

of our churches in our foreign work. Their receipts from all sources have been \$1779.38, of which \$1237 went to Foreign Missions, \$274 to Home Missions, and \$94 to Executive and Literature. Of their foreign missionary money a little over \$500 was for Miss Lyman, about the same amount for Miss Clarke at our Canadian station, and the rest was for various objects designated by the donors.

The women work through the Woman's Board of Boston; and, as far as they can, adopt the single ladies who go out from our churches. We grieve with them for the loss of their beloved representative Miss Clarke, but are very glad they find themselves able to adopt both Miss Melville and Miss Johnston, who are now on the sea, sailing for that field where our hearts turn with so much interest; and which is now sacred as the burial-place of two of our missionaries, and one precious babe.

We would be glad of a closer organic connection between our two Boards, by which the women would be represented on our list of officers, and use their organizing talent to develop our church society, and all our gifts go through one channel. We have held some conferences with them about it, but they feel that in the separate life their own feeling of responsibility calls out more efficient services, and that so the final result is a larger contribution; and therefore we will not press what would be distasteful to them.

OUR STATUS.

The question is often asked, "Are we an independent society?" We can reply neither "Yes" nor "No" to this, without qualification.

The condition of affairs is this: The place where our missionaries are located, is called the "Canadian Station." We are responsible for all the expenses of that station, even to our proportion of the business station at the coast, where the business of all the West Central African Mission is transacted. The expenses are regulated at the annual meeting of all the laborers of that mission; each helping to decide what must be done. The American Board pays these bills, and sends them in to us. They allow all the missionaries to go there whom we direct, provided they are of such health and character as the Board's eighty years of experience have led them to consider desirable. Our missionaries have all made their first application to us. We are allowed to send all the money we will to our station; whereas

they would prefer to
ever wish to be
sume all that
separation.
American Board

During the
about the sta
Petersburg in
although little
known in the
world.

It is with
tion of Mr. T.
so well as tre
a warm and
a capacity th

In closing
Christian be
that the reso
out, for the g

All of w