

The Thursday Meeting.—This is held at the residence of Mr. Holyoke, 10 Willmott Avenue.

These three, with the two held at Berkeley Street church and 207 Bleeker Street comprise all the Association meetings now being held in the city.

We add two other meetings to the list of those held outside the city, this month.

"THE AFRICAN NEWS."

EDITORIAL.—BY THE ASSOCIATE EDITOR.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS AND FRIENDS.

At the request of Bishop Taylor we will pass the *African News* into the hands of Rev. Ross Taylor, the Bishop's son and treasurer.

We have published the *African News* for two years and four months. For 1890 we had 3,600 subscribers. We have issued a monthly average of 6,600 copies, the extra copies going hither and thither to extend the interests of Bishop Taylor's work. Of course, this large edition has added much to the expenses, but this extra cost has been personally borne by us, except \$549, from the Bishop toward the cost of the first number, of which 13,000 copies were issued. We have received for Bishop Taylor's African work contributions amounting to over \$17,000. The magazine now goes to the Bishop free from debt.

Respectfully,
T. B. WELCH,
C. E. WELCH.

AND MAY GOD ADD HIS BLESSING.

The *African News*, "bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh," was given life and has been nourished that the cause of God in Africa, under Bishop Wm. Taylor might be helped. Never did we make greater sacrifice of time and money, never did we make a more willing sacrifice, and the best of all is we feel that God has accepted the offering.

For Bishop Wm. Taylor we have continually prayed that he might have a success that would greatly cheer and comfort his heart and so strengthen him that his last days might be his best days. Bishop Taylor will be seventy years old the second of the coming May—a time of life when most men are content to be looking about for their resting-place. To see him ever pushing on and out ought to inspire the youth of the Church into a consecration, and get the

money of the membership into a channel that would soon give salvation to millions of heathen and take Africa for our Jesus. May God give Bishop Taylor the length of days asked for and wisdom and strength to fill them with great things for Him.

Our hearts are very warm toward the dear ones who have gone forth from homes and friends, "counting not their lives dear unto them," and, worse than dying, have lived a suffering life, if happily they may cast a little light into that terrible darkness. We have said and acted that "no sacrifice by us can be too great if we can but make the burden of these self-sacrificing ones lighter." It is the part of some, and how easy it is to say *their* part, not ours, to go. We have tried to make ease-loving Christians to see that it is their part to help to save from suffering those who go, by giving, and giving, and giving; that thus there may be plenty of provision made against lack of suitable clothing and unwholesome food. We find the missionaries quite willing, if need be, to suffer all these things but they cannot do proper work while thus suffering. God bless those at the front—and they must have more than our "God bless you"—they must have a sympathy that begets action, and action that brings help.

Many have been the warm, loving letters we have received from dear ones who have sent us their one dollar, or five dollars and upward, for the missionaries at the front. While reading these letters and learning of the sacrifice of some, we have been deeply stirred and have redoubled our diligence; and because of the money, the work has been forwarded. Friends? Pray on! Give on!

"It may not be my time,
It may not be thy time,
And yet in His own time—"

Lord we wait Thy time. Help us, while waiting to be sure we are doing our part of the work.

MUCH of our Christianity to-day is not practical. The greatest need of the hour is pure men and women, fearless men and women, who dare to be called demagogues, or socially ostracised, and who will stand by their convictions to the end.

Get into close personal contact with reality. No "go-betweens," nothing between you and the divine reality! Work on straight lines, not roundabout curves; straight to God, and straight to God's thought. Be satisfied with nothing less than this—*Sal.*