

The Foreign Missionary.

Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

The Mission in Brazil.

The field in need of more laborers—Stations of the Missionaries—Additions to the Church.

ON the return of the Rev. A. G. Simonton to Rio de Janeiro, the brethren of this mission, after full consideration of its interests, and in concurrence with the views of the Executive Committee as to occupying a station at San Paulo, determined to place Messrs. Simonton and Schneider at Rio, and Mr. Blackford at San Paulo. The reasons for these changes are very satisfactory, and the continued and increased usefulness of the missionaries may, with the blessing of God, be expected as their result. Referring to the prospect before them Mr. Simonton says in a letter dated September 7th: "We hope you feel the importance of sending us reinforcements, so as to enable us to occupy other points in the empire. In the providence of God, there is here a wonderful opening. Facts constantly occurring indicate a more favorable state of things than we imagined. Brazil seems almost on the point of breaking with Rome and all that is Romish. My feeble faith in coming here has already been rebuked, and I trust great things are in store for us. Would not our church do well to occupy this ground, at least from Rio southward? I should be sorry to see a half dozen different churches

planted here, to make an exhibit to Romanists of one of the greatest weaknesses of Protestantism."

Mr. Blackford in a letter of September 8th, thus refers to his expected removal to San Paulo, and then gives pleasing intelligence concerning the church in Rio:

"You can fully understand me when I say, that during the year and a half that I have had the management of things here, my interest in the work and people have so grown, that it costs me much to separate from them. Each passing week opens up new and interesting phases of the work to be done in this city. . . . A sense of the responsibilities and my own insufficiency causes me at times to feel like shrinking from the advance. But I go in His name who has promised to be our wisdom and strength.

"As soon as our arrangements can be completed—in three or four weeks—we expect to leave for our new home. The expense of our removal and the new arrangements will be considerable, but cannot be definitely estimated beforehand. To-morrow Mr. Simonton and family remove to a house nearer the city, and for the rest of our time here we become their guests.

"On Sabbath, August the 9th, we again celebrated the Lord's Supper. It was our privilege on that occasion to receive to the membership of our church three persons on certificate, and five on examination. Of the former, one is from the Free Church of Kilmarnock, Scotland, a lady

recently married here. Another is an American from the Mariners' church, Philadelphia, and the third is his wife, a Brazilian, and from Dr. Kalley's church. Of the latter, one is a Scotch merchant here, husband of the lady named above; the others are one Portuguese man and three Brazilian women. We had also the pleasure of restoring to the privileges of the church, one whom I have mentioned as having erred from the way. His crime was a gross violation of one of the commandments, continued for several months, with some very aggravating circumstances. There were other circumstances, however, which called for the fullest exercise of charity in judging of the matter. His repentance appeared sincere, and an open confession of his fault was made before the church.

"We have to lament that another, one of our native members, is no longer under our influence. We trust God in his grace still follows and watches over him. He was received in June, 1862, and after passing several months with us, much to the gratification of all who knew him, about December or January he ceased to meet with us almost entirely. I have recently learned, after not seeing him for several months, that in March last he was impressed into the army for a term of six years, and is now on a station some distance from the city."

Missionary Matters at Corisco in August.

THE Rev. J. L. Mackey sends us the following letter, under date at Corisco of August 18th, 1863. We trust its perusal will lead to the offering of many prayers for our brethren and their work, and especially that more laborers may be sent into the harvest in this part of the great field:

DEAR BRO.: . . Bro. Nassau and I made an interesting but very laborious tour to the Kombe country and Bapuk recently, of which I hoped to send you some account: He will write you, I trust, by this mail some of the incidents of the trip. [This account has not yet been received.—Ed.] My health has not been very good recent-

ly. I have no active disease, but I am feeble and seem to have lost much of what little energy I had, both of body and mind. My labors are arduous, but not more so than I would be able to endure if my health was as good as it has been in former years. The missionary force we have had here for the last two years has been entirely inadequate to the work we have in hand. This work has grown up to its present proportions gradually, and if it is neglected the interests of the mission suffer. In the early years of the mission there was much labor that might be done or let alone, but that is not the state of things here now. We have a good many native young men employed, and they need constant supervision. Instead of their relieving us, every fresh one employed makes the burden and care to the white laborers greater. The missionary work on the mainland, especially, gives us much care and labor. The young men must be frequently visited; those who are under their very imperfect instructions must be seen and conversed with. There are those who profess to be inquirers at each of our out-stations; it is of the very first importance that they be rightly directed and instructed in the truth.

