

Bishop Hoone's, of the 17th of June, together with Mr. Aspinwall's of the 13th, came duly to hand.

Events on both sides of the world speak for themselves so emphatically, that I feel exonerated from doing more than to note one or two matters which are not likely to reach you through the public prints.

Immediately on the occurrence of the outrage upon our church building, I made application for reimbursement to the Chinese local authorities, through the U. S. Consul, and the *Taotai* of this circuit responded quite promptly, by the payment of four hundred taels, (about \$600) which was the estimated damage. \* \* \* \* \*

Our brother Liggins seems to feel very much the exaggerations on the subject of Japan, and the prospects of missionary work there, which have appeared in religious publications, and greatly fears the reaction that must needs take place. Certainly *sobriety of statement* has not characterized much that has been spoken and written on that subject, and the results reached will surely not correspond with the expectations excited.—*Spirit of Missions*.

#### GLEANINGS FROM MISSIONARY EXPERIENCE.

We give below some brief extracts from letters of our faithful missionaries, which will show somewhat of the nature of their toils and privations, and of the patient, cheerful spirit in which they meet their trials, and do their Master's work. The unwritten history of domestic missionary life would reveal much, very much, of the shady side of ministerial experience. There are instances of as noble and heroic patience and fortitude as can be found, in this deserving class.

We commend the few following extracts to the attention of our readers, and bespeak that cordial sympathy and liberal aid, which the cause and its faithful labourers demand. One of our missionaries writes: "Never in many years was money more acceptable than the \$50 contained in your letter, carrying the welcome intelligence of my appointment as a missionary of the Domestic Committee. It found me without a dollar in the house, and without the means of satisfying my quarter's rent then over due, and for which my landlord was dunning me most pertinaciously. I beg you to thank the Committee as I do from my heart, for this most seasonable aid, which I trust will prove to have been well bestowed."

Another missionary writes of a favourable opening in his mission thus: "There were few communing members, but several who had been attending members or professed a preference for our Church. I organized a parish, and went regularly once a month to serve them. The distance is eighty miles; thirty of these are through an almost unbroken forest, one man only having made a small opening, and through the rainy parts of the year so miry as to be impassable, except on foot or horseback. In either way, journeys involved considerable expense and weariness."

Another writes thus gratefully of the early remittance we were able to make for October 1st: "Please accept my best thanks for your great kindness in sending me the order so early. I assure you it was most acceptable. It seems especially providential. I believe times were never harder for Western missionaries than now, at least it is so in my case. My parish is in unavoidable debt, and straining every nerve to extricate themselves. But they are kind and do all they can, and I would never complain."

Another missionary, who has been struggling hard to build a church, writes thus: "The work has been for some time at a stand from the diffi-

culty of collecting money, but it is now resumed. This church has only been built by hard struggling and much self-denial, and I trust that when finished and put into use, it will be prized accordingly. What we can do without hiring, we do, the hauling and getting rocks. I have myself spent one day in the unaccustomed employment of getting out rock for the foundation, from the banks of the river, and I expect soon to turn out in another direction, and haul sand for a day or two. It is a small neat building, and is estimated to cost about \$1,400."

Another writes, after a service at one of his stations, "It was my sad lot to be attacked, after the night service on Sunday, with chills and fever, which have continued at intervals to trouble me up to this time. I have been able, however, so far to fill all my regular appointments, though I am very much debilitated by my repeated attacks."

Another writes in this cheerful, hopeful, thankful strain, which will cast its ray of sunshine on the shadows and gloom of these gleanings from the harvest field, and read out lessons of contentment and thankfulness to all who are more highly favoured, in the good providence of God: "It may be gratifying for the Committee to know, that although your missionary, during the past year, has experienced some trials and some self-denials of a painful nature, yet every cloud has been tinged with brightness, and as it passed away God seemed to light up the future with his goodness and loving-kindness. There is no work like God's work. It is, emphatically, a paying work, not perhaps in silver and gold, but in the deep joy and profound gladness at the growth of the "good seed" and the harvest which is slowly but surely gathered into the Church, the earthly garner of the Lord. Your missionary has felt this joy, which has infinitely more than counter-balanced every pain and every sorrow incident to his duty."—*Spirit of Missions*.

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##### GREEN BAY—REV. E. A. HOODNOVOH.

Right Rev. Bishop Kemper, the indefatigable Apostle of the north-west, visited this mission on the 19th of September, and confirmed fourteen Oneida Indians, seven of whom were heads of families. The Bishop travelled twenty miles through a furious northwest storm in the morning, before service, entered the Mission Chapel soon after his arrival, preached to a crowded house of red men, women, and children, administered the rite of confirmation, celebrated the holy communion, of which nearly one hundred devout Indians partook—going through a service of three hours' duration, and then in an hour's time starting for Green Bay, nine miles distant, where he arrived just at dark; the next morning, starting at half-past five for Menasha, to lay a corner stone for a church edifice which the Rev. C. C. Edmunds there intends, with the help of God, to build at that important and growing place.

As to the Oneida Mission, the spiritual condition of it is most cherishing to all who hope for the welfare of the aborigines of our country, and effectually refutes those who justify themselves for neglecting them, by saying—"they are a doomed race, and can never be taught Christianity, and it is best to let them perish." Oh! it is heart-rending to contemplate the cruel policy which has governed this enlightened and Christian Protestant land in regard to the Indian tribes. We were brought to this Western world that we might convert the Heathen in its bounds, but through our neglect they have been allowed to die in darkness, poverty and distress,

and at the judgment day we can present but one or two in five thousand who have received from us the knowledge of a Saviour. This small proportion can never win the glorious commendation from our ascended Lord—"Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." But are not these Indians of our land some of those little ones who are hungering and thirsting for the Bread of Life? Are we not those who have not ministered to their necessities?

It is with great sorrow and concern that I state the fact, that the Indian corn and beans have been almost entirely destroyed by the frost. Thus, the vegetables upon which most of the Indians depended for their winter's food have perished, and I greatly fear that a great deal of suffering for want of food will be felt by many of my people the coming winter; but I hope our Heavenly Father will give them in some way their daily bread, so that none may starve.

The School House is not yet quite completed, a hundred and fifty dollars more will enable me to finish it for use.

The Sunday School has been well attended, the picture cards sent by friends having been of great service in interesting the children and bringing them to school. The singing of the children is most soul-inspiring, and I have called upon them to sing the same hymn over three or four times in succession, the effect being such as to convince me that the redeemed will never tire of the songs of praise they will join in singing before the Throne for ever.

There are now over a hundred communicants at the mission; surely our progress is slow but sure; the old and the young here and there declare themselves to be on the Lord's side, if so be that he will receive them for his adopted sons and daughters. May he bless his word till the present number increase five-fold.—*Spirit of Missions*.

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