Correspondence.

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 8, 1864. A FEW RANDOM WORDS.

The American patriot who reads the comments of European writers upon American affairs must be well fortified with knowledge, with hope, and with faith, not to hang his head in sorrow and shame for the evils that are upon us and for the woes that threaten. Our "vulgar republic" is disparaged, pitied and contemned by able and plausible statesmen, philanthropists and religionists, who have discovered not only that we are a rabble incapable of appreciating the safe, stable and beneficent influences of "the good, strong, paternal despotism" they would commend to us, but that even "the practice of the Christian religion" on the North American continent, as the gentle Mr. George Augustus Sala writes, "has degenerated and deteriorated, through the unworthiness of the ministers of that religion; * * * and that active and earnest Christianity has become practically a failure among twenty-two millions of people who con-

temn its charitable and merciful doc-

trines."

Shall we defend ourselves by repeating the unanswerable array of statistics so often presented for the purpose, and Dr. Worcester, Recording Secretary. by again urging the arguments that read the minutes of the last meeting, have carried conviction to the candid which was held in Rochester last year. mind? And shall we point to the most Abstracts of the Annual Report were immoral and the most irreligious of our people, and tell where they are from, and ask why they have come hither? By no means. An attitude of defence is, in general, an indication of conscious weakness. When it shall no more be assumed by American writers, our triumph will be complete. If Europe is not virtuous, peaceful, prosperous and happy, we may wisely regret it, and yet not seek to urge our form of government upon her nationalities; and if the perpetuation of slavery is in the mind of anti-slavery England an evil of less magnitude than the continuance of the "republican bubble," we may wisely the speaker named, 1. Spiritual convicregret that also, and meanwhile consent | tion of truth, 2. Sympathy with Christ, neither to the perpetuation of slavery nor to the bursting of the bubble!

OUR CHURCHES.

The new congregation of Baptists, whose able and acceptable pastor is Rev. Mr. Howell, are building a beautiful and convenient edifice a square to its close. Fortunately for the speaker cies, the different states and christian bodies north of the Patent Office.

of Methodists, whose present pastor is often preached on these public occa-Rev. Dr. Nadall, are erecting a large and splendid building, the walls of which are nearly ready to receive the roof. A revival of deep interest and much fruit has been for a long season in progress in this church.

In McKendree Chapel, belonging to the same denomination, a like revival has continued for many weeks, and appears to increase in fervor and in happy results. Rev. Mr. John Thrush is the preacher in charge.

And Ryland Chapel, another temple of our Methodist brethren, whose pastor is Rev. Mr. Lemon, is realizing like blessings.

Rev. W. A. McCorkle, of Cleveland, Ohio, has for a few weeks past supplied the pulpit of our First Presbyterian Church. He is a sensible, intelligent. clear, practical and earnest preacher, and is greatly admired by this people, though differing essentially from their late pastor, Dr. Sunderland, in that he appears to set no price upon the flowers of rhetoric. During the brief stay of this gentleman among us, he experienced a loss that few besides preachers and students will be able to fully appreciate: his home was destroyed by fire, and with it not only his furniture, but his books and his manuscripts!

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BIBLE.

It is with gratification our people have learned that Rev. Mr. Gilbert has been assigned by the American Bible Society to headquarters in this city as the superintendent, for this region and for the Army of the Potomac, of the distribution of the Bible, in co-operation with the Christian Commission.

* EDUCATING THE PEOPLE OF COLOR.

The American Missionary Association, whose centre is at New York, are prosecuting with energy a noble enterprise in this city. They have placed here Rev. Mr. Mace, Rev. Mr. Coan, and other worthy laborers, to preach to, and to teach the people of color, and to provide them with books and with all that is needful for the purpose. Their pupils,

and many of them show great aptitude and vigorous intellects.

But a few years have passed since the estimable Mrs. Dr. Gale experienced bitter persecutions in Washington for patronizing a school for the instruction of children of color-for the same crime which this association are now practising on an extended scale with impunity!

A. B. C. GOD REIGNETH!

MEETING OF THE AMERICAN BOA D. AT WORCESTER.

