

And thus amid trials and discouragements, with now shadows, now sunshine, resting on us, we labor on in this part of the vineyard of the Lord. Fain would we labor on in the patience of hope.

Some of us look back over sixteen or seventeen of the best years of our lives, spent seemingly almost in vain, vexed with daily anxious cares and thankless toil for a sin-loving, truth-hating people. Other and more faithful servants of Christ than we have toiled longer still, or now rest from labors more abundant, and prayers more earnest than ours. And two or three little groups of professing Christians, here and there, "a handful of corn on the top of the mountains", are all that can be pointed to as evidence that so many sermons have been preached, so many exhortations given, so many hundred thousand pages of tracts and the holy Scriptures prepared, printed and put in circulation in this land—these are all that can be seen *on earth*; but, then, some of these sheaves so long toiled for have been safely garnered up in the heavenly garner, and will be to the praise of the glory of the riches of His grace for ever;—all that can be seen *now*, but there is a day coming, we do verily believe, when the religion which has been so widely proclaimed here—a religion revealing the sin-avenging, and yet sin-pardoning God, and an atoning Saviour, the crucified—will be sought after anxiously by crowds of those, who, now satisfied with their refuges of lies, deem the doctrines of the cross foolishness,—yea, they yet will come as clouds and as doves to their windows.

May the set time of that visitation soon come ere our hearts utterly fail us, and we die unblessed! Would that, in an overwhelming sense of our own inability and unworthiness, we could cast ourselves in faith and believing prayer on God's omnipotence; our extremity might prove His opportunity; and the miracles of converting grace we so long to see be wrought in our midst, and His holy name at last be exalted among these heathen of Siam! In behalf of the Mission,

S. R. HOUSE.

Bangkok, October 1st, 1863.

Missionary Work in Brazil.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR 1863.

Sao Paulo, December 31st, 1863.

A REVIEW of the past year of our mission to Brazil, calls for devout thankfulness to God, and is full of encouragement for the future.

Good health has been the lot of all our number, and God has granted us the grace to see some tokens of the power of his Word and Spirit amongst us.

The labours of the year have been chiefly confined to the station in Rio de Janeiro. Bro. Schneider, after laboring nearly a year among the German colonists of Sao Paulo, returned to Rio the beginning of April.

He had, as the writer of this report knows by a subsequent visit to his field, produced such a happy impression on this people, as will give him a powerful influence for good on his return thither. Since April he has remained in Rio studying Portuguese, preaching generally in English on Sabbath morning, and latterly a few times in Portuguese.

Bro. Simonton again arrived in Rio, July 19th, bringing with him his wife; a most important addition to our missionary staff. These three above named, with the writer and his wife, constitute the present missionary force of your Board in this broad and needy land. By the grace of God, with the consent of the Board, and by the liberality of the Church, we hope to arrange one or two additional labourers on the ground during the coming year.

With the beginning of the year, the English Sabbath morning service, which had been suspended for a short time, was again resumed, and it has been continued ever since, with, as is believed, a good effect, and some apparent result. During the entire year a service for preaching in Portuguese was held on Sabbath evening. The attendance on this service steadily increased, till a larger room was found necessary. Near a hundred have been present at times, and the average attendance has been about sixty.

In March, the members of the church were organized into a missionary society, meeting once a month, to join in the concert for prayer, and each member contributing weekly, according to the apostolic rule.

A weekly service for prayer and the study of the Scriptures was regularly held each Thursday night. About September, a Sabbath-school was begun, with an encouraging attendance. Still later, a second service has been introduced for preaching in Portuguese on Sabbath afternoons. Besides these, several meetings have been held in private houses in different parts of the city, for preaching in Portuguese.

Save about a month, a colporteur has been steadily employed in connection with our work in the city. He has rendered a most important service. Indeed such a labourer seems to us to be an indispensable adjunct to our force there.

The colporteur of the British and Foreign Bible Society, formerly labouring under our care, has continued during the past year: travelling in the provinces of Rio de Janeiro, Parana, Santa Catharina, and Rio Grande de Sao Pedro do Sul. He is a man of tried fidelity and aptitude for his work, and the result of his year's labor has been most gratifying.

In September, another colporteur was sent to the province of Sao Paulo, on account of the American Bible Society. He has thus far had marked success, and shown himself most faithful and prudent.

Still later in the year, another colporteur was employed for this same Society.

Until Bro. Simonton's return the services in Portuguese devolved wholly on the writer. The attraction of these services was the simple truth of the Gospel, very often clumsily set forth, from an unskilful use of the language. God has granted us most mercifully the tokens of his Spirit's power, and signally blessed his own word in the salvation of souls.

During the year one Englishman and twelve Brazilians and Portuguese were received to membership in the church, on profession of their faith. Twelve adults and one infant were baptized. One American, one Englishman, and one Brazilian were received on certificate:—making sixteen additions in all for the year. Our mission church in Rio now numbers twenty-two persons, besides the members of the mission families.

One case of discipline occurred during the year; which issued in the evident repentance and full restoration of the offender.

Four funerals were attended—two be-

ing of Americans. Only one death—that of a child—has occurred among those connected with our church. Ten marriages were solemnized. The parties to eight of these were Americans and English; and of two only Brazilians and Portuguese.

