

assembled in the church for evening prayers. Sad were all our hearts; and there we remembered how that sweet soft voice, now hushed in death, two nights before had warned and told us whither she was going—'to an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away.' This thought comforted us; and though we sorrowed, 'it was not without hope.'—*Quar. Token C. M. S.*

The Life Boat.

A LIFE-BOAT is a strong light boat, so built that it can be used with safety in stormy weather, when no other boat dare venture out to sea. Its work is to save the lives of shipwrecked sailors.

Numerous vessels are wrecked upon our coast every year. Last year the number was 1827, and the sailors that perished in them were 690. The life-boats were the means of saving several thousands, who otherwise must have found a watery grave.

"The Life-Boat Institution" has a fleet of nearly 130 boats of its own; besides which there are nearly fifty provided by other means. These are stationed at various sea-ports, and dangerous parts of

the coast; and on the signal of distress being given by a vessel at sea, manned by its gallant crew, the life-boat is ever ready to set forth on its dangerous mission. Intense interest attends the launching of the boat in a raging storm, when mountains of surf and sea appal the stoutest hearts. Who does not admire the heroic conduct of the noble men, who thus risk their lives to save the lives of others.

May we not compare our Missionary Societies to life-boat institutions? and heathen nations to mariners perishing in a wreck? Multitudes must sink in darkness and despair, unless the life-boat reaches them in time to save. May we not regard the going forth of each Missionary as the launch of another boat, for does he not carry the knowledge of Jesus Christ to those who are perishing for lack of it? The most successful efforts, however, of the life-boat only prolong the toils and cares of the rescued mariner in this troublesome world; but Missionary success secures to the ransomed soul perfect and eternal happiness.

With what intense interest, then, should we ever regard the operations of our Missionary Societies, and how should we rejoice to help them!—*Quar. Token C. M. S.*

Mission House, New York.

News Received to May 19th, 1864.

SOUTH AMERICA.—Letters from Brazil have been received dated at Rio de Janeiro, April 7th, and at Sao Paulo, April 2d. Another person had been admitted to the communion of the church in Rio, one who was until a few months ago a Romanist, quite ignorant of the way of salvation. The Rev. F. J. C. Schneider and Miss Ella G. Kinsley, late of Baltimore, Md., were married on the 22d of March, by Rev. A. L. Blackford, in Sao Paulo. Mr. Schneider has visited the German settlements and was warmly welcomed by the people. He would soon resume regular labors amongst them.

AFRICA.—Our letters are dated at Corisco,

to March 1st, and at Monrovia, to March 2d. We receive the unpleasant but not unexpected news from Corisco that a Spanish priest had arrived and was building a house not far from one of the missionary stations. Mr. Mackey speaks of the missionary work at the out-stations as growing in interest. He was about to make another visit to some of them, to converse with four inquirers, under the teachings of the native brethren. Mr. Paull has been heard from at Teneriffe, on his way to Corisco; he was very well.

INDIA.—Letters have reached us from Lahor, March 25th; Lodiana, March 18th; Sabathu, February 22d; Saharunpur, February 22d; Futtehghurh, March 15th; Etawah,

ting at present, unless for imperative reasons, but expects to join his family here next summer. Mr. Wilson hopes to return to Siam.

INDIA.—Letters have been received from Mynpurie, June 15th; Dehra, May 31st; Lodiana, May 30th; Kapurthala, June 14th; Lahor, June 10th. The Rev. A. Henry writes some interesting particulars from Lodiana. The school for boys, attended by over three hundred scholars, of whom sixty or seventy receive exclusively religious instruction on the Sabbath, Mr. Henry presents as greatly needing the prayers of the churches. He then refers to the Communion service of May 1st as one of much interest. An old man and his wife, and their little boy, a young man—Baisaki by name, and Judith—one of the girls in the orphan school, were baptized in the presence of a large congregation of Hindus and Musulmans. Mr. Fullerton mentions that the new school at Rajpore, near Dehra, contained sixty pupils, and its prospect of usefulness was of marked interest. Dr. Forman reports the ordination of two elders in the church at Lahor, and he adds: "Our little church is now quite full on Sunday mornings, and pleasant it is to break to them the bread of life. A few years ago, all these were heathen, bowing down to wood and stone, or repeating the creed of the Musulman." Dr. Forman mentions that a school for native Christian girls was about to be opened at that station. On the 13th of July, the Rev. John J. Walsh and his daughter, Miss Marion Walsh, embarked at this port on their journey to Allahabad. We are glad to mention that Mr. Walsh considers his health to be completely restored. Miss Walsh goes out under an appointment as a missionary teacher; and the prospect of useful labor for the native females, which will be set before her at Allahabad, is of encouraging interest.

AFRICA.—Our latest advices from the Corisco Mission are dated to May 23d, reporting the arrival at Corisco, on the 28th of April, of the Rev. G. Paull, and the departure of the Rev. J. L. Mackey,—who arrived here on the 5th of August, on a visit for his health. Mrs. Mackey remains at the station, the need of laborers there not allowing her to accom-

pany her husband, unless it had been a matter of unavoidable necessity. He is encouraged to hope that he will be able to return to Africa at an early day.

SOUTH AMERICA.—We have received letters from Brazil, dated at Sao Joao do Rio Claro, June 27th; Sao Paulo, June 22d; and Rio de Janeiro, July 7th. From the last, we learn with deep regret the death of Mrs. Helen Simonton, wife of the Rev. A. G. Simonton, on the 27th of June. Sincere sympathy will be felt for her bereaved friends, and her young infant daughter. Called to depart this life on a very brief summons, she was kept in peace, and was ready to enter into the joy of her Lord. The early removal of one so devoted to her work, and so well qualified to exert the happiest influence, is a great loss to the mission.

At both the southern stations, the brethren were meeting with encouragement in their labors.

FINANCIAL MATTERS.—We regret much to report no improvement in the rates of foreign exchange. As these now rule, our whole missionary work is threatened with the most serious embarrassment, perhaps with the greatest disaster; not less than *double the income* of the Board in any former year will be needed to carry on the missions to the 1st of next May, as the case now stands. A full statement of the subject will no doubt be published by the Committee at an early day, unless some great change for the better should take place.

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IN JULY, 1864.

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