This time-honored institution of be nevolence commenced its fifty-fourth anniversary in Worcester, Massachusetts, on Tucsday the 4th inst., at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The meeting assembled in Mechanics Hall; a very large and beautiful public hall, every way well fitted for such a gathering. It is capable of seating three thousand persons, and at the hour appointed was well filled. Dr. Hopkins, of Williams' College, President of the Board, took the chair and called the meeting to order. Rev. Dr. Child, of Vermont, of fered prayer; after which the vast audience joined in singing, "I love thy kingdom, Lord."

The chair appointed the following Committee of Arrangements, Rev. Drs. Sweetser and Wood, Revs. E. Cutler. Charles P. Bush and S. J. Humphrey. Rev. S. J. Pettingill was appointed as Assistant Recording Secretary. Rev. then read by the secretaries, giving a very encouraging account of the work of missions for the past year; after which the meeting took a recess until 7½ o'clock in the evening.

Dr. Condit's Sermon.

The evening session was devoted to nearing the sermon by Rev. Dr. Condit, of Auburn. His text was Phil. 2: 15, 16-" Among whom ve shine as lights in the world, holding forth the word of

The object of the service was to show that the missionary enterprise is only a proper development of the spiritual life of the Church. As clements of this life 3. Love for man, 4. Desire to glorify

These points were discussed with the distinguished preacher's acknowledged ability and grace. It was an able and to attend except at their convenience; acmarked attention by the vast auditory and for the hearers, it was not of such Wesley Chapel, a large congregation an interminable length as the sermons sions; it occupied just one hour in the delivery, and gave much the greater satisfaction for this very reason.

The venerable Dr. Aiken, of Rutland, Vt., formerly of Park Street Church, in Boston, conducted the devotional ser-

Another Meeting.

While the sermon engaged the attention of the vast assembly in Mechanics' Hall, another meeting was in progress in a small hall in the same building, where some two or three hundred, who were unable to find even standing-place in the great congregation, were listening to addresses from returned missionaries. William E. Dodge, Esq., of New York, presided; and Rev. H. H. Jessup, of Syria, and Rev. Mr. Walker, from Turkey, were among the speakers. This meeting was one of great interest.

SECOND DAY.

The weather was all that could be desired, not too warm, not too cold, clear beautiful. Everybody seemed in the best of spirits. According to previous arrangement, two of the large churches, the Central and old South, were open and filled, at half-past eight o'clock for prayer-meetings. Rev. Dr. Adams, of Brunswick, Me., presided in one, and Rev. Dr. Blodgett, of Pawtucket, R. I. in the other. They were meetings of marked interest and power, a delightful preparation for the duties of the day.

The Business Meeting

was resumed in Mechanics' Hall at 91 o'clock; opened with reading of the Scriptures and prayer, in character, by Rev. Dr. Cox, of New York. After the reading of minutes of yesterday's meeting, the Treasurer, James M. Gordon, Esq., presented his report of the financial condition of the Board, of which we give an abstract:

The income of the past year is as follows:—from donations, \$428,511,14; from legacies, \$89,610.79; from other sources, \$13,861.84; making a total of \$531,983.77. The expenditures of the year were \$522,164.38. The debt with which the year began (\$6,184.95) is cancelled, therefore; and there was a balance in the treasury, September 1, of

This result was so gratifying—the fact that, in spite of all the embarrass-

year, the Board had not only escaped a serious debt, but had a balance of more than three thousand dollars with which to begin another year,-was recognized by all as cause for special gratitude and

Special Report-Financial Policy.

Mr. Treat, one of the secretaries, read a paper from the prudential committee on the financial policy of the board, stating that the lowest estimate of expense for the next year is \$290,000 in gold, and that even a larger amount might be advantageously used. He discussed the question of retrenchment, with a view to save on an average 25 per cent. of the expenses. Two ways were presented in which this might be done; one the suspending of certain missions, and the other the assessment of an average per cent. on the expenses of all the stations, neither of which ought to be adopted. He recommended an appropriation of \$265,000 in gold, and \$75,-000 in currency, believing this was the smallest/retrenchment which could be allowed without crippling the usefulness of the society.

