

easily ascertained. The subject of early and careful training, always surrounded by religious influences, the good seed of the Kingdom may have begun to generate in her soul at a very early age. As a child she was affectionate, like other children, fond of amusement, but delighting also in listening to the conversation of her seniors, or in the retirement of her own room, over some favourite book. At the age of sixteen, she felt herself constrained to cast in her lot with God's people, and so last autumn, in company with a number of others, all older than herself, she stood up in the presence of the great congregation and confessed Christ. Her determination to do so cost her a struggle, for, like many others in similar circumstances, she was impressed with a sense of unworthiness. In correspondence with some of her companions at that time, she complained of the hardness of her heart, and of her utter unfitness for approaching the table of the Lord. She seems, however, to have caught some glimpses of His favour, for, just prior to her profession, she wrote—"I believe that God is answering my prayers. I feel more love towards the Saviour than ever I have done, and I feel more happy than I did." She only enjoyed two opportunities of observing the New Testament feast of love, before she was called to sit down with the general Assembly and the Church of the First-born in Heaven. But her Christian career, though short, was interesting. She loved her Bible, her Sabbath School, and her teacher. She was one of a group of young girls who used to meet together for devotional exercises; and those meetings seem to have been seasons of refreshing to her spirit. True to the instincts of a renewed nature, when she had found the Saviour herself, she laboured earnestly to win others to him. Under the influence of that timidity with which so many young Christians, and especially young female Christians, can so fully sympathize, she found it difficult to speak to her comrades and friends, but she wrote them; and her letters addressed to them, testify to the intensity of the yearning of her heart over them, and for their conversion. She prayed for particular individuals. She wrote to them, and she also invited others more fully in her confidence, to pray for them, and to write to them.

On the 8th of April she was seized with inflammation. It soon became evident that her case was critical, but with a calmness which astonished older Christians, she committed herself to the care of the Saviour, whom she had learned to love, and confidently awaited the issue. She had not long to wait. The disease ran its course in five days. But some time before she died, she was convinced that her end was near,

and joyfully looked forward to her departure. Some one by her bedside inquired: "Sarah, are you willing to leave us?" "Yes," she replied. Her father, surprised at her composure, and almost afraid that she did not realize her situation, asked her, "Why are you willing to go?" "Because I'm prepared." "How do you know that you are prepared?" "I have a new heart." "Where did you get it?" "God gave it to me." "Do you think that you had that new heart when you joined the church?" "Yes: I think so."

On the 13th, after patiently suffering the will of God, she fell asleep, leaving for relatives, friends and school-mates, the animating Message "meet me in Heaven."

Young readers, "Be followers of those who, through faith and patience, inherit the promises."

FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

We condense the Report laid before the late General Assembly at Detroit:—

The receipts of the Board from all sources in the year just closed have been \$457,212.37; the expenditures, including the debt of the preceding year, \$487,969.42, leaving a balance against the Board of \$30,757.07. The Board has kept within the limits of the \$500,000 specified, but this sum would have been reached had certain demands from the field for buildings, etc., been met. The work in New Mexico was transferred from the Board of Home Missions to the Foreign Board, and a beginning of important operations in Mexico has been made. For these and the missions carried on in Papal lands there has been no special provision made by the churches. A rapidly enlarging work must have corresponding aid to sustain it, or it will speedily suffer.

Fifty-one missionaries or assistants have been sent out or commissioned on the field. With the exception of Rev. J. G. Cochran of Persia, the lives and health of all have been preserved in an unusual degree. The number of foreign laborers employed by the Board has been increased from two hundred and forty-two to two hundred and sixty-one. There are also twelve male and four unmarried female missionaries now under appointment.

The following reference is made in the report to a veteran missionary:—

On his return to the Nez Perces Reservation, Mr. Spalding received a warm welcome from the Indians, and soon after he met with great encouragement in his labors amongst them. His religious ser- ices were