We have now authority from the Government to celebrate legal marriages. (One other marriage was performed a few days since, the parties being Germans.)

Most of our people have to contend with many difficulties and sore trials; but we rejoice to be able to testify to their general faithfulness and consistency, whereby the power and grace of God are clearly seen, and our hearts greatly encouraged.

Yielding to the decision of the Committee, [in accordance with views first presented by the Mission,] early in October, the writer and his wife left Rio de Janeiro for the purpose of beginning a station in the city of Sao Paulo. The work here has as yet been pioneer and preliminary. One month was occupied in a journey, of which an account has already been sent you.

On Sabbath we have united with the family of a Christian Englishman, and at times a few others, for worship. The services have been either a prayer-meeting or preaching, as the case seemed to demand.

We commit the future to the Lord, and earnestly ask the prayers of God's people in behalf of ourselves and the cause of Christ in this land.

In behalf of the Mission,

Yours in the Lord Jesus,

A. L. BLACKFORD.

Missionary Work among the Indians;

ORPHAN CHILDREN, AT IOWA.

*Indian Orphan Institute,
Feb. 15th, 1864.*

DEAR SIR. . . . Nothing could give me greater pleasure than the power to awaken an interest in our mission, which should secure for us such prayers and co-operation as should be for the glory of God, and the good of our children. I know how large is the field of benevolent operations in foreign lands, and how largely the sympathies and efforts of all

Mission House, New York.

News received to March 21st, 1864.

SOUTH AMERICA.—Letters have been received from Bogota, February 12th; Rio de Janeiro, February 8th; Sao Paulo, January 27th. Mr. Wallace regards the field of labour in New Granada as in some respects more encouraging than at any former period. No less than three newspapers in Bogota, lately established, admit articles strongly adverse to the Romish Church. From Brazil, Mr. Simonton writes at Rio, "The Lord's Supper was again administered on Sabbath, January 3d. One Scotchman and two Brazilians were received on profession of their faith. Our hearts are gladdened with these fresh proofs that God is blessing us." Mr. Blackford's inquiries and observations, on his recent visit to the German settlements, led the brethren all to conclude that it was expedient for Mr. Schneider to resume his labors among them, and he was at Sao Paulo on his return to those settlements—a measure approved by the Executive Committee.

AFRICA.—Letters from Corisco, of December 18th, and Liberia, of November 10th, have come to hand. We regret to learn that Mr. Mackey, at Corisco, was not well. A visit to this country, we hope, would enable him to resume his work hereafter, in the field where he has spent so many years. He writes—"There are several inquirers, and one young man under Ibia's instruction, who hopes he is a Christian. Our Scripture readers, native assistants; at Kombe report an unusual interest, and their meetings well attended. A letter from Njumbe, another native helper, received yesterday, speaks of a large attendance on his meetings, and much interest—some professing a hope that they are Christians."

JAPAN.—Our latest date at Yokohama is January 5th. Mr. Thompson says, "No immediately serious trouble is apprehended from the Japanese." Some disturbances in Yedo had occurred during the previous month, showing dissatisfaction with those who had most intercourse with foreigners.

CHINA.—We have received letters from Tungchow, December 24th; Chefoo, Decem-

ber 22d; Shanghai, January 8th; Ningpo, January 7th; Canton, December 30th. Mr. Green's health at Ningpo, we are glad to learn, was much improved, and Mr. Morrison was almost well. Mr. and Mrs. Nevius had made a voyage for the health of Mrs. Nevius, a free passage having been offered to them to Hong Kong, and after visiting Amoy and Canton, they were at Ningpo, without much benefit, as we regret to learn. It was nearly decided that they must comply with the advice of physicians, and return to this country. Messrs. Mateer and Corbett and their wives had left Shanghai for Shantung. The reports of the Shantung and the Ningpo missions have been received, both of which show that the divine blessing has attended the labours of the last year. Mr. Dodd writes at Ningpo, that "a meeting of session would soon be held at Bao-ko-tah, where there are three applicants for baptism."

SIAM.—A letter from Bangkok, of December 19th, has been received. Messrs. Wilson and McGilvary were absent, on a visit to the Laos country, referred to in the notices of last month.

INDIA.—Our letters are dated at Etawah, January 7th; Roorkee, January 4th; Saharunpur, January 4th; Sabathu, January 14th; Lahor, January 16th. These letters speak of the missionary work as in usual progress.

INDIAN TRIBES.—We have received letters from the Chippewa mission, Grand Traverse, February 25th, Little Traverse, February 24th; and from the Omaha mission, March 7th. The first of these letters gives the report of the station at Grand Traverse. The church has thirty-four members, all Indians excepting seven; one was added during the year. The school has twelve boys and ten girls, all boarders, besides four white children. The affairs of this station are in a good condition.

Mr. Dougherty had "a day's discussion with a Catholic priest before a large audience of Indians and others, on the questions in the Tract Mr. Porter published at Little Traverse—'Ten Thousand Dollars Reward.' The priest offered to prove them for One Hundred Dollars. He tried, but signally failed."