

Rio de Janeiro, April 24th; and Bogota, April 16th. We have also received a letter from Mr. Blackford, dated at Barbadoes, May 19th. The sailing of Mr. and Mrs. Blackford for Rio de Janeiro was mentioned in the *Foreign Missionary* of last month. A very severe gale overtook their ship, but all were preserved in safety, except one of the sailors who was killed. It became necessary to stop at Barbadoes for a new supply of water—some of the water casks having been injured in the storm; the captain expected to proceed on the voyage on the next day. Mr. Simonton speaks of his work and prospects at Rio in encouraging terms; as does Mr. Sharpe, at Bogota.

INDIAN TRIBES.—Our advices are dated in the Choctaw Mission to the 14th of June; Chickasaw, May 24th; Creek, May 30th; Omaha, June 6th. From the latter we learn with regret that Mr. and Mrs. Burt have been bereaved of their daughter, at the age of nearly four years. Mr. and Mrs. Ainslie, at Goodwater, Choctaw Mission, we also learn with regret, have met with the same painful loss, the death of a little daughter. Mrs. Ainslie's health was seriously impaired, but it was hoped that a visit to her friends and medical advice would be the means of her recovery. Mr. Hobbs reports the organizing of a new church at Jack's Fork, Choctaw nation, about fifty miles west of his station; 38 members previously connected with other churches were received, under the care of four elders, but they are anxious to enjoy the services of a pastor. A communion service, from any congregation exchanging their old for a new service, would be an acceptable present, Mr. Hobbs says, to this new church. "A big meeting" was held on this occasion by Messrs. Hobbs and Fisk, which was attended by many with much interest; several persons expressed their purpose to serve God. We observe references in those letters to more than usual sickness—from the whooping cough among the Omahas, and the small-pox in the vicinity of the Creek station. One of the most promising girls in the Omaha school was removed by death. Mr. Burt

speaks with encouragement of the attention given to religious instruction by some of the Indians.

SAILING OF MISSIONARIES.—The Rev. Messrs. Stephen Mattoon, Samuel G. McFarland, and Noah A. McDonald, and their wives, embarked at this port in the barque Maury, on the 5th inst., on their way to Siam. Mr. and Mrs. Mattoon are returning to their field of labor, the health of Mrs. Mattoon being improved, though still delicate. The new brethren are both students of Alleghany Seminary, and members of the Presbytery of Huntingdon. We ask for this company an interest in the prayers of our readers.

Receipts of the Board.

IN THE MONTH OF MAY.

	From churches.	Legacies.	Miscell.	Total.
1860	\$7001	\$290	\$1490	\$8,782
1859	8886	1238	2147	12,273

Less in May 1860, \$3,490

The General Assembly on Missions.

THE Report of the Board was presented to the General Assembly at its late meeting, in the usual way. It was referred to a committee of that body, and afterwards the Assembly devoted several hours to the consideration of the missionary cause. The senior secretary of the Board and several missionary brethren took a part in this duty, and the resolutions reported by the committee were adopted. The Assembly also adopted a minute recommending the observance of a Concert of Prayer for the conversion of the world, during the second week of next January. The sermon before the Assembly was preached in the Third Presbyterian Church, Rochester, by the Rev. Dr. R. L. Stanton. We hope to receive a copy of it for publication.

The action of the General Assembly on the missionary cause is spoken of as having been marked by cordial and earnest feeling. We trust that the good resolu-

the mission premises at Lahor has been claimed for the terminus of a railway. Sufficient compensation was allowed for the property, and the missionaries were engaged in erecting new buildings at another place.

—Mr. Newton speaks of the gratification enjoyed by the brethren in the donation of Rs. 2000 to the press at Lodiana, by the English Episcopal Church Missionary Society. This society has mission stations in the Punjab, which have obtained part of their supplies of the sacred Scriptures and religious tracts from the Lodiana press; and this handsome donation is intended at once as a contribution to enlarge the usefulness of the press, and an expression of Christian sympathy with the missionaries. As such it deserves and receives our grateful acknowledgment.—Several of the missionaries in India and other countries have referred to Dr. Addison Alexander's lamented death with the same regret that all our friends in this country feel. In connexion with this, we quote here a remark from a letter of Mr. Brodhead, at Mynpurie, as one of much interest: "He once told me that had he his life to live over again, he should be a missionary."

CHINA.—We have received letters from Canton, May 5th; Shanghai, April 27th; Ningpo, April 24th. The letters from Shanghai are all taken up with the death of the Rev. Reuben Lowrie, on the 26th of April, as mentioned in a separate notice. At Shanghai, four new converts had been admitted to the church from the San-poh district.

JAPAN.—A letter of Dr. Hepburn, dated April 7th, speaks of their continued health and study of the native language. It also refers to the political troubles at the capital, but does not give additional news concerning them.

AFRICA.—Our latest dates are at Corisco, June 30th, and at Monrovia, May 22d. Seventeen new converts had been lately received into the church at Corisco, making fifty within a year. At Monrovia an interesting question was under consideration by

the Presbytery—that of engaging in missionary work among a native tribe at a distance of nearly a hundred miles in the interior. Further particulars may be expected hereafter.

SOUTH AMERICA.—Letters have reached us from Buenos Ayres, dated to May 28th; Rio de Janeiro, May 22d; and Bogota, May 15th. Mr. Sharpe speaks with encouragement of his work at Bogota. He preaches in English and in Spanish, and earnestly desires that much prayer should be offered for the important field in which he is labouring. At Rio de Janeiro a mild type of the yellow fever was somewhat prevalent, but Mr. Simonton does not express apprehension on account of it. The work of the missionary at Buenos Ayres was not more encouraging, and Mr. L'Hombrial's faithful labours would probably be spent to better advantage in some other part of the great field.

INDIAN TRIBES.—Letters have been received from the Chippewa Mission, June 23d; Creek, June 19th; Seminole, June 4th; Chickasaw, to July 4th; Choctaw, to July 4th. Three new members had been admitted by Mr. Ramsay to the church at the new station among the Seminoles. Mr. Copeland speaks of several persons at Bennington, Choctaw Mission, as under serious concern for their salvation; and Mr. Hotchkin, of the station at Living Land, in the same Mission, speaks of some indications of the presence of the Holy Spirit at that station. He also mentions the contribution of \$70.00 to the cause of Foreign Missions by the church at that place,—a sum equal to nearly a dollar for each member, and given by a people still in very limited circumstances. Mr. H. notes a singular but striking proof of their comparative liberality, when he mentions that "all the clothing worn by the members of the church on the day the collection was taken up did not exceed \$375 in value."—We regret to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Burt, of the Omaha Mission, have been called, by death, to part with another child.

MOVEMENTS OF MISSIONARIES.—The Rev.