The question, where is the board to look

for this amount of funds? was discussed, and the suggestion was made that the donations and bequests of deceased friends might be relied on for the currency appropriation, and that the gold appropriation must be looked for at the hands of charity, which has always been open at the call of the board. The difference of value in gold and currency and the cost of exchange was presented as one the disturbing influences in the affairs of the board, and on that must be met by wise and earnest action. The policy of making a loan in Europe from which to draw for the sup-port of the foreign stations, to be repaid when currency shall have resumed its usual value was discussed, but decided to be impracticable. The course recommended by the committee was greater sacrifice and selfdenial. The field was reviewed and its capacity estimated, and the reasons for hope and for effort were depicted in glowing colors. The document was referred to the committee on the home department, after which the audience joined in singing the hymn

With my substance I will honor My Redeemer and my Lord; Were ten thousand worlds my manor, All were nothing to His word.

Special Report—Sandwich Islands.

Rev. Dr. Anderson read a special report of the recent interference with the work of the board in the Sandwich Islands by the church of England, showing that after American missionaries had succeeded in christianizing the islands, and the islanders had become almost self-supporting in religious affairs, the church of England had in an unwarrantable manner forced itself into the field, and attempted to arrogate to itself all the fruits of the years of toil and privation which the American missionaries had spent in their abors on the islands.

The report will be printed entire next

Special Report-Corporate Members. Dr. Leonard Bacon presented a report pro

posing rules on this subject as follows: That members can only be elected by ballot at the annual meeting; that the number of laymen among the members should be at least one-third each; that no man shall be entitled to membership who is not expected to attend the meetings and do his part of the work, and any one accepting such election shall be understood to agree to perform that trust; members past 70 years old, or who have been members 20 years and have at-tended fifteen meetings, shall not be required impressive sermon, listened to with tive members shall not number over one hundred and fifty, and no election shall be shall be requested to resign. The report was advocated by Dr. Bacon in an earnest

Dr. Anderson read from the memorial ance of corporate members on the annual meetings of the board.

After some explanation and discussion the report of Dr. Bacon was adopted. Rev. Mr. Jessup, of the Syrian mission, made brief remarks in regard to the sympathy felt in that country in our national struggle, stating that the people of the mission had sent a contribution of \$800 for the freedmen, and the children of the mission had sent a collection of natural curiosities to be sold for the benefit of the Christian Commis-

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The session of the board was resumed at half-past two o'clock by singing the hymn "Now be the gospel banner."
In every land unfurled."

Dr. George W. Wood, one of the corres ponding secretaries, and formerly a mission ary to Constantinople, gave a sketch of a visit recently made to the mission stations in Turkey. The speaker paid a high tribute to the devotion and faithfulness of the missionaries in this part of the east, and stated that they were loyal in our national crisis, giving their prayers, their means, and in one instance a Turkish missionary gave his five sons into the ranks of the Union army, while recently two sons of Rev. Dr. Schneider of this mission have given their lives in the cause of freedman.

The method of church government and discipline as conducted at the stations, was described, and the rapid increase of the membership was shown to be a direct result of its adaptation to the wants of the peoble, many others having become intellectually protestant who as yet give evidence of no change of heart. The eagerness and attention manifested by the attendants upon the regular, church services, and faithfulness in the people attending from week to week, were interesting indications of the hold the gospel has taken on the hearts of the people. The peculiar trials and hinderances with which the progress of christianity is met in these missions, and the obstacles to church prosperity, were stated, being much the same as the obstacles which hinder the progress and success of churches in our own land.
The future progress and prosperity of the
mission churches was confidently predicted, and the reasons for the cheerful hopes pre-

Special Thanksgiving.

The next hour was spent in special thanks-giving and praise for the favor with which God ias cared for the missionary enterprise durnas cared for the missionary enterprise dur-ing the past year. The exercises opened with singing, followed by a prayer of thanks-giving by Rev. Albert Barnes of Philadelphia, after which Rev. S. B. Treat gave a short sketch of the financial condition of the board and the wonderful manner in which its cof-fers had been filled in its time of need, and read several notes accompanying various donations, showing that God was among his people and prompting them to deeds of charity and sacrifice in the cause of missions. Dr. Anderson followed in the same tained, and the meeting is spoken of as being strain of remark, and spoke of his faith and strain of remark, and spoke of his faith and spoke of his

hands of God, who has so wonderfully brought the board out of its difficulties.

After singing the hymn, "Hark! the song of jubilee," the thanksgiving service closed by prayer by Rev. Dr. Joel Parker.

Dr. King, of Greece.

