

in a *conversazione*, and in the third, the lady missionaries discussed freely the comparative efficiency of methods of work. Questions were freely asked and frankly answered.

The New York *Tribune* received by wire daily despatches from this meeting. Of a farewell meeting held for those who would depart before the next annual gathering of the Union it said:

"The evening session in the great tent was crowded with a sympathetic audience to see and hear more than twenty of the missionaries who are returning to their fields this year. Tears and smiles chased one another over many faces as the roll of missionary lands was called, and devoted Christian men and women of many different denominations said they knew no higher joy than to be missionaries privileged to return to the dark lands, where they may tell the gospel to perishing souls. The Rev. Eugene P. Dunlap, of Siam, presided, and the venerable Baptist, William Dean, dismissed the departing missionaries with an affectionate benediction."

The "reception" on Saturday afternoon of the President of the Union and Mrs. Gracey and Dr. and Mrs. Foster crowded the large parlors of the Sanitarium, and was greatly enjoyed.

The thanks of the Union were tendered to its hosts, and Dr. Henry Foster addressed the missionaries. They will not forget his personal testimony to the power of prayer to help even those from whom we are widely separated, nor his forcible closing admonition, in which he said:

"God does not allow his children, as a rule, to remain long together. He permits them to meet for refreshment for a time, but then they must separate for work. It has been so ever since apostolic days. Brethren," he said, "you have had your feast, now go and work." He invited the Union to come again "next year and every year."

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#### Prayer Asked for Missionaries in Peril

Bishop J. H. Vincent, of Buffalo, N. Y., sent the following letter to the International Missionary Union at its late session, and requested prayers in behalf of the parties indicated in the document. It explains itself, and will appeal to all saints whom it may reach:

"Jerusalem, May 14, 1890.

"Rt. REV. AND DEAR SIR:—I shall only write a few lines this time to let you know that our brother and sisters at Kerak, Mr. and Mrs. Lethaby, and their young fellow-worker, Miss Arnold, are in great peril and need the prayers of the united Church. You are the only minister of the Methodist or Wesleyan denomination with whom I am acquainted, and I therefore beg that you will use your influence in the churches to have supplications and prayers offered in their behalf. The Turkish Government has decided to march its troops to Kerak as soon as the caravans to Mecca have passed. It seems that fighting will be inevitable, and, in spite of the pressing representations of the consuls here, the three heroic missionaries have wisely or unwisely resolved to remain firm at their post of danger and, as they believe, of duty. Their Master and ours is, we well know, able to protect them without our poor petitions, but it is His declared will that we should inquire of these things from Him. Yours very respectfully,

"J. E. HANNAH."

#### Letters from Drs. Hamlin and Shedd.

Letters to the International Missionary Union were received from many of its members who could not attend. We give only two of them. They are of general interest:

#### LETTER FROM REV. CYRUS HAMLIN, D.D.

TO INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY UNION:—I wish to send my Christian salutations to the brethren and sisters—fellow-laborers and "companions in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ," and to assure them of my earnest desire to be with them. Thousand Island Park, Bridgeton, and Binghamton are all fresh in memory and refreshing also. I will unite my prayers with yours, that the same divine presence which we have felt in all those re-