

New York. The secular press reports of that meeting were in the main correct, but some of the papers grossly misstated some facts and more grossly made damaging impressions of missionary economy, by what the newsboys call "scare-heads," in which they put Rev. Dr. Mabie in a false attitude. The writer of this paragraph solicited a correction of these errors from Dr. Mabie himself and received the following, which is gladly inserted.—[J. T. G.]

"Inasmuch as a most perverted use has been made of some allusions of mine on the general topic of self-support at the late conference of secretaries in New York, I submit to you herewith the report which was made both of my address and that of Dr. Duncan, as given by the New York *Independent* of January 25th, a report which voices substantially what I meant to say, and which also states the fact concerning Dr. Duncan's paper."

"The next topic was 'The Development of Self-Supporting Churches on the Foreign Field.' The opening address on 'The Importance of the Measure' was by Dr. Mabie, of the American Baptist Missionary Union, and the next paper, on 'The Best Means of Securing this End,' was by Dr. Duncan, of the same Board. Dr. Mabie called special attention to the point that the self-support of the native churches does not mean the lessening of contribution at home, that the work of missions is constantly increasing. The idea of self-support has less to do with the relief of the churches at home than with the development of the churches abroad; it carries with it the idea of development in the line of aggressive work and the control of their own work. It is essential, moreover, to the proper relations between the churches and the communities. Churches built by foreign funds inevitably assume the foreign aspect, and there was not that spontaneity of work that is essential to the best life of the Church. As an illustration of the proper methods by which this may be secured Dr. Duncan gave somewhat fully the extremely interesting history of the Bassein Karen Mission in Burma, where there are now ninety-one self-supporting churches, and not a single church which is not self-supporting. This was due chiefly to the fact that the missionary who laid the founda-

tions started with correct views, urged the development of lay workers in the Church, and brought about the unique custom of church discipline for covetousness."

The International Missionary Union.

The eleventh annual meeting of the International Missionary Union will be held at Clifton Springs, N. Y., June 13th to 20th, 1894. Arrangements are made by the hospitality of Dr. Foster and other residents of Clifton Springs to entertain all missionaries coming for the purpose of attending the meeting. All missionaries are requested to send the Secretary, before the meeting, their names, societies, fields, and years of service. The Union is continuously seeking out all foreign missionaries who are living or visiting in this country and Canada. The Secretary, Rev. W. H. Belden, Clifton Springs, N. Y., invites correspondence with all such persons. Any inquiries about the Society will be answered by Mr. Belden.

The death of Rev. J. E. Chandler, Sr., of cholera, in India, and of Rev. Alden Grout, who, after thirty-five years of labor in Zululand, died, at the age of ninety, at Springfield, Mass., and the death of Rev. George Douglas, D.D., Principal of the Theological School of the University at Montreal, might well give us pause. Dr. Douglas contracted disease when a missionary in early life in the West Indies, which progressed till it resulted in total blindness and disability of the limbs, which required artificial support for years. He was the Chrysothom of the Dominion of Canada, and a more powerfully eloquent man has not graced the American pulpit or platform. His was a marvellous instance of the triumph of mind over matter. He was a Vice-President of the International Missionary Union, which institution has lost from its roll by death eleven members since June last, included in which list would be Dr. Nevius, Dr. Douglas, and Mr. Chandler.