reporting more conversions very soon. When we once get a good sized village congregation firmly established in the faith, they will do the evangelizing and we will be kept busy teaching the converts. That is the experience of all the old successful missions."

E. M. Gordon writes as follows: "This is our busiest season, and I am devoting all my time to the more distant villages. I can safely say that the gospel has been preached over a more extended sphere in this district this season than ever before. In some way, either by tracts or preaching, or by magic lantern exhibitions, the good news has been going abroad."

China.—W. P. Bentley reports a trip made by himself to Tsang Ming, where we have an out-station. We found the people well-disposed everywhere. We visited the principal city, where our native helper has rented a house. This is the first Protestant mission ever located inside the city. Our first preaching place was without the wall. One day we walked eight miles, sold tracts and books to the number of six hundred, and returned in the evening. There ought to be a chapel in Shanghai. It will take about \$10,000 to provide the ground and the building. The men in the interior are asking for \$4,000 for homes. This ought to be remitted at once, but the money is not in hand. The Executive Committee can not pay out what they do not receive.

England.—E. H. Spring writes: "You will be glad to hear we have reached the number of one hundred and fifty baptized believers at the tabernacle in Gloucester on Friday, the 31st ult., the two last being the wife of an English general, and a French Roman Catholic lady. I trust they may be of some real service to us."

Japan.—Miss Oldham reports as follows: "The missionaries on the field think it best that we should soon begin some work besides our regular studies and our Sunday schools. This can be done without interfering with our study hours. As there are several

in Hongo it is thought wise for us to move to another section of the city. We have taken a house in a very thickly populated section. While living in Hongo I taught a class of seven young men in English. One of them will, I think, soon become a Christian. I have been teaching them the Bible every evening in connection with their English."

Children's Day.—Concert exercises have been sent to over two thousand schools. Two hundred thousand "Missionary Pockets" have been sent out. If any school did not get a supply, and will let the fact be known, some will be sent at once free of any charge. Children's Day ought to be more widely observed, and ought to yield \$50,000. The receipts for the year ought not to fall below \$100,000.

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION.—Chicago is the place. The time is one month earlier than usual. This is owing to the Congress of Churches to be held as one of the auxiliaries to the Columbian Fair. This will interfere somewhat with the receipts for the year. In any case, the income ought to exceed \$100,000, rather than fall below it. There ought not to be cutting down of missionary offerings because of the Fair. Rather ought there to be a great enlargement of soul and of liberality.

A. McLEAN, Cor. Sec.

A Lincoln County Miracle.

THE TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE OF A WELL-TO-DO FARMER.

MR. EZRA MERRITT SUFFERS UNTOLD AGONY—TOLD BY A PHYSICIAN THAT ONLY DEATH COULD END HIS SUFFERINGS—HOW HE SECURED HIS RELEASE FROM PAIN—ANXIOUS THAT OTHERS SHOULD BENEFIT BY HIS EXPERIENCE.

Grimby Independent.

How often we hear the expression "Hills are green from afar" as a term of disparagement. So it may be with many of our readers when they hear of anything occurring at a distance from home bordering on the wonderful. They may place little confidence in it, and even if they do believe it, allow the matter to pass from their minds without leaving any permanent impression. Not so with local affairs. When anything startling occurs in our midst, affecting people whom we all know well, every one is interested, and all are anxious and even eager for the most minute details. For some months past there have been published in the columns of the *Independent* from time to time, accounts of remarkable cures made by that now justly famous medicine—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Possibly some of our readers have looked upon some of these accounts as describing cures highly improbable, if not impossible. And yet this should not be the case, for they are all vouched for by respectable newspapers, who could have no object in stating other than the facts, and who would be discredited by their own readers were they to do so. However, seeing I believe, and Mr. Ezra Merritt, of South Grimsby, stands forth to-day as living testimony to the wonderful curative powers of this not at all over-estimated medicine—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Having heard that a most remarkable cure had been effected in the case of Mr. Merritt, the editor of the *Independent*, with that desire possessed by most newspaper men for verifying things coming under their notice, resolved to investigate the case and satisfy himself as to the truth of the story. Some days ago he drove over to Smithville, and at once called upon Mr. W. Eastman, druggist, a straightforward business man whose word is as good as his bond with all who know him. Mr. Eastman stated that he knew of the case of Mr. Merritt, and considered it a most remarkable one. Mr. Palmer Merritt had come to him one day and asked him if he could give him anything that would help his brother, Ezra Merritt, who was suffering untold agony with pains in all his joints, his back and his head. Mr. Merritt stated that his brother had tried everything,

