

## CHAPTER VIII.

*Extracts from Official Letters of Secretaries—Extracts from other Letters—Needy Students.*

THE following extracts from letters from Secretary Simmons of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and from others, will give some idea of the growth and development of the work :

“NOVEMBER 3D, 1869.

“I want you to ask God, the great and rich God, for the sake of his son Jesus, to help you find one or several of his stewards, who will give \$25,000 to endow the Colver Institute. Work among those who love, and will be glad to honor, the name of that prince among men, Nathaniel Colver.

“J. B. SIMMONS.”

“FEBRUARY 12TH, 1870.

“But God will give us the money, and it will pay large returns. Let us have faith, and so please Jesus. We shall soon stand in His presence with our work done.

J. B. S.”

“FEBRUARY 12TH, 1870.

“To get money you must open your mouth wide, like a young robin swallowing a big grasshopper whole. \* \* \* \* You do not know how the