

Foreign Missions.

Official News From the Foreign Society.

The Executive Committee met in Room 55, Johnston Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, November 21, 1891. Devotional exercises were conducted by H. McDiarmid.

FINANCES.—The receipts for the month amounted to \$2,609 06; the disbursements to \$1,998.00

CONVERSIONS.—The following were reported: Three in China; one in India; fifteen in London (W. Durban); fifteen in Birkenhead.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD.—Japan.—G. T. Smith asked for \$4,000 for a chapel in Tokyo. Two months ago the Committee decided to appropriate \$10,000 for buildings in Japan, the money to be paid as soon as the treasury will admit of such expenditure.

The Committee hopes to be able to send \$1,000 to Tokyo within six months. Other buildings are needed. The money for them will be advanced as soon as possible. Japan needs several missionaries. Two are under appointment who expect to sail within the year. The Committee hopes to be able to send several families to this inviting field at an early day.—C. E. Garst and family are at home on furlough after an absence of eight years. He expects to visit among the churches to disseminate information and to create interest and enthusiasm

India.—G. I. Wharton, John G. McGavran, W. E. Rambo and wife, are on their way to India. There is talk of asking the churches in Australia to take the work at Hurda. In case this is done, the missionaries in India will concentrate in and near Bilaspur. The Committee of Supervision in India asked for \$500 for a boys' orphanage in Bilaspur, and \$600 for a school in Hurda. It is the purpose of the Society to grant both sums.

China.—E. T. Williams writes: "Our work is flourishing. A great deal of religious interest is shown among the school boys. I baptized one of them last week. Others are anxious to be Christians, but are opposed by their parents, and have not the courage to act contrary to their parents' wishes. Mrs. Williams and Miss Sickler are helping me in the school. The cholera is raging here with great mortality, and the land is being laid waste by swarms of locusts. The region north of here is threatened with famine. W. R. Hunt gives an account of the outlook at Cheu Cheu. Our fellow Christians there are suffering on this account. One swarm that passed over our house a few days ago was eight hours in passing." In a subsequent letter he adds: "Since writing my last to you we sent off Mrs. Williams and Miss Sickler and the children to Shanghai. Mrs. Macklin and family had gone some days before. A few days later I had a letter from the Consul, saying that the situation was very grave, and that he thought it wise to send the women and children away from the danger. We were very glad we had already done so. The Consul thinks an issue will be forced soon. The allied fleet is just at hand. The dark war-cloud is just on the horizon. We feel very sorry for this people whose blind arrogance and foolish prejudices are driving them to this calamity. We have found many friends among them, and our work never looked so hopeful before. Even during this stormy period we are having accessions to the household of the faith. The people are not to blame; they are ignorant and credulous, easily led or misled by their rulers. They are superstitious beyond expression, and their fears are easily worked

upon. Nevertheless when we are once permitted to get acquainted with them, they soon become our warm friends." Dr. Butehart has begun work in earnest. He writes as follows: "I do not regret the time spent in New York preparing, but only wish it had been more thorough. Rather than send out recent graduates, there is need of men with the most thorough training and experience, and capable of teaching students. One never knows what difficult emergencies one may on a moment's notice be called to meet. One case I had in the Treasury's palace, which I had the third day I was here, turned out well, and we got other cases which all happened to do well."—Dr. Macklin is in great need of the hospital, the fund for which was subscribed at the Allegheny Convention.—F. E. Meigs does not expect to return till September, 1892, owing to the slow recovery of the health of Mrs. Meigs.

England.—J. J. Halcy reports that the new building in Birkenhead is nearly completed. The outlook is full of promise. W. Durban speaks very hopefully of the work in Fulham. W. T. Moore urges that a man be sent to take charge of the West London Tabernacle. Three annual conventions recommended that this be done. The Committee hopes to do this very soon.—The reports from England indicate that a good work has been done in Gloucester by F. W. Troy. J. J. Halcy speaks of it as about the finest work that has been done in England, and adds that it gives promise of the best future results. A lot has been purchased for \$900. It is proposed to build upon it a chapel to cost about \$5,000. Of this sum, \$2,000 has been raised already. The corner-stone has been laid, and the work is being pushed to completion.

