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ADDRESS AT A MONTHLY PRAYER-MEETING.

Brethren,

THE special purpose for which we are assembled together is to pray that *the kingdom of God may come*. Permit me to offer you a few ideas on the nature of this kingdom, as reasons why we ought to pray most earnestly and perseveringly for its advancement. I cannot hope indeed that my observations will prove interesting to such people as place their felicity in eating, drinking, wearing fine clothes, or accumulating dollars. But I address myself to a very different description of persons; to those who think and feel that there is something far better to be enjoyed, even in the present world, than all the pleasures which mere earthly objects can afford.

In general, the kingdom of God is that dispensation of infinite wisdom and mercy, through our Lord Jesus Christ, on which the salvation of man from sin and guilt and eternal ruin absolutely depends; that dominion in which the God of love reigns supreme over the hearts of a willing and obedient people. But let us take some views of this sublime institution a little more particular.

In the first place, then, the kingdom of God, is *the kingdom of truth*. Every well regulated mind perceives an intrinsic loveliness in truth, in all truth, as opposed to falsehood. Even in things of small consequence, such a mind feels itself disgusted at representations of objects and events otherwise than they really are; and nothing is found more offensive among mankind than the charge of an intentional departure from

exercises of each day. When ministers of the gospel attend, which is frequently the case, in addition to singing and prayer, they often deliver a short and appropriate address to the teachers and children.

Every friend to his country, and to the church of God, will unite in commending Sunday Schools to the merciful regard and special protection of Jehovah Jesus, whose glory they are calculated to promote.

A Friend to Sunday Schools.

Jefferson County, Va. Nov. 16th '19.

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From the Recorder.

MISSION TO JERUSALEM.

We have often had occasion to speak of the proposed Mission to the Land of Promise, and are now happy to inform our readers that the Missionaries are actually embarked. Messrs. *Levi Parsons* and *Pliny Fisk*, the gentlemen designated for this Mission, reached town on Saturday morning, expecting to sail on that day for the Mediteranean, had they not been prevented by unfavourable winds. On Sabbath noon the Old South and Park Street Churches at the request of the former, united with the Missionaries in the Old South Church in celebrating the Lord's Supper. On this occasion, the services were performed by Rev. Dr. Worcester, Rev. Messrs. Codman, Fisk, Jenks, and Dwight. It was eminently a feast of love, and greatly refreshed the hearts of all who were present. On Sabbath afternoon, Rev. Mr. Parsons preached a sermon in Park-Street Church connected with the subject of the Mission, from Hosea iii. 4, 5, "For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim: Afterwards shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king; and shall fear the Lord and his goodness in the latter days." In the evening, Rev. Mr. Fisk preached at the Old South Church to an overflowing audience, from Acts xx. 22. "And now behold, I go bound

in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there." Both the sermons are to be printed. We shall only say, therefore, that they were heard with the deepest interest by those who were present; that they are admirably calculated to promote the great object in view, an interest in the enterprise in which they are engaged, and that we hope they will be extensively read by the Christian public. Clear we are, they have done much good in Boston. After the sermon by Mr. Fisk, and a collection of more than \$300, Rev. Dr. Worcester read the Instructions of the Prudential Committee of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

On Monday evening, at the United Concert of the Old South and Park-street Churches, the two Missionaries addressed them, and united with them in prayer. This interview was peculiarly interesting and affecting to the members of those Churches. In a sense, the Mission had originated among them. At their united monthly concert for prayer during the last twelvemonth they had contributed a sufficient sum to support one of the Missionaries. During the year they had become deeply interested in the Mission itself, and personally attached to the two gentlemen engaged in it, both as preachers and as men. This was probably their last interview. We cannot but look upon it as a gracious interposition of Providence that the Missionaries were detained by a head wind through the Sabbath and Monday. Much good we believe has been done, in consequence of it, to the cause of Christ. On Wednesday morning the wind becoming directly favourable and the weather remarkably fine, the Missionaries embarked in the *Sally Anne*, Capt. Edes, for Smyrna. The vessel is to touch at Malta for a few days. From that Island we may expect to receive interesting intelligence from them. It was a most favourable circumstance for the Missionaries, that the steward of the ship, a native of Trieste, converses freely both in the *modern Greek*, and in the Italian. They may

derive much assistance from him, especially in the pronunciation of the former of these languages, which is in a sense his mother tongue.

While at Smyrna, the Missionaries will early visit the Seven Churches of Asia, which are all still in existence; if the fact that a few Christian families (at least) still remain in each of the places formerly occupied by those Churches, will justify such an assertion. We hope they will send us, by the time when the spring opens, such accounts of these Seven Churches, that some of our Churches in New-England will send out and support Pastors sufficient to take the oversight of them. What a field of benevolence is here laying open to those who love our Lord Jesus Christ. The Missionaries are to direct their course to Jerusalem, as soon as they shall have been prepared at Smyrna for their operations in that city.

It is a most pleasing circumstance, that through the enlarged benevolence of an individual, a foundation has been laid for the establishment of a Bible Society, if practicable, in Jerusalem, where the Apostles first began to preach the Gospel, and to which our Churches are now sending it back. Let Christians throughout this country, pray for the blessing of God on this Mission, as well as on that which has lately gone to the Sandwich Islands. Let them pray that the companions of their voyage may be renewed by the Spirit of Grace, and brought into the Divine kingdom. Let them do this continually and in such a manner as to receive for them the blessing which they ask.

