

## HOME MATTERS.

The Rev.—The weather changed to cold again yesterday, with indications of rain. The river is full, indeed, and at a stage of flood. There is a fear of inundation of a section of the Lehigh, opposite of a bridge. The Lehigh papers of Wednesday speak of the river as being frozen over.

Lancaster Bible Society.—The annual meeting of the Lancaster Bible Society of Pittsburgh and vicinity was held on the 2d inst. The Rev. Dr. McAleney presided and addressed the meeting.

The Report, which we give in full in part, shows that the number of members in a flourishing condition.

We publish also a list of the officers.

Report.—In presenting the report of the officers, Dr. Pittsford and the committee, the Managers desire to record the continued kindness and faithfulness of a covenant keeping God.

Our beloved scheme of Christian benevolence for the improvement and elevation of mankind, there is no one which meets more general favor than that of this; for in the cause of the gospel, the dissemination of the Holy Scripture, it is common ground on which different denominations meet; and by a union of effort, the mingling of their labors, the world is won to Christ, and the Kingdom of darkness.

The Word of God is the sword of the spirit, and by seeking a knowledge thereof, and prayerfully using it, the soldiers of Christ may come of conquerors over all his foes.

The efforts and prayers of this little company of Christian friends have been most successful in the cause of missions, and the amount and degree of success.

We could wish the amount of contributions greater from a population such as ours.

We have chosen to increase their number without infringing upon the prerogatives of the Young Men's Bible Society, which is actively engaged in its work.

It is to the work which we wish "God speed."

The Treasurer's Report will show that we have collected over \$600,000, most of which has been given to missions.

The Library has given to destitute persons a considerable number of Bibles and Testaments, and has copies on hand for gratuitous distribution.

Two of our Managers, Mrs. Dr. Martin, and Mrs. John Walker, have, in the Providence of God, been promoted from this scene of earthly life.

They gave them grace faithfully to serve Him while they were here, and we doubt not they now rest in His right hand in peace.

The shilling of the Sun of Righteousness illuminated the dark valley, cheerfully they descended, and their warmth yet abides His glory, and those who loved them.

It remains for us to gird on our armor, and by our words and deeds, to recommend this blessed book.

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Mary B. MacLean, Secy.

We understand that the committee on markets and the market association have agreed to a reduction of ten feet from the top of the Captain of the same, who was free to death.

SUN.—One of the Birmingham ferry boats, on a trip to that Borough on Thursday, came to anchor in the river, and was unable to move.

There was no assistance to be had, and all escaped by the whale boat.

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