

circumpect in behaviour, and attentive to ordinances. The section relating to income will, I flatter myself, appear to you a proof that there is a good deal of Christian liberality among some of the members and adherents of the Church, and I shall be much disappointed and mistaken if the days of the station's burden on the Church at home are not well nigh ended. There has not appeared with us any of that deep general interest in religious matters which has shown itself at home. For the last three years, however, we have had a united prayer-meeting of all the dissenting denominations once a month; the attendance on which has generally been very good, and the influence of which, doubtless, beneficial."

2. *Arouca*.—This congregation has 56 members, there having been 12 accessions, and an average attendance of 110; a weekly class of 16; three weekly prayer-meetings, one of which, conducted by the missionary, has an attendance of 50; and a Sabbath School of 40, with six teachers; 80 district meetings have been held. There are 8 candidates. The sum raised, including £90 for repairs, £31 of which were got in P. t. of Spain, was £148 8s. 6½d. The Rev. George Lambert describes at some length the state of his congregation, and the various means which he has taken, by public lectures and otherwise, to extend and to promote the cause of Christ. His letter is thus concluded:—"I believe I may say confidently this much, that as a church we are making progress, decided though slow; and it becomes us to look back on the past with gratitude, and forward with hope. I may also add, that at present there is here a greater desire than formerly to wait on the means of grace. For some months there has been much more apparent feeling under the preaching of the word; an improved attendance at prayer-meetings; a spirit of deeper seriousness on the minds of many; a desire on the part of some to join the fellowship of the church; and these are all hopeful symptoms. I regard them as such, and have entered on the labours of another year, in the hope and with the prayer, that by God's blessing, these blossoms may ripen into fruit. In these days, big with promise for the future of the Church and of the world, it were almost shameful, if not sinful, to feel otherwise; and as the showers of mercies have been descending on the churches whose messengers we are, may we not reasonably expect, as the result, a larger share in their sympathies and prayers, and consequently increasing success in our labours for the good of others?—*U. P. Missionary Record*.

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1. *Algiers*.—The past year has been an important one in the history of this mission, as during it the Rev. B. Weiss obtained, after much delay and anxiety, authorization for public worship, for schools, and for colportage.

Formation of a Church.—For three years Mr. Weiss has preached in French, on Sabbath and on Thursday evenings, to those who came to his meetings. The result of these labours is, that he has gathered around him about twenty persons, all of whom, with two exceptions, are converts from Popery, in whose piety he has full confidence. These, after very careful preparation, have been formed into a congregation, and have had three elders ordained over them. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper was for the first time dispensed to this little flock on the 26th of March, when the missionary had the presence and the aid of the Rev. Messrs. Sclanders of Musselburgh, and More of Alloa. Mr. Weiss says of this service "It was a bright and refreshing day, very significant in my missionary life, and will remain memorable in fresh colour before my eyes all the rest of the days of my pilgrimage." And the Rev. Mr. Sclanders, who has resided in the vicinity of Algiers during the winter, and who bears very strong and warm testimony to the value of this mission, says, "It was a very solemn scene. I have seldom been so deeply moved; and I can only pray that it may prove the beginning of great things from the Lord upon this city." It is thus interesting to think that there is a congregation of twenty members, with a good prospect of increase, connected with our Church, now existing on the north coast of Africa, a region once studded with evangelical Churches.