This venerable man who has been fortytwo years a missionary, and thirty-six years in Greece, was appropriately introduced by Rev. Dr. Anderson, senior secretary of the Board. Dr. Anderson visited Dr. King in Malta, in 1839, and there united him in marriage to his Greek wife; and several years afterward spent a fortnight with him in his home in Athens.

Dr. King came forward and was received with much applause. He described his gratitude at being present with his brethren, after his long absence. He related several inci-dents of his career at Athens which has been so closely watched by the Christians of America. He spoke of his love for his native country, believing that even God's chosen people had no such heritage, and that the great fault is that the people do not know the blessings we enjoy. He spoke of the destruction of the Union, as likely to ruin the influence of our country in missionary fields, and urged that the Union be sustained, that God's messengers should not be overthrown. He spoke at some length on the genius and character of religious missionary effort, be-lieving it to be the fruit of the grace of God in the hearts of His children, and of the outside meetings. Persons who have that the want of interest in missions indicated a want of faith in Christ, and earnestness in

the cause which Christians profess.

He read a letter from Rev. Pliny Fisk. dictated while on his deathbed, while engaged in the missionary work, expressing his hope and faith, and glorying in the work in which he was about to surrender up his life. He asked the assistance of all in the work by prayers and contributions, and urged that the same interest shown to maintain our national integrity be shown in endeavoring to bring other nations to the knowledge of Christ Dr. King's remarks created a deep sensation in the audience, and were followed by their rising en masse, and singing to the tune of "America," "God bless our native land."

Recess till 7½ o clock P. M. EVENING SESSION.

The evening exercises at Mechanics Hall were opened by a voluntary by a choir composed of members of the varions choirs in the

Financial Policy of the Board-\$600, 000 called for.

W. E. Dodge, Esq., of New York presented the report of the committee of the home de partment, which was adopted.

He also presented the resolutions from the committee on the financial policy of the board, substantially as follows: Thanking the Author of all Good for the prosperity which has marked the past year; that the manner in which the church has responded to the call of the board for funds indicates that neither the church nor Christ its head will hold us guiltless if we seek to contract our field or cut off our laborers on account of expense; it is not safe to rely upon an esti mate for the next year of less than \$600,000; should our national prosperity be restored we shall rejoice if from this appropriation we can enlarge our field of labor; the course pursued by the committee of Finance in conducting the affairs of the board without resorting to a European loan meets the approval of the board.

Mr. Dodge addressed the meeting in regard to financial matters, expressing his be-lief that the churches are able and willing to

supply the needful funds. S. B. Chittenden, Esq. of Brooklyn, followed on the same question in an earnest straightforward speech, expressing his belief that if the committee will do their work in wisely appropriating the necessary funds, the had except to fill vacancies; in filling vacancies, churches will see to it that their hands will cies, the different states and christian bodies not be empty. He alluded to our national shall be represented in proportion to their troubles as affecting the financial question, contributions to the funds of the society; and expressed his confidence in the speedy words were received with applause.

Rev. Mr. Jessup of the Syrian mission, spoke of the interest felt among the missionaries at their distant posts, in our national volume some facts in regard to the attend-ance of corporate members on the annual are looking to this country for their answer. He sketched the condition of the missionary field, urging more earnest action and more sacrifice, if need be, rather than the retrenchment of expenses or the withdrawal of laborers from the fields just now when they are

ready to harvest. Dr. Wm. Adams, from New York, expressed his faith that if the work was to be done God would provide the means. He referred to the remarkable uniformity with which large amounts have been left to the society by legacies for several years past, and also to the large donations with which wealthy men from all parts of the country have filled its coffersand said that the fountain was still open and

the stream could not fail. Rev. Dr. Thompson of New York, spoke of the motive power on which the board de pends for strength to carry out its work. He advocated the policy to "owe no man any-thing," and said that such was the condition of the board. He urged the duty of love, as the motive power which must furnish means to aid the board in their work of Christianizing the heathen. He urged the measure on national and patriotic grounds, as a means to enlighten Europe with the knowledge of the strength and resources of our country, engaged in a gigantic war, and yet sending over half a million annually to Christianize the world. He closed with a reference to the providential aspect of the case, believing that year hence the members of the board would upbraid themselves that they have not kept eace with God's providence, but have allow ed their fear to overcome their faith.

