

complicated plans and agencies. But think not to effect anything of value without detail—spring to your home at a leap—perfect your day's labour at a stroke—keep your accounts in columns of gold only—if you can. We must descend to small but oft-repeated acts to attain large results. Our affected superiority to little things prevents our enjoyment of large ones. Our assumed greatness excludes us from the blessing enjoyed by the lowly. Victory was not with Saul's sword, but David's pebble! God enriches the earth with *frequent drops*, rather than *occasional floods*! *Weekly copper and silver* will more easily and amply fill God's treasury, than ever did *quarterly or annual gold*!

*Second, Christian Beneficence*, by Rev. John Ross, 4 pages.

*Third, Storing for God*, by Rev. John Ross, 2 pages.

*Fourth, A tenth for the Lord* by Blind Johannes, 4 pages.

*Fifth, Uncle Ben's Bag!* How it is never empty, 32 pages.

*Sixth, Biblical Catechism on Dedication of Property*, 8 pages.

A dollar or two laid out to dispense these through a congregation must pay ten-fold, and possibly fifty fold in contributions received, besides the greater good done to those who, led to try, will find in increasing measure the blessedness of giving lovingly, constantly and systematically to the Lord.

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### THE AMERICAN BOARD.

The Annual Meeting of the American Board of Foreign Missions was held at Brooklyn a fortnight ago. There was a large attendance of members. An unusually large number of missionaries from different parts of the world, who have been called home for various reasons in the providence of God, are now in the United States, and many of them were present—This was, on some accounts, a meeting of unusual interest, and perhaps of some little anxiety, on account of the change which has taken place during the past year in the relations of some of the Churches to this time-honored and eminently useful missionary society. The union of the two branches of the Presbyterian Church, has merged the two General Assemblies into a common

missionary organization, which will henceforth be the chief organ through which the Presbyterians will co-operate in carrying on the work of Foreign Missions. At the same time, arrangements have been made for the transfer of some of the Missions of the American Board to the Presbyterian Board. These arrangements have been made in perfect accord between the two Boards, and will be consummated only with the free consent of the Missions interested. Overtures by the Presbyterian Board to the Syrian and the Gaboon Missions, for such a transfer, made with the full consent of the American Board, have been accepted by those Missions, and they will henceforth be sustained by the Presbyterian Church. The Nestorian and American Indian Missions are also to be handed over to the Presbyterians. The New School Branch of the Presbyterian Church co-operated with the American Board for thirty years; and that this co-operation should be amicably and cordially terminated is greatly to the credit of all parties concerned.

The American Board is now supported almost wholly by the Congregationalist Churches. It has Missions in India, China, Africa, Turkey, Polynesia and South America. It has won glorious triumphs in many of the high places of Heathendom.

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### SANDWICH ISLANDS.

Our readers will remember that the Puseyite section of the Church of England sent a "Mission" to the Sandwich Islands, headed by Bishop Staley. The Mission was as close an imitation of Romanism as could be attained to. It failed, and the Bishop has returned to England disheartened. He has published his views of the causes of failure. Unconsciously he pays the highest possible tribute to the Christian missionaries who have wrought so very nobly and successfully in those Islands for the past fifty years. He says:—

"We saw ourselves confronted by two powerful rival communions—Congregationalism and the Roman Catholic Church.—The former was to all intents and purposes