

of the three this winter has been a marvel to us all. He came to us a child and he is now a man, and the foremost man too among them all. Our fourth Christian student continues teaching in our girls' school—just at present giving them double time because of Miss Cull's absence. One of the second four has work with a good farmer, and the others are seeking manual labour; we cannot carry our wards from year's end to year's end.

My story is most told now. We are about setting out from home for a somewhat lengthy absence—the wife and our missionary daughter to recruit in Constantinople, while I go on with a company of brethren to our most distant station, Cæsarea, there to hold our annual meeting. It will be a new experience this long overland journey—two weeks each way—but God can, yea will, be there as well as here, and will choose wisely for us. As to the coming year, we can only guess as to what its work may be; whether we shall be continued here or moved elsewhere; if here, what part of the work to be doing, &c. To take the class again and do all the rudimentary drilling, as this past year, has seemed impossible to me. Mr. Stearne has come to us, and is willing to begin as I did. If both of us be left there, I shall hope to make next winter one of special study—of Greek at Athens, and then of Turkish here—while here, doing direct missionary work as far as possible. More and more one comes to long for direct contact with the people—to be neither teaching nor writing, but catechising in the houses and shops, preaching in the pulpit, &c., &c. As to help from Canadian friends, we would here

acknowledge, and most gratefully, valuable contributions of clothes for our girls' school from the Woman's Board Missions, both in Sherbrooke and London; also the very kind gift of two sovereigns to our work in general from the Central Mission S. School, Toronto. Schools of the American Presb. Church, Montreal, have sent \$100 for the benefit of our young men. I should not forget, too, to mention that the two societies of ladies spoken of support each a girl in our boarding school—fifty dollars a year. As to offerings towards our own maintenance, you know much more regarding them than do we. To all mindful of us and our work, give thanks and our sincere gratitude; it would be a spur and help to think we entirely belonged to you. The Board reduced our salary with the new year, and now we are considering if we can further cut it down ourselves. God has been very, very kind to us—mindful of all our needs. We have been continued in life and health, and put much more fully into position for work; life too has been added to us, and we envy no man.

What overturnings the Ruler of all the earth has in store for this bankrupt government and oppressed people we know not; often the beginning of the end seems manifest. Whatever change come we are fully persuaded will but fall out to the furtherance of the Gospel. If possible, may no destroying hurricane be needed to clear this atmosphere of its poisonous vapours. We never dare here pray—"overturn, overturn," &c.; yet the Lord's will be done.

Yours ever,

C. H. BROOKS.

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## News of the Churches.

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THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CANADA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY was held in Zion Church, Montreal, on Thursday afternoon, the 8th June, at 2.30 o'clock. G. S. Fenwick, Esq., of Kingston, was

called to the chair, and the Rev. W. Manchee, of Guelph, acted as Minute Secretary. The Rev. R. Mackay led in prayer, after which the Rev. Dr. Wilkes presented the Annual Report, and also a financial statement comparing