Judge Henry W. Taylor of Canandaigua . Y., followed in a cheerful speech, showing the readiness with which the American peo ple have paid the immense costs of the war besides vast sums for the charitable commis sions connected with it, together with the contributions to various educational and charitable institutions. He contrasted the trifling sacrifices we are called on to make in these things, with the great sacrifice by which the world was redeemed, the knowledge of which this board is endeavoring to send to the heathen world. He argued that the demand for \$600,000 was not exorbitant nor oppressive, but that the church was well able to meet the demand and carry out the worl without retrenchment. The resolutions, which had formed the

staple of discussion during the evening, were unanimously adopted, after which the board adjourned till half-past 9 Thursday morning

Outside Meetings.

The constantly increasing crowd in attendance rendered it necessary to open Washburn Hall, to accommodate a portion of the per ple who could not possibly get even a foot hold in Mechanics Hall.

A meeting was therefore organized in the lower hall at 10 A.M., where Rev. Mr. Doane, of the Micronesian mission, and Rev. Mr Doolittle, 7 from China, spoke of their experiences in the work of missions, and the pros-pects and success in their fields of labor. The audience was much interested and enter-

 Λ meeting especially for children was held at the Union church at 3 o'clock P. M., when Dr. Buddington of Brooklyn, presided, and addresses were made by Rev. Mr. Jessup from Syria, and Rev. Mr. Doane. The meeting was fully attended, and the addresses wel calculated to excite the interest of the children in the work of missions. Sunday-school children are listeners for missionary intelligence, and the announcement that real misionaries would address them on this occasion, brought them out in great numbers, and gave the speakers an interesting and sympa thetic audience.

Another large audience was entertained in Washburn Hall at 3 P. M., with addresses from Rev. Dr. Todd, of Pittsfield, Rev. S. R. Riggs of the Dacotah mission, and Rev. Edvard Webb from Madura.

In the evening the Central church was filled from the overflowings from Mechanics Hall, where Rev. Dr. Joel Parker, Rev, Dr. Wilkes of Montreal, and Rev Mr. Herrick of the Madura mission made addresses to large and deeply interested audience.

Washburn Halliwas also filled with people and a meeting was organized with Robert R. Booth, Esq., of New York presiding. Able and interesting addresses were made by Rev. Dr. King, Dr. Wood, Rev. Mr. Robinson the chairman, and others.

Notwithstanding the great crowd which visited the annual meetings of the board for years, state that they have never seen any thing to be compared to the numbers in attendance this session.

THIRD DAY.

The crowd of people in attendance wa greater, than at any preceding time.

A resolution of thanks to Dr. Condit for

his sermon on Tuesday evening, and a request for a copy for publication, were passed. The by-laws were changed, making the hour for the first session of the board at each

annual meeting 3 P. M. instead of 4.

Reports were made and accepted by Dr.
Todd on the Mahratta mission, Dr. Young on the African mission, and by Dr. Hooker on the mission to Ceylon.

Rev. Mr. Herrick, from the Madura mission, presented several interesting articles sent from Madura as relics of idol worship in that country, accompanied by a letter from native converts, relating the circumstances under which the articles were obtained, to gether with many facts and incidents connected with the rites of heathen worship.

Rev. Mr. Webb, from the Madura mission,

gave many interesting facts in regard to the missionary work in Madura. The interest of the native people in American affairs was stated to be very general, and the speaker stated that when the news of the rebellion reached the mission, meetings for prayer were held that the country might be preserved and that the board might not be hindered in its work. Many instances of personal sacrifice were given, and he closed with an earnest appeal for more helpers, and a recitation of the Lord's Prayer in the native lan-guage. His remarks were received with requent manifestations of approval.

A prayer of thanksgiving for the gloriou results of missionary effort in heathen lands was offered by Rev. Dr. Palmer of Albany. Dr. Adams presented a report of the committee on Greece and Syria which was adop-

Speech of Dr. King.

Rev. Jonas King from Greece was introduced and received with applause. He stated that the people of his charge were a pe-culiar people, from their history and the associations surrounding their country. He said that their sympathies were with the American people, that they were all democratic, but not like us capable of self-government. He gave a summary of his labors for the Greek people. His trials and persecutions were briefly related, and the progress he has made in introducing Protestanism to the people was given. The well known story any member who shall be absent from three restoration of the Union, and the purification given and received by the audience with consecutive annual meetings without excuse of our country. His patriotic and earnest much applause—and a volunteer in the auof his preservation by the American flag was dience struck up "The Star Spangled Banner" which was sung with spirit and effect Other interesting incidents of his history were given and he closed by repeating the Lord's Prayer in the Greek language, in which he ministers to that people.