and could find nothing to help him, and the doctors could give him no ease. One doctor from the United States had told him positively that there was no help for him, and that death only could set him free from his agony. Mr. Merritt further told Mr. Eastman that his brother wished to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and asked him if he thought it would be any use. Mr. Eastman advised him to try them, as wonderful cures had been worked by their use. Mr. Merritt acted on his advice and continued the use of Pink Pills until he is now a well man and sound as ever.

The editor then drove over to see Mr. Merritt, and found that gentleman sound and hearty, looking over his cattle in his farmyard. Mr. Ezra Merritt is a well-to-do farmer, owning two fine farms about 3½ miles west of Smithville, in the township of South Grimsby. When the newspaper man told the object of his visit, Mr. Merritt expressed his willingness to give him the fullest particulars of his case, and we cannot do better than give it in his own words: "The first time I was troubled," said Mr. Merritt, "was on July first, 1891. We commenced haying on that day and I felt sore and stiff in all my joints. I now believe the trouble originated through my washing some sheep in cold water the preceding April, when I went into the water and stayed so long that when I came out my legs were numb, but I did not feel any bad results until July, as I have said. I gradually grew worse until I could scarcely do anything. I kept on trying to work, but it was a terrible struggle, and the way I suffered was something awful. Every joint in my body was stiff and intensely painful. As time passed on I gradually grew worse, the pains went into my back, and at times my agony was almost unbearable. I had tried all home-made remedies but without avail. I then consulted a doctor, but his medicine had no effect. At the time of the Smithville fair a doctor was over here from the States and I consulted him. He said my case was hopeless, and I need not expect anything but death to release me from my pain. As winter came on the pain got into my head and my sufferings were something terrible. About dark the pain would start about my ear and work up until it would reach the crown of my head. As morning came on the pain in my head would subside, but the pains in the rest of my body never left me, and at last I grew so bad that when I would lie on my back I could not get up to save my life without assistance. Although I had not lost my appetite I became weak, so bad that though I could walk around I could not stoop to lift a pound. I became so weak in this way that I got discouraged and lost all hope of ever getting better. It was about this time that I heard of the wonderful cures by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and Mr. Eastman, of Smithville, advised that they be given a trial. My brother got me a box and I took them but felt no good results. I took still another box and still no perceptible benefit, and I felt so weak and discouraged that I decided not to take any more. At this time a lady from Hamilton came to visit at our place and she strongly advised me to continue using the Pink Pills. She had known Mr. Marshall at that city and knew that his case was bona fide. I thought it useless to continue, but at the urgent solicitations of my friends did so, and by the time I was through with the third box I began to feel a benefit from them. This gave me hope which did not again waver, as I found myself steadily growing better, and continued the use of the Pink Pills until now I am as well as ever I was in my life. I know that it was Pink Pills that saved me when all else had failed, and I have no objections whatever to having the story of my cure being published, as it may be the means of helping some other sufferer back to health and strength and gladness." Mr. Merritt further said that he had now no fear of a hard day's work, and has not had the slightest return of the pains or the stiffness in the joints.

Returning to Smithville, the editor again called on Mr. Eastman, and was informed by that gentleman that his sales of Pink Pills were something enormous, Mr. Merritt's cure having something to do with the increase in sales lately. There are other cases also in this vicinity little less than marvellous of which we may speak later on.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are a perfect blood builder and nerve restorer, curing such diseases as rheumatism, neuralgia, partial paralysis, locomotor ataxia, St. Vitus' dance, nervous headache, nervous prostration and the tired feeling therefrom, the after effects of la grippe, influenza and severe colds, diseases depending on humors in the blood, such as sc. ofula, chronic erysipelas, etc. Pink Pills give a healthy glow to pale and sallow complexions, and are a specific for the troubles peculiar to the female system, and in the case of men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from mental worry, over-work or excesses of any nature.

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