The opportunities for enlarging the work are abundant. The demands upon the Society are urgent. Fifty men could be put to work in fruitful fields at once. This would be a small addition to our forces, in view of the need and in view of our numbers and resources. We began this year with a resolution to raise \$100,000. This is the fourth time we have done this. If we are to do the work contemplated by the Convention at Allegheny, we must have this sum. Last year the expenditure amounted to \$6,000 a month. It will far exceed that sum this year. We closed the year with \$1,000 in hand. It will be seen that money and generous offerings will be needed or the work and the workers will suffer. A. McLEAN, Cor. Sec. P. O. Box 750. Cincinnati, Ohio.

Obituaries.

WATTS.—Mrs. Mary Watts died November 25th, at the residence of her son, Edward Watts, in the township of Holland. Her maiden name was Mary Coyne. She was born in Portugal in the year 1815 of Irish parents,

her father being a soldier in the British service, so that at her death she had reached the ripe age of seventy-six years and seven months. The Coyne family came to Erin township in the year 1832. The subject of this sketch was united in marriage to John Watts in 1835 and settled on lot 23, con. 9, Erin, where they remained for some twelve years, removing to lot 29, con. 10, Erin, where Binkham post office is situated. The family had their share of the usual difficulties of pioneer life in Erin until June, 1866, when her husband, John Watts, was instantly killed while sinking a large stone on his farm. Mrs. Watts was now left with a family of twelve young children, as well as increased cares and difficulties, but with commendable courage she faced the task before her, and carried on the business successfully and keeping her children together until they reached manhood and womanhood respectively. In 1878 Mrs. Watts again entered the married state, this time with Mr. John Long, late of Erin, whom she survived by about two years. Seven members of Mrs. Watts' family survive her, namely, Mrs. Sergeant, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Stafford, George Watts, Edward Watts, all of the township of Holland, Mrs. G. Milloy, Hillsburg, and John Watts, Missouri, together with forty grandchildren, and nineteen great-grandchildren. Mrs. Watts had been a consistent member of the Disciples of Christ for the last four years. The remains were brought to Hillsburg for interment. The funeral took place Thursday last from Mr. Milloy's residence to the Union cemetery. Mr. G. Munro, of Erin, improved the occasion by delivering an address on the "Resurrection," basing his remarks on the 15th chapter of First Corinthians.—Hillsburg Cor. Erin Advocate.

Thank the Children.

They run on our errands, upstairs for our books and slippers, our thimbles, our new magazines; down stairs to tell the servants this thing or that; over the way to carry our parcels; to the post-office with our letters. They leave their work or play a dozen times in a morning to do something to oblige us who are grown up bigger, and liable to be less absorbingly occupied than they are. No game of politics or business in after life will ever be so important to the man as the ball and the top to the little lad; and no future enjoyment of the little girl will ever be greater in degree and kind than her present in her dolls and play-house; yet Johnny and Jennie fly at our bidding, arresting themselves in mid-career of the play which is their present work, and alas! half the time we quite overlook our own obligation to be grateful. We do not say, "I thank you." And because we do not say it, we make it difficult for them to be as polite, as simple, as courteous, as otherwise they would be by nature, and the imitation which is second nature to all children.—The Household.

DEBIT AND CREDIT.—How many like him? The Congregationalist thus relates it: "City Missionary Waldron, of Boston, met a prominent business man awhile ago who said, 'Looking over my cash account I saw this entry: Pug terrier, \$10; and on next line, City Missionary Society, \$5. I haven't felt quite easy about the matter ever since, and you may count on me for an additional \$5.' We should like to see a general move among church members toward an examination of personal expenditures. It might create considerable uneasiness of conscience."

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