

him to recommend it. He writes, in December last, in matter and spirit as follows—the spirit being most excellent, but the subject matter far from excellent :

Cincinnati, Dec. 1856.

To our Editors :

DEAR BRETHREN—You have doubtless already learned that the general Convention of the brotherhood, held in this city, resolved that the Publication and Bible Societies should cease to exist, and that the Missionary Society alone should stand among us, to concentrate the general liberality of the brotherhood upon it, as an object of first and vital importance. The whole action of the Convention was most harmonious. All the brethren present pledged their cordial support to the great work represented by the General Missionary Society, and resolved that the mission cause at home and abroad be pushed on with renewed vigor. The spirit of the Lord, we felt was in our midst, urging us on to these noble resolves. It was unanimously resolved, also, and with great enthusiasm, that we begin our renewed efforts in missions by at once permanently and efficiently establishing the Jerusalem Mission. All of these resolves were nobly advocated by the most prominent of our brethren, for age, experience, and wisdom.

The design of the Missionary Society is now first to re-establish *permanently* the Palestine Mission, by sending the Barclay family, who are fully devoted to the work, to Jerusalem, in the early part of the coming year. The family expect now to remain there for life, if the liberality of the brethren will sustain them.

To accomplish this end is the immediate object of the Society. After this object is gained, other missions will be established at the most inviting places. We hope, ere the close of the coming year, to have one or two other missions in operation.

Our object, as expressed by the Convention, is, that the Missionary Society should not be a weak, partial institution, but a strong, national one ; that it should concentrate upon itself the warm affections, and the strong, cordial support, every way, of the general brotherhood of America. This alone, we feel, will enable it to do such a work for the Cross, as we all long to see and pray for. But such a concentration and strong support can only be called forth by a general awakening of the churches, and individual Christians, to see and feel their great interest and duty in this great matter. But this again can only be done by the vigorous co-operation, above all, of our public journals and of our preach-