

ness and hospitality of the people among whom they visit. They are generally entertained free of expense. Seldom are we called upon to meet bills for board, lodging, &c. Nor could we. Our limited resources would not allow us to carry on the Colporteur work, as we are now doing, if we had to pay for every meal and every night's lodging that our Colporteurs require.

We, therefore, in the name and on behalf of the Directors of the British American Book and Tract Society, beg to tender our warmest thanks to all those who, by their kindness and hospitality to our Colporteurs, have cheered their hearts, and helped them on in their good work. May Heaven richly reward them!

And having experienced your kindness in the past, we confidently rely upon it for the future. Brethren aid the Colporteur in every way that you can in his labour for Christ; and "you shall in no wise lose your reward."

Yours in Christian bonds,

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Spain.

Within a short period the cause of Christ has made most rapid progress in this long benighted land. God has opened up the way for the reception of the truth in a most remarkable manner. Three years ago, it was a crime to read the Bible in Spain; now it is freely distributed by Colporteurs, of whom there are no less than 26 in the field. About 500 Protestant Church members celebrated the Lord's Supper in the capital lately.

Tarsus.

This city, the birth-place of St. Paul, containing a population of about 6000, has lost its ancient glory. Mahomedanism now almost reigns supreme; a dead, corrupt Christianity is observable on every hand. Indications of a coming dawn, however, are now beginning to appear. A Protestant congregation has been formed, a pastor settled, and a goodly number attend Sabbath services.

Elizabeth, N. J.

The first Presbyterian Church of this place was organized in the year 1664, and has never missed a single service during these 207 years. No less than 395 persons have been added to the membership within the last ten years. To whom much is given of them also much will be required.

Rome.

The Week of Prayer was observed in Rome for the first time at the beginning of the New Year.

Abyssinia.

This vast country, the ancient Ethiopia, seems now to be opened up for the reception of the Gospel. A letter has lately been addressed by the King to a missionary, giving him permission to preach to the heathen nations, and expressing the earnest wish that they may be enlightened.

Egypt.

A Theological class for the training of students for the ministry has lately been organized in Alexandria. Nine young men are now attending these classes. One of them is blind, and yet keeps quite abreast of the other members of the class in Theology, Greek and Hebrew. They are all looking forward to the ministry, and are very laborious and successful students. The great difficulty to contend with is the want of text books in the language spoken.

Athens.

A Woman's Missionary Society in America has lately sent out a Female Missionary to this ancient city. This lady purposes conducting a Christian school for girls, and appears well fitted in every way for the post she is to occupy. This school, in connection with the mission work, will be productive of great good to Athens.

Russia.

There are about 2,000,000 of Jews in this vast country, who, according to late accounts, are in great spiritual darkness and extreme temporal distress. Im-