

sent forth streams of living water, which are now rendering fair and fruitful a land that has too long been parched and blighted, by unbelief and the mere form of godliness. About two years ago, the writer had the pleasure of spending a Lord's day among the friends in Hamburgh, when he became acquainted with their efforts and persecution. Their meetings were at that time prohibited by the magistrates of the city; and each service was liable to be interrupted by the police. We met under circumstances that strikingly brought to mind the little assembly in Jerusalem, when the disciples met, with closed doors, for fear of the Jews. More than once the congregation has been dispersed by the police; and more than one of the members have suffered fines and imprisonment. "It is truly given unto them in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake." Mr. Köbner, who conducted the services when the writer was present, spoke with delightful warmth and simplicity, and appeared well qualified for the work he has since undertaken, of preaching the gospel in Denmark, his native country. Mr. Lange also possesses great zeal, and devotes himself unreservedly to the cause. But it has pleased God to qualify Mr. Oncken pre-eminently for this benevolent enterprise, as he possesses, if one may judge from personal knowledge as well as from report, all the intelligence, activity and boldness, which are calculated, by the divine blessing, to ensure success. May he be long spared to carry on the work.—Ed.

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Mr. Oncken writes, Jan. 30,—

"The year that has just closed has been marked with distinguishing blessings to us. Our efforts for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom have been greatly blessed, notwithstanding the severe decisions of our senate. The word of God has accomplished that whereto it was sent among us. Twenty-four converts have been added to our number, and peace and harmony preserved in the church."

In February he writes again,—

"The present prospects of our church are more encouraging than at any previous period. The attendance is more numerous, and

conversions since the commencement of the year very frequent, especially within the last three weeks. From 12 to 16 new members will probably be added to us. Eight or nine of these have already applied for baptism. Another source of great joy and encouragement is, that the brethren who separated from us three years ago, having embraced Arminian views, are now gradually returning. Their society has been broken up, most of them are regularly attending under my ministry, and some have applied for re-admission to the church.

"My dear brethren have continued to manifest much zeal in the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom, and many thousands of our fellow-men in the city and the adjacent villages have heard the truth through their instrumentality." "Our tract distribution has greatly increased, and amounted during the year, to 180,000 copies, besides 4000 copies of Pengilly, 2000 of the Scriptural Manual, and 400 copies of a Danish tract. Also, 2,850 copies of the scriptures have been sold. A number of other good books have been brought into circulation through our loan-tract system, and the Memoir of Mrs. Judson has been placed in the hands of many persons, so that the good seed has been sown far and wide."

The assistants and colporteurs have been diligent in their labors. Mr. Lange has supplied several hundred barges and other vessels with tracts and scriptures, besides laboring in the city and Altona and the surrounding country. He has also "made several tours to more distant places in Hanover, which have been productive of much good." Mr. Köbner has visited Denmark and Holstein, and during the absence of Mr. Oncken has conducted religious services in Hamburg. He now preaches weekly at Altona and St. George's. Mr. Müller is employed in Mecklenburg, where he has visited more than 80 villages and distributed large numbers of tracts and scriptures. Mr. Knauer has been to Baireuth, in Bavaria. Great interest has been awakened there among the people by his preaching, and the circulation of scriptures and tracts. Seven or eight converts are waiting for baptism, and a church will probably soon be constituted. Mr. Knauer has been assailed by persecution, and for a short time was imprisoned, and one of his adherents, not a citizen, has been expelled from the city. Mr. Lücken has labored in various parts of Prussia, Hanover and Saxony, has been twice imprisoned, and ultimately compelled to return to the place of his nativity—Jever. At Jever and a neighbouring village, he conducted religious meetings for several months, besides making frequent excursions into the