

to do so, that their assistance will be needed very shortly.

The circumstances in which, in the Providence of God, Calvin Church congregation was placed by the total destruction, by fire, of its fine building in April last, and the energy and enterprize which the members and adherents have since manifested, in undertaking the responsible work of reconstruction should certainly command for them the sympathy of all our congregations, and the aid of as many as can give a helping hand in the present emergency. We feel sure we have only to call the attention of pastors and people to this matter to insure the desired assistance promptly. We are informed that the exterior of the new Church is rapidly advancing towards completion, and promises to be one of the finest buildings of the kind in New Brunswick—a credit alike to the congregation and the Synod to which it belongs.

Contributions forwarded to the Secretary will be thankfully acknowledged. Those in Nova Scotia who may find it more convenient to remit to Rev. P. G. McGregor, Halifax, may do so, and their contributions large or small will be forwarded without delay.

Other Missions.

Missions of the American Board.

The following is an abstract of the American Board's Report for the past year:

The graduation of the Mission to the Sandwich Islands, with its fifty-six churches and other Christian institutions well established, and the transfer of five fields to the Presbyterian Board—Syria, Persia, the Gaboon, and two of the smaller Indian tribes,—have given special interest to the external history of the Board for the year under review. By the transfers the Board was called to part with 21 ordained missionaries and one missionary physician, with 162 native preachers and teachers, 19 churches, having a membership of 403—besides 722 communicants in Persia, where no separate churches had been organized,—with five seminaries, including those for both sexes, and 89 schools, containing 2,281 pupils. One thousand and communicants have been added to the churches on profession of faith during the past year; in several fields more than double the number ever reported before in any one year.

TURKISH EMPIRE.—There are 74 churches, with 47 pastors; 49 licensed preachers, increased by 22 graduates from the seminaries at Marsovan and Marash; 1,380 added to the number of registered Protes-

tants, 5 new churches, and an addition of 494 members. Contributions for the year and for general benevolence, amount to \$19,026 in gold; self-supporting churches, 20.

Besides the wives of missionaries, twenty-seven single ladies are devoting themselves to the elevation of their sex in Turkey. In *Western Turkey* a class of 13 graduated and 17 entered the Theological Seminary at Marsovan. An unexpected helper has appeared in an Armenian who preaches Dr. Goodell's sermons to his people, and another in a bishop who converts the gold, silver ornaments of his church into means of erecting school-houses. In *Central Turkey* the work is so far advanced that it is proposed to reduce the number of stations from five to two.

In *Eastern Turkey* the fruits of the revival at Bilis have been gathered into a working church. The out-stations at Erzurum cheer the hearts of the missionaries in that quarter. Steady growth marks the work in the Harpoot field. Besides a strong church at the centre, seventeen other churches have been gathered among seventy out-stations. Although the work is extending, and demanding increased expenditures, yet the increase in contributions from the people enables this station to ask, for 1872, four hundred dollars less than it received in 1871. The people gave the last year \$5,000, half the cost of the mission; 62 are now training for the ministry.

INDIA.—The missions in India have been suffering for want of new missionaries. The five oldest missionaries in the Mahratta field have been in India an average of 24 years each. Ten ordained missionaries in the Madura Mission average over 20 years each.—Dr. Spaulding, of Ceylon, 52 years; his associates, with a single exception, average 25 years in Ceylon. In the *Mahratta* mission a "Native Christian Alliance," for evangelistic work, has been organized. The seminaries at Ahmednuggur, are gaining in influence and efficiency. New interest has been awakened in behalf of women, and fourteen Bible women assist the ladies of the mission.

The number of churches in the *Madura Mission* is 28, membership, 1,403. 95 received on profession in 1870. At least one-fourth of the salary of each native pastor, is now paid by his own church. In *Ceylon*, special religious interest seems to centre in the Native Evangelical Society. Its Anniversaries have an interest to the Ceylon Christians, much like that of the meetings of the American Board in this country. The female seminaries continue to enjoy the blessings of the Holy Spirit in the conversion of pupils.

CHINA.—Notwithstanding the disturbances a larger number have been received