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RECENT INTELLIGENCE.

MISSION ROOMS, COLUMBIA, S. C., July 27th, 1871.

We have only two very brief letters by the last China mail, one dated Guchow, May 25th, and the other of Hanchow, June the 5th. Mr. Houston was at Shanghai on business at the last mentioned date, and Mr. Stuart had just arrived at Hanchow, after several months isolation from the rest of the mission. Mr. Helm had partially recovered from lameness, but was suffering from disordered liver. They feel very sensibly the want of a female superintendent for the girls' school. It has been kept in operation with no little difficulty and inconvenience. The prevailing impression about the late communication from the Imperial Government in relation to missionary labors in the country, is that there will be no serious effort made to carry this threat into effect. The proclamation has met with no favor on the part of the representatives of the Western Powers; and the haughty demand was probably suggested to the Chinese authorities in the first instance by the prostrated and disorganized condition of France. It is scarcely possible that the Emperor is prepared for war with all four of the treaty-making powers at one time. Still, however, there is abundant occasion for prayer to Almighty God that the terrible calamities of war may be averted from that land.

A letter has been received from Mr. Morton of the Brazil Mission as late as the 19th of June. It is mainly occupied with the great importance of opening as speedily as possible an institution for the education of the rising generation. If such an institution as the circumstances seem to demand, could be put into operation, it would not only be the means of promoting the interests of true religion, but would be a blessing to the country at large. Mr. Lane has been spending several months in this country, soliciting means to purchase the necessary grounds and erect the needed buildings for such an institution.

The latest letter from Mr. Pratt, of the mission at Barranquilla, is dated June 19th. He speaks of the very excellent health which he and his family have enjoyed, the variable attendance upon public instruction, and the great importance of being reinforced as speedily as possible.

Our latest intelligence from the Choctaw Mission is from Spencer Academy of June 16th. Mr. Colton had removed from Pine Ridge to Spencer for the purpose of opening the school there, which has probably been done before the present time. A letter from Mr. Lloyd, published in the present issue, shows how he is employed, and the prospects of his mission.

AN ENCOURAGING LETTER.

We publish the following brief letter without date or name of the place from whence it came, as a specimen of many of the kind that frequently come to hand:

"DEAR DR. WILSON: About one month ago I placed a mission box on my wardrobe shelf, and told my little folks that I would not give them any thing to put into it, but would help them to earn something to put in. To-day we opened the box and found that it contained exactly \$5.00. One little girl, aged twelve, earned 65 cents by washing baby clothes at 10 cents per dozen; the little boys earned 90 cents by doing more household work than had ordinarily been assigned them; the three-year-old child earned its mite by rolling the wagon of its baby brother—so these constitute the gift of the widow and the fatherless, and is sent for Chinese mission schools."

LETTERS FROM MISSIONARIES.

Brazil Mission.

Letter from Rev. G. Nash Morton.

CAMPINAS, June 19, 1871.

I received your letter by the last mail. I am very glad to hear that you have made the appropriation for the chocora. I think it will be a very useful piece of church property, and it is large enough for all purposes.

If we could only make a start here in the way of establishing a good school, I am sure that we would be well sustained. Some of the most influential citizens in the place have come to see me to talk to me on the subject. They do not like to take the *initiative* in setting up a Protestant school; but if the school be once *begun*, they will assist us with both money and students. There is also another matter in the way of their doing anything in the beginning. There have been several abortive efforts to establish a seminary here.

These efforts have proved failures, not from any real difficulties in the undertaking, but simply from the lack of enterprise on the part of the managers. Now the Brazilians are somewhat chary of embarking in any scheme for building a college, unless they can see before them some kind of a pledge that it will not fall through and be abandoned as have the other schemes. For this we cannot blame them, especially as we are foreigners. We have now an opportunity to get a foothold here which we shall probably never have again. We have an opportunity to establish, under the most favorable patronage, an institution which may educate teachers, legislators, etc., for all parts of the Empire. I believe that if one-half of the money could be raised in the United States, the other half could be found here without any difficulty. The most influential citizen in this place

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says that we may count on at least three hundred students to begin with. Such an opening does not exist anywhere else in Brazil, and I suppose that such does not exist in any other mission field in the world. If it is worth anything to hold the educational interest in our hands, now is the time to secure it.

I have some earnest calls to go and preach in several of the neighboring towns. I am only awaiting the improvement of the roads to go and fulfil them.

Colombia Mission.

Letter from Rev. H. B. Pratt.

BARRANQUILLA, May 28, 1871.

* * * * But allow me to say, in reference to the teacher, that we are both of the opinion that if we intend to do anything here, a teacher ought to be sent out at once, if any suitable man can be found. I have arrived at the conclusion that you do not want to send us a teacher until some more favorable crisis of our affairs presents itself, and that for the year past you have been waiting for more favorable reports before strengthening the mission. This, I think, is a serious practical error. We need help in our work; and as the expectations we formed of finding warm friends and steadfast helpers here are so completely disappointed, the longer you delay to send us an efficient helper, who will also enable us to present to the enemy a more imposing front, the worse it will be for all concerned. If Mr. E. can't come, somebody else ought to come without delay—and that somebody a man of faith, zeal, and constancy; a man of experience and expedients withal, hopeful and helpful; for we shall have use here for more good qualities than he can well bring. A small English school he can get at once.

MAY 30.—I hope to turn my passion for fruit culture to good account here, as there has been nobody to give attention to the cultivation and improvement of the fruits of the country. I have a lot about 40x75 or 80 yards, bought and paid for, and should ere

this have enlarged it to a fraction over an acre of ground, except that one calculating fox who owns twelve yards front between two lots I wish to join, breaks his word given, and refuses to sell or exchange. If I can get the whole in one body—70x80 yards—I will have a choice lot indeed, admirable adapted for all our purposes—house, yard, garden, poultry-yard, etc. I hope in less than twelve months to purchase and enclose with a good fence that will last twenty years, without at all exceeding the amount appropriated by the Committee for the aggregate of our expenses. I do not like spending so much work and money on another man's property.

We are greatly obliged to Mr. Coulson for his many past kindnesses; but we shall not need trouble him any more, as Messrs. Punderford & Jenny, No 1 Terry St., New York, buy all we need in New York, charging a regular commission, for all which I make settlement here.

I am in hopes of effecting some arrangement by which I shall get Gallardo here again. I have half a hope I have found one young man, in humble life but intelligent and trusty, who will seek and find the Lord, and be a helper indeed. But such hopes have been so often deceived, that it is hardly worth adverting to as yet.

JUNE 15th, 1871.

* * * I have nothing further of interest to report since my last, except the continuance of our regular services—Sunday-school and sermon at the chapel, Sunday-school at home in the afternoon, preaching at night at some private house, and also once or twice as I have opportunity during the week. Our Sunday afternoon school succeeds so far even better than I had hoped. Night preaching, however, does not succeed so well as I had hoped, owing to ignorance, prejudice, and indifference, especially as I have no enlightened and converted native to take a deep and lively interest in the matter. Still, I always have more hearers than at the chapel and respectful attention. The rest is in the