

practical infidelity within the Church is paralysing to her energies. Outside of the Church, the sins of Sabbath-breaking, profaneness, and intemperance, are rife in many places. As these things sorely try, so should they stimulate the faith of our people, and arouse them to proportionate prayer and effort. Faithful is He who hath promised that the cry of his people shall be heard, and their labor shall not be in vain in the Lord.

WM. S. PLUMER, *Moderator.*

### TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Executive Committee of Foreign Missions would respectfully report, that they have used all possible diligence to advance the interests of this great cause, and, as they humbly hope, not without some measure of success. A general survey of the work, both in its home and foreign aspects, brings to view facts alike favorable and unfavorable—the one class calling for serious and prayerful thought on the part of the people of God, and the other for expressions of sincere gratitude to the great Head of the Church. No great enterprise of Christian benevolence is ever successfully carried out in this ruined world without alternations of shade and light, hope and anxiety; and least of all are we to expect exemption from such alternations in that great undertaking which contemplates nothing less than the entire evangelisation of all the great heathen nations of the earth. To expect an achievement of such vast magnitude without encountering and overcoming difficulties and discouragements of somewhat corresponding proportions, is not only to misapprehend the true nature of that disciplinary training which God has appointed his people here, but it is also to misapprehend the nature and conditions of that terrible warfare that must be waged before the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ.

The afflictive events referred to are those mainly that have taken place in connexion with the

#### CHANGES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE MISSIONARY FORCE.

It is only a few weeks since the papers announced the death of the Rev. Elias B. Inslee, the founder of the Chinese Mission. It will be remembered that his suffering condition was announced in the last Assembly, and that special prayer was then offered in his behalf. He continued to decline until the autumn, when it was found absolutely necessary for him to return to this country with his family. They arrived at San Francisco on the 17th November, and a few days after they reached Louisville, Ky., where they remained during the greater part of the winter, receiving much kindness from Christian friends in that place. He reached New Orleans the early part of April, but died on the 8th of the same at the house of his friend, Dr. Doremus, after a good deal of severe bodily suffering, but with great calmness and submissiveness to the divine will. He left his large and helpless family, in his own expressive language, "to God and the Church." God will undoubtedly show himself to be the husband of the widow and the father of the orphan. Will the Church be mindful of the charge committed to its care? Mr. Inslee labored nearly fourteen years in China, and has scarcely been surpassed for zeal and devotion to his work. Rev. Cyrus Kingsbury, D. D., the founder of the Choctaw Mission, and for more than fifty years an active and untiring laborer in connexion with it, departed this life on the 27th of June, after severe and somewhat protracted sickness. The last Assembly, being informed of his enfeebled condition, directed a letter of condolence and sympathy to be addressed to him. He

making the whole membership twenty-two. A plain church edifice has been erected during the year, and is used for public worship. There is one out-station, five miles distant from North Fork, where the attendance upon public preaching is large, and where there are a goodly number of persons who seem to be anxious about their salvation.

*Cherokee Mission.*—Rev. Stephen Foreman labors at Park Hill, about five miles from Tahlequah, the capital of the Nation. He has two out-stations where occasional preaching is maintained, the one about five miles, and the other seventeen, from Park Hill. A neat and comfortable house of worship has been fitted up at the principal station, in which religious services of some kind or other are maintained every Sabbath. The number of church members is seventeen, though it is probable that additions have been made since the date of our last letter. Rev. Hamilton Balentine labors near Chetopa, in the northwest corner of the Territory, and about eighty miles from Tahlequah. The population immediately around him consists of Cherokees, Shawnees, and whites, generally very poor, but orderly and industrious, and apparently desirous of being made acquainted with the truth. A church has been organized, and embraces nine members.

## ITALIAN MISSION.

Nothing of a very marked character has taken place in the condition of this mission during the year. Miss Ronzone still labors in the school at Bordighera, but employs her pen at the same time to advance the cause of pure religion in her native land. She was permitted to receive two of her relatives into the school which she teaches, in relation to whose spiritual welfare she has encouraging hopes.

## MISSION IN THE UNITED STATES OF COLOMBIA.

Mr. Pratt and family have enjoyed excellent health during the year, and have been treated with great kindness both by foreigners and natives. The attendance upon public preaching has been variable, as in former years; but the attendance upon the Sabbath-school has been good and steady, and it is hoped that it may become the instrument of great good. Mr. Pratt has made several preaching tours to the towns and villages to the south and south-east of Barranquilla, and has found a wide door opened for preaching wherever he has gone. He is thoroughly convinced that the time has come for the enlargement of the mission, and he desires that a minister and a teacher should be sent out as speedily as possible. His journal of a tour into the interior will be published in the forthcoming number of the *Missionary*, and deserves to be carefully read by all friends of missions.

## BRAZIL MISSION.

In no part of the Papal world are the prospects of missionary labor perhaps more encouraging than in Brazil. The prestige of Romanism seems to be gone; the people are anxious for instruction; the Government appears to entertain kindly feelings towards Protestant missionaries, and the gospel is preached without let or hindrance. At Campinas, the headquarters of our missionary operations, the attendance upon preaching is constantly increasing, the Sabbath-school for children and the night-school for adults are largely attended, and much of the good seed is being sown in the hearts of the people. An institution for learning, especially where boys and young men can be fitted for teaching and preaching the gospel, is greatly needed; and as a part of the object of Mr. Lane's visit to this country is to obtain means for the establishment of such an institution, it is earnestly hoped that his mission will be regarded with great favor by all who love the missionary cause and pray for the coming of Christ's kingdom.