Place of Next Meeting.

Chancellor Walworth, from the committee on place and preacher, reported in favor of holding the next meeting of the board at Chicago, with Rev. Dr. N. Kirk of Boston as preacher of the annual sermon, with Rev. Dr. J. P. Thompson of New York as alternate. The report was adopted.*

Death of Mr. Bonney.

A report was also made by Mr. Brown of Chicago, from the committee on the treasurer's report, and with reports from the various committees on the several missions was accepted and adopted. In connection. with the reports on the China mission, it was stated that intelligence was received this merning that Rev. S. L. Bonney of the Canton nission, died on the 27th of July. Recess till 21 P. M.

Communion Services. The afternoon of Thursday was set apart for the celebration of the Sacrament, which has ever been one of the most interesting exercises of the annual meetings of the board The four congregational churches in the city were opened on the occasion, and at the hour of meeting, half-past two, they were filled in every part. The services in the several churches were conducted as follows:
Old South Church—by Rev. Dr. Deonard Bacon, assisted by Rev. Dr. Blanchard of Lowell, and Rev. Dr. Daggett of Canandai gus, N. Y.
Salem Street Church—by Rev Dr. De Wit

assisted by Rev. Dr. Poor, of Newark, N. J. and Rev. Dr. Brainerd of Philadelphia. Union Church—by Rev. Dr. Caruthers of Portland, Me., by Rev. Mr. Robinson of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Rev. Mr. Buckingham. Central Church—by Rev. Dr. Hopkins, assisted by Rev. Dr. King, of Athens, Greece

and Rev. Dr. Prentiss of New York.

The exercises at all the churches were deeply interesting. The spectacle of so many christians, many of them strangers to each other, gathered together around the table of a common Lord to renew their yows and take spiritual counsel together was very impressive, and the occasion was one that will not soon be forgotten.

After the communion exercises in the sev eral churches, the board re-assembled in Mechanics Hall for the transaction of business, and was called to order at 4 o'clock. The report of the committee on new mem

pers and officers was presented and accepted. Resolutions complimentary to John Tappan, Esq., and to Hon. Wm. Jessup, for their long and efficient services as members of the board, were offered and adopted.

The following named gentlemen were elecs det ai momezone; * Some persons may wonder that a Presbyterian wa not made alternate. We are assured by the best of au-thority that this was inadvertently done. And yet in the past three or four instances occur in which the preachers in two successive years, and in one instance for three years, were Presbyterian. Indeed, in thirtyfour years twenty-one of the Preachers before the Board have been Presbyterians, (including two Reformed

ted as corporate members of the board: John J. Caruthers, D. D., Portland, Me.; J. P. Thompson, D. D., New York; Louis Chapin, Esq., Rochester, N. Y., Samuel F. Small, Esq., York, Pa.; W. I. Budington, D. D., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Hon. John Noyes, Chester, N. H., and Rev. Dr. Canfield, of Syr-

The following officers were unanimously lected for the ensuing year: President-Mark Hopkins, D. D., LL. D.

Vice President—Wm. E. Dodge, Esq. Prudential Committee—Charles Stoddard Esq., Nehemiah Adams, D. D., Augustus C. Thompson, D. D., Hon. Wm. T. Eustis, Hon. John Aiken, Henry Hill, Esq., Walter S. Griffith, Esq., Hon. Alpheus Hardy, Hon. inus Child, Wm. S. Southworth, Esq., Rev. Albert Barnes, Robert R. Booth, D. D.

Corresponding Secretaries—Rufus Anderson, D. D., Rev. Selah B. Treat, George W. Wood, D. D. Recording Secretary—Samuel M. Worcester, D. D.

Treasurer—James M. Gordon, Esq. Auditors—Moses L. Hale, Esq., Hon Samuel H.

A resolution was introduced regarding arrangements for the next meeting, suggesting the reservation of seats for the corporate and honorary members, and in regard to other matters, which was discussed by Dr. Smith of Dartmouth College, Chancellor Walworth of New York, Rev. Dr. Brainerd of Philadelphia and Rev. Dr. Stearns of Newark, N. J., and referred to a committee.

EVENING SESSION.