The superintendence of these outstations is a most vital part of our missionary work, but who is here to attend to it? Bro. Clemens, who gave himself so laboriously to this work, is gone, and the few of us who are now here have more in our hands at our own stations than we can well accomplish. I trust Bro. De Heer will soon be back. Bro. Clark will probably reach New York before this letter does. He left here with the design of returning as soon as practicable. Bro. Clark is an excellent man, prudent, painstaking, attentive to his work, methodical, and I believe devoted to the work here. I trust he will not need to spend more than a year at the utmost in America. Since Mrs. Nassau's absence a heavy burden rests on Mrs. M'Queen. We trust _____, who is appointed to join us, may soon be here to assist Mrs. M'Queen in the care of the girls. But if our mission work is to be prosecuted with the vigor that it deserves to be we must be reinforced. If we are not, there is great danger of our breaking down altogether, or else we will have to change

Mr. Roberts and his family were on a visit to Tungchow, for the health of his wife and child. Mr. Gamble was making excellent progress in executing a font of beautiful small-sized type, which will be of great service. Mr. Green speaks of inquirers and of the schools at Ningpo, as still doing well. The native church-members, as well as the missionaries, deplore the death of Mr. Rankin, which was reported last month.

INDIA.—Our latest letters are dated at Lahor, September 19th; Kapurthala, September 14th; Lodiana, August 31st; Landour, September 19th; Mynpurie, September 1st; and Futtehpore, September 19th. Mr. Johnston regrets the indifference shown to the gospel at Futtehpore. His eyes were improved, so that he could resume some of the services. Mr. Wikoff mentions, with warm interest, the opening of five schools for girls and women at Mynpurie and vicinity, under Mrs. Wikoff's superintendence. We are glad to learn that the health of Messrs. Scott and Fullerton has received much benefit from their visit to the hills at Landour. Miss Mary Anna Campbell, daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Campbell, was married to Captain Alexander B. Morgan, H. M. 19th regiment, by the Rev. J. S. Woodside. The school at Kapurthala had over two hundred scholars in attendance when re-opened. A missionary book of much interest was nearly finished at the Lodiana press, under the supervision of the Rev. John Newton—the Proceedings of the Lahor Missionary Conference. Its carefully prepared papers, and reports of discussions on various missionary topics, will possess great value, and be of special interest to many of our readers. Copies will be sent to this country for sale.

AFRICA.—Letters have reached us from Corisco, August 18th, and from Liberia to September 10th.—See Mr. Mackey's letter on a preceding page, in which he speaks of the missionary force as being quite inadequate to the work. There was much danger of the few laborers now on the ground being broken down by over-work. We regret to that learn

his own health had "not been very good recently." Mr. James, whose experience in Liberia, and good judgment, give much weight to his opinion, expresses strongly his sense of the importance of the Alexander High-school. He desires to see it in vigorous activity, as an indispensable auxiliary to our church in that country. As our readers are aware, measures are in progress for this purpose.

SOUTH AMERICA.—Letters have come to hand from Rio de Janeiro, October 7th, and from Bogota, October 16th. Mr. and Mrs. Blackford had left Rio to occupy the station at San Paulo; Mr. Schneider would remain at Rio with Mr. and Mrs. Simonton. These changes, it was believed, would increase the influence of the mission, though they involved a trying separation between the missionary families, and, what was felt even more, the withdrawal of Mr. Blackford from work in which he has been much prospered. The warm sympathies of the little church will accompany him and his wife to their new station. On the Sabbath preceding their departure, the communion of the Lord's Supper was administered, and four persons were received on profession of their faith. The brethren feel deeply the need of a suitable place of worship in Rio, and they also plead for a re-inforcement of their mission.

Mr. Wallace has resumed preaching in English at Bogota. On the first Sabbath, eleven persons were present; on the next nineteen.

CHINESE IN CALIFORNIA.—Mr. Loomis writes under date of October 14th, mentioning the expected return to his own country of a valued Chinese teacher, whose place he was anxious to see soon supplied.

INDIAN TRIBES.—By a letter of the Rev. P. Dougherty, of the Chippewa Mission, October 31st, we regret to learn the death of his daughter Emily, nine years of age—a child much beloved, whose death is "the first break in the household." A former pupil in the school was received into the church at the last communion season.