

Correspondence.

AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

Montreal, 15th December, 1865.

DEAR EDITOR,—The Rev. S. W. Magill is now here as the representative of the American Missionary Association. Letters to myself from the venerable Lewis Tappan Esq., also from the Revds. Dr. Hawes of Hartford, and Dr. Kirk of Boston, commended him to our churches in Canada. The only mode of reaching them all at present, is through your pages; will you allow him to avail himself of them? A very few dollars from the poorer churches, and a few more from the wealthier, would amount to an important contribution in the aggregate. Money may be sent direct to W. E. Whiting, Assistant Treasurer, 61 John Street, New York, or if preferred, I will receive and transmit it. An appeal for clothing or the materials for making such, will appear to day in the *Montreal Witness*, noting where such may be sent. We shall be furnished with such an official “*permit*” as will secure the entrance of those contributions, whether made up or otherwise, into the United States, free of duty.

Yours very truly,

HENRY WILKES.

P.S.—I mentioned to Mr. Magill that the precise Sunday mentioned, might not be possible as the day of collecting, because of our own Missionary sermons and contributions throughout many parts of the country; but in cases of interference, another can be easily chosen.

AID FOR THE FREEDMEN.

The American Missionary Association, (61 John Street, New York) has sent a delegate, Rev. S. W. Magill, to solicit from the people of Canada, sympathy and aid, in the persecution of its great work in behalf of the Freedmen of the South.

This Association, formed 20 years ago, has ever been devoted to the interest of the colored race; and now they feel specially called upon, to occupy the field so marvellously opened before them, by the providence of God, among the 4,000,000 people of African descent, who have been made free, in the progress of the deedful civil war, which has existed in the United States, but who, though free, are found in a most hapless and helpless condition.

To furnish these destitute people with clothing, with schools, with religious influences and institutions; to civilize, educate, and evangelize them, is the work for which the Association is girding itself, and committing itself unto God.

This Association was adopted by the National Council of Congregationalists, convened at Boston, last summer, and cordially recommended to their churches as the organization through which they might most effectually work, for the highest good of the Freedmen; and they advised the contribution to its treasury of \$250,000 for the work of the current year.

The Congregational Union of England and Wales, at their recent meeting in Bristol, recommended to their churches, to take up simultaneously, on the 2nd Sabbath in January, collections in aid of the work among the Freedmen, and to bestow their benefactions through the organization designated by the Boston Council—and it is felt, that it would be a most appropriate consummation, and a most delightful illustration of denominational sympathy and co-operation, if the Congregationalists of Canada would unite with their English brethren, and contribute to sustain the organization selected by their brethren in the United States, and thus combining and strengthening each other, “a threefold cord not easily broken,” and a threefold force of great effectiveness, would be constituted, by means of which, an inestimable amount of good might be effected, in the work of