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Miscellaneous.

ANNIVERSARIES

OF AMERICAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES.

From the Missionary Herald.

Most of our benevolent societies held their anniversaries, as usual, in the month of May. The meetings in New York were mostly during the week commencing May 5th, and those in Boston during the week commencing May 26th. Brief statistical summaries of the receipts, expenditures and operations of the different societies are given below. Full reports of the meetings extensively published in the religious and other papers, have been read with interest by many who are watching, from year to year, the progress of the various efforts making to bring our sin-ridden world under the saving influence of the truth. It is cheering to notice an increase in the receipts of most of the societies, but far more cheering would it be if that increase were more nearly adequate to the demands which the providence of God seems making for advancing effort.

PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

During the year the society has lost, by death, its venerable President, Dr. Miller; one of the Vice Presidents, one of the members, and four missionaries.

The receipts and expenditures exhibit a gratifying state of things in the financial affairs of the Board; the whole income of the year amounting to \$126,075, while the expenses have been \$125,823, leaving the Treasury unembarrassed with debt.

Twenty-two persons have been sent forth as missionaries and assistant missionaries during the year, nine of whom were ordained ministers of the gospel. Missions to the Indians of our country are planted

among ten different tribes. The general condition of these missions is encouraging, with an urgent call for more laymen as teachers and assistants. In the African missions of the Board, the most important event of the year has been the sending forth of two ministers with their wives, to form a new mission on the western coast near the equator. The three missions in India have about 60 American and native laborers (beside assistants who are not converts); of whom 24 are ministers of the gospel. In the schools, 1,230 scholars are under Christian instruction. There are churches at eight of the stations, embracing 200 communicants. The mission in Siam, consists of five persons. The church has thus far but one native member. In China, 22 persons are connected with the Canton and Ningpo missions, twelve of whom are ordained ministers and one is a physician. The Board is also conducting missionary operations in Papal Europe, and among the Jews in the United States.

AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSIONARY UNION.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the American Baptist Missionary Union, was held in Buffalo, commencing May 14, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and continuing three days. From the Annual Report it appears that the receipts of the year ending March 31, 1850, were \$104,537 20, and the expenditures \$101,447 23; leaving a balance in favor of the treasury of \$3,389 97, and reducing the debt to \$21,561 69. Since the last Report, seven preachers and four female assistants have been appointed, and one preacher and two female assistants have been removed by death. The missions of