

were one year ago, we have reason to thank God and take courage, and to say the Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad.' Then we had but about half a dozen members in the town, and they almost ready to despond. Our congregations were small and irregular. Then we worshipped in an uncomfortable and inconvenient school-house. Then we had no Sabbath-school. No Bible class, and no prayer meeting. Now we have more than twenty members in the town, and there is not only an increase in members, but also in energy and zeal. Our congregations are now respectable and increasing. We have a subscription of one thousand dollars for building a house of worship. The building is nearly enclosed, and we expect to have it finished early in the spring. And in the meantime our Methodist brethren have kindly given us the use of their house until our own is ready for use. We have now a flourishing Sabbath-school. And also a Bible class and prayer meeting—both well attended.—D. D. McK.

Remarkable Success.—Importance of Home Missions.—Tennessee.

'The congregations for which I labour have presented a regular call for my services, have pledged me a salary of \$600, and have also provided a parsonage at Hickory Withe, to which I will remove very shortly. I have retained their call until the next meeting of the Memphis Presbytery, which will take place at Hickory Withe, on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath of April.—As they do not ask any further assistance from the Board, this is my last quarterly report; and, in taking leave of the Board of Missions, on behalf of the dear people for whom I labour, I must thank them, as the organ of our beloved Zion, for that assistance which has been heretofore extended to them. And it is gratifying to be able to add that this assistance has not been abused by this people. Their case furnishes one of the clearest illustrations of the unspeakable importance and wonderful efficiency of our Domestic Missionary system. Two years ago, these people constituted only one congregation of eighty-four members; and, though they were unanimous in requesting me to labour among them, it was with great difficulty that they raised a subscription of \$400. Well, the Board appropriated to them \$100 for the first year, and \$75 for the second; and, during the two years, they have paid back into the treasury of the Board, \$60; so that the assistance actually received amounts only to \$115.

'Now for the results. During these two years, twelve persons have been added to their number by certificate, and forty-seven by examination; they are now divided into two congregations; each of these congregations has pledged me \$300 for half my time; one of them, with the help of two el-

ders in the others, has prepared a parsonage; and they have jointly called me to be their pastor. Take into view also their own growth in grace, and the incidental benefits resulting to sister churches, and to society in general, from the regular dispensation of gospel ordinances in this region; and certainly it may be safely asserted, that this little sum of \$115 has been well expended. When will our whole Church awake to the importance of our Domestic Missionary work? In the present state of our country, why should it be held second even to the work of Foreign Missions?—There are hundreds of places where a minister could be sustained with the aid of a small sum from the missionary fund, and where his labours would be blessed to the establishment of self-sustaining churches.—Ought not the Domestic Board to have more room in the "Record?" and ought not the actual results of the labours of their missionaries to be reported in its columns?—R. McC.'

Large Accessions.—Tennessee.

'I have received into the several churches fifty-seven on examination, and eleven on certificate. Baptized sixteen adults and seven infants. About eighty have made a profession of faith in Christ, so far as I have learned; and a number of them have and will unite with our branch of the church, as I believe, during the present winter and the ensuing spring.—J. W. O.'

Small beginnings Blest.—North Carolina.

'When I came here last January, there were five Presbyterians in the whole county. They all belonged to churches out of the county. In May, a church was organized at Ashboro with thirteen members, including only two of the five Presbyterians mentioned above. Our roll now numbers twenty. It is matter for gratitude that we are enabled to make such a beginning. It is well worth a year's preaching and praying, to be the means of bringing twenty sinners into the Church of Christ. I must not and will not despair, since the Lord has granted me some success. Our prospects are encouraging. We expect eight or ten new members at our spring communion.—There is a wide field of usefulness here, and an open door. The county has been neglected by all denominations hitherto, and to their shame be it spoken, by Presbyterians more than any other. I have three or four missionary stations in the county, and the people generally attend well on the services of the gospel.—G. McN.'

A minister revived and at work.—North Carolina.

'I have never known in my own experience such freedom of mind and fulness of soul in preaching the glorious truths of the blessed gospel—Christ and him crucified, our wisdom, righteousness, sanctification