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From the Religious Remembrancer.

Theological Seminary at Princeton.

(Circular.)

To the Congregation of _____,

Brethren—The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, located at Princeton, New-Jersey, beg leave, as its constituted guardians, to call the attention of the Churches to its situation and necessities.

This Institution, founded for the glory of God, has no resources for

its support, but the charities of its friends. Many have been educated for the service of the church, whose labours have been blessed of the Lord. Every year our Institution has been growing more and more important, and its promises of usefulness are now very encouraging to the hopes and hearts of those who love the kingdom of the Redeemer.

With all its fair prospects of usefulness, it has still to struggle with pecuniary difficulties, and the Board of Directors are now obliged earnestly to entreat the attention of the Churches, to the recommendation of the last General Assembly, intended for the relief of our Seminary. The contingent fund, established to meet the current expenses of the Institution, is exhausted, and some important calls upon the treasury have been refused and returned.

There are now between fifty and sixty students in the Seminary, and unless the Churches rouse to its assistance, its whole operations must be greatly embarrassed, if not entirely arrested. To supply its immediate wants, the Assembly have recommended a collection to be taken up in *all* the congregations under its care. The following is the recommendation of the Assembly, extracted from their minutes:

“Whereas it appears to be of much importance that the contingent fund destined to defray the current expenses of the Theological Seminary, should be replenished as speedily as possible, the General Assembly do earnestly recommend that a collection be taken up in aid of this fund, in all the congregations under their care, on or before the first Sabbath of November next; and that the same be forwarded with as little delay as possible, to the Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly, Mr. Isaac Snowden, of the city of Philadelphia.”

We beg leave to remind our Christian brethren, of the vast importance of attending to this duty. It is indispensable to the honor and usefulness of the Institution. We have no hope of present relief, but in these contributions; and we entreat our brethren not to neglect them. If the

collection cannot be taken up by the time specified in the recommendation of the Assembly, let it be made as soon after as practicable.

We know full well, that the times are difficult; but let it not be forgotten, that they press with peculiar severity upon charitable institutions, and furnish the most weighty arguments to the Churches, for increased exertions on their behalf. If ordinary resources fail, extraordinary efforts must be made. The souls of men are not less valuable, than in seasons of prosperity. The force of all the considerations that should inspire us with zeal for the salvation of our fellow men, is undiminished.—We have “counted the cost,” and we must not hesitate nor “draw back.” *We must persevere.* Shall we, dear brethren, disappoint the hopes we have excited? Shall we, at this period, abandon an Institution which has been attended with the blessing of Heaven—which has been honored as the instrument of “building up waste places,” and which promises so much for the glory of the Redeemer, and the happiness of men?

We are induced to address you from a deep sense of duty, and because we feel that we should neglect the trust reposed in us, if, while we call your attention to the recommendation of the Assembly, we did not state to you our necessities, and our dependence on your bounty.

The Seminary is the property of the Church—the subject of its prayers, and the object of its hopes.—We present its wants, and intreat its friends to foster it. Let us remember what God has done for our souls; let us look to our destitute brethren, perishing for lack of knowledge; let us not forget the obligations we owe the dear Redeemer; and in view of all the motives that press upon us in relation to our much-loved Seminary, let us ask, in the language of the dying Patriarch, “Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?”

Signed by order of the Board,

ASHBEL GREEN, *President.*

JOHN McDOWELL, *Secretary.*
Princeton, Sept. 23, 1819.

SENECA INDIANS.

BUFFALO, N. Y. Oct. 19, 1819.

The Indians of the Six Nations have lately held two councils upon the proposals made to them by government, to establish schools and other improvements among them, one at Oneida, and the other at their village near this place. Their debates were warm, and for a time violent. It is well known that the pagan party of these Indians, which compose a large majority of the whole, have always strenuously opposed any advance towards civilization. But they have at length yielded to the arguments of the Christian party, and have consented to accept the proposals of government, and to establish schools in all their settlements. The adoption of Christianity has also been a subject of discussion in these councils; and although they have not unanimously agreed to receive missionaries among them, yet they have indicated a much more favourable disposition upon this subject than formerly, and the sentiments of many of their principal leaders seem to be entirely changed. This revolution in the views of the Indians will appear surprising to those who have known their inveterate enmity towards the Christian religion. We are indebted for it to the united exertions of the agents, Messrs. Parish and Jones, and Mr. E. Williams, the Episcopal Missionary at Oneida, assisted by the Oneida chiefs. We trust it will be productive of much good, and the news of it grateful to every friend of humanity. There is now no doubt but that the Indians will soon receive the Christian instructors in all their settlements. And by the joint influence of learning, arts, industry, and religion we may confidently hope to see their condition meliorated, their minds enlightened, and their morals improved.

From the Report of the N. Eng. Tract Society.

UTILITY OF TRACTS.

Extract of a Letter from New-Jersey.

A man, in my parish, more than sixty years old, had been, thirty years, a drunkard. Having wasted his property, he bought a livelihood