Recess till 7½ o'clock.

The evening session of the board was pened by singing the hymn "Arise, O king of grace! arise!

The committee on resolutions in regard to the arrangements for meetings of the board were appointed as follows: W. A. Booth, Esq., Dr. Sweetser, Dr. Dutton, Dr. A. D. Smith, and Dr. Brainerd, and ordered

to report at the meeting in Chicago. A resolution was passed expressing the thanks of the board to the people of Worcester, the committee of arrangements, the churches, singers, &c.

The secretary reported that there were in attendance 90 corporate members, over 500 bonorary members, and 13 missionaries Rev. Dr. Daniel W. Poor presented the report of the committee on the Sandwich and Micronesian Islands, which was adop-

Report on Sandwich Islands.

Dr. Leonard Bacon presented the special eport of the committee on the above islands, touching the interference of the High-church of England in the field of the board at those islands, embracing a declaration that the board is constrained to appeal to all Protestant societies and missions against the manner in which the interference has been introduced. The declaration embraces a sketch of the condition of the islands when the board established its first mission there, being that of a most abject ignorance and heathenism. The history of the establishment and progress of the missions of the board were recited, and the present civilized condition of the islands, both in their religious and political affairs, was fully set forth, and attributed justly to the efforts and labors of the missionaries of the board.

The declaration states that after forty ears of toil the board had found that the Hawaiian people had become able to adminter their own affairs unaided by further contributions from the board. At this time, just as success was assured, the English High Church has sent to the

islands what is called by them the "Re-formed Catholic Mission," with a bishop and three presbyters, and capable of indefinite expansion. It renounces the name of Protestanism, and even refuses to recognize the ministerial character of mssionaries, and its first lesson has been to disregard the christian Sabbath, and to pour contempt upon the teachings of our missionaries of redemption and salvation through the meriting of the blood of Christ alone. The declaration appeals against this movement as neither Pronor Christian, and merits the cor demnation of all American christians.

Dr. Bacon said in making this declaration there was no issue raised against the protestant Episcopal church either in America or England, but that this mission proceeds from a clique of political advisers of the throne of England, who have taken advantage of circumstances at the islands to further their own selfish and political ends. He gave a history of the movement which has culminated in this "Reformed Catholic Mission" showing that it has been established, and will result in evil, and deserves the severest reprehension of all good christians. He also discussed the present political condition and complications at these islands. The special report was accepted and adopted.

On the Country.

Rev. Albert Barnes of Philadely hia introluced resolutions as follows:

Whereas this board is called upon to conduct its operations at an important crisis of our country, the result of which must materially affect the missionary cause in time to ome; and Whereas this board has on former occa-

sions expressed its sense of the system of slavery in our country, which lies at the foundation of the present effort to overcome our civil institutions and to establish a separate government in our land; and

Whereas the missionaries of this board have with entire unanimity expressed their interest in the cause of the country in its endeavors to maintain the government, and have freely given their sons to the defence of the nation in its present crisis; therefore, Resolved, 1. That this board receives with affectionate sympathy these expressions of the interest thus manifested by those in its

service, and the sacrifices thus made; 2. Resolved, that in connection with the purpose to spread the gospel through the world, the results of the contest on the cause of missions, and in view of diffusing a reli gion that shall be everywhere adapted to sustain just civil government and the princi-ples of liberty, and that shall tend to deliver the world from the oppression of slavery, as well as in the relation of its members to the government of this land, and their duty to sustain that government, this board expresses its hearty sympathy with the efforts to uppress the rebellion, and gratefully acknow ledges the divine interposition in the successes which have attended the arms of the nation, as an indication that we shall again oe one people, united under our gloriou constitution, united in our efforts to spread he gospel around the world.

The resolutions were seconded by Rev. Dr. Brainerd of Philadelphia, and unanimously dopted, the audience rising en masse and

pointaneously singing "America." Dr. Walter Clark of Buffalo presented the eport of the committee on western and cen tral Turkey, protesting against the action of the Turkish government in seizing our converts and closing our Bible houses. The resolutions recited the aggressions at length and were the subject of considerable deba after which this was recommitted, with Rev Dr. Bacon added to the committee.

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Rev. Dr. A. L. Stone, of Boston, addressed the audience, referring in appropriate terms to Dr. King and other aged missionarie who have been present at the meeting. H