

The Reports of the year's work were full of inspiration. A brief extract or two from Sec. Clark's Report must here suffice.

"The general progress in the mission field, noticed at the last annual meeting of the Board, has been well sustained during the past year. While there has been no wide-spread revival, the additions to the churches have been larger than usual; a healthful Christian life has been evinced on the part of the native Christians, and a juster sense of responsibility for the progress of the gospel among their own countrymen. In some fields the conviction that the truth is with us, and that Christianity is to prevail, is becoming general, encouraging the missionaries to more earnest effort, and to the anticipation of great changes at an early day."

In the *Zulu Mission* there have been numerous conversions, and beautiful instances of consecration. A free-will offering of \$500 at a Zulu meeting is illustrative of the new life and hope for the future. In *European Turkey*, after fifteen years of patient and sometimes disheartening toil the period of growth has come. In *Western Turkey*, in addition to the regular evangelistic efforts, much moral influence over the popular mind has been gained by the Christian spirit shown by the missionaries in relieving all classes of sufferers by the famine,—in marked contrast with the hard, merciless selfishness of the Moslems, and others, eager to make gain out of the miseries of their fellow-men. The results are already apparent in the Marsovan, Sivas, and Cesarea stations. Hundreds, before indifferent, are now ready to listen to the truth.

In *Central Turkey* substantial progress has been made; the churches have been enlarged by additions to their membership, while "the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty have abounded unto the riches of their liberality," by offerings of over \$10,000 to the cause of Christ—equivalent to more than \$50,000 in this country.

The year past has been one of special interest and progress in the *Mahratta, Madura, and Ceylon Missions*. The additions to the churches have been greater than ever before,—in Ceylon amounting to an eighth of the entire membership.

It is not easy to keep pace with the progress of events in *Japan*. The two churches reported last year have nearly doubled their membership, while a third has recently been organized at Sanda. The missionaries are overwhelmed by the opportunities pressed upon them for preaching and personal conversation with inquirers.

In *Micronesia* the work goes bravely on, spreading from island to island, till twenty churches, with more than a thousand members, school-houses and churches built and supported by the people without help from abroad, the quiet Sabbath, the songs of the sanctuary, and peaceful industries, mark the former abodes of of cruelty.

The following brief summary shows the gigantic character of this missionary undertaking.

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| Number of Stations..... | 594 |
| Number of Labourers..... | 1,432 |
| Number of Pages printed..... | 6,171,714 |
| Number of Churches..... | 223 |
| Number of Members..... | 11,546 |
| Number of Pupils..... | 22,523 |
| Conversions in year..... | 1,504 |

As the Secretary spoke of the missionaries called to their rest during the year, Mrs. Spaulding, after more than half a century of labor in Ceylon, where her memory will long be cherished in the hearts of a great company of women who have heard the story of the gospel from her lips; Mrs. Goodrich, of North China, after years of patient suffering; Mrs. Marden, of Central Turkey, the young wife and mother, yet of ripened Christian graces; and Mrs. Taylor, suddenly stricken down but a few weeks after her arrival at her island