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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOMESTIC COMMITTEE.

### MONTHLY ABSTRACT.

*March 7, 1836.*—Among the communications read at this meeting was a letter from the Right Rev. Bishop Smith, enclosing the constitutional testimonial of the Rev. A. A. Willis, and requesting that he be appointed Missionary to Smithland and Paducah, Kentucky: whereupon,

*Resolved,* That the Rev. A. A. Willis, be appointed Missionary to Smithland and Paducah; which places have already been made a Missionary station.

Another letter from the Right Rev. Bishop Smith, was also read, recommending that Frankfort, Kentucky, be made a Missionary station, and the Rev. Mr. Purviance be appointed the Missionary there; and enclosing the constitutional testimonial in his favor: whereupon,

*Resolved,* That Frankfort, Kentucky, be made a Missionary station.

*Resolved,* That the Rev. William H. Purviance be appointed the Missionary to that place.

In compliance with the request of the Right Rev. Bishop Kemper, resolutions were passed at this meeting, making Crawfordsville, Indiana, a Missionary station, and appointing the Rev. Melancthon Hoyt, formerly Missionary to Indianapolis, the Missionary to that place.

It was also,

*Resolved,* That Shelbyville, in Indiana, be united to Indianapolis as a Missionary station, and that a Missionary be appointed for those places as soon as possible.

Mr. Hoyt officiates, for the present, a part of his time at this vacant station.

Much other important business engaged the attention of the Committee at this meeting, of which it is deemed unnecessary to make an abstract.

*March 14.*—Several interesting communications were read at this meeting, and a large amount of ordinary business was transacted.

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could reconcile me to so long an absence from my family; at a period, too, when they seem most to require my presence.

I leave here to-morrow for Natchez, where the Rev. Mr. Page, of Louisville, is now officiating. Having passed the Sunday there, I shall make the best of my way home, by the most direct route; reserving the western States for a future visitation.

Bishop Otey was here on Saturday, on his way to Mobile, and will return here to-morrow. He urges me very strongly to visit his Diocese; but I must defer it until my general western tour.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOREIGN COMMITTEE.

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### MONTHLY ABSTRACT.

*March 1, 1836.*—The Secretary and General Agent reports, that the public missionary meeting, intended to have been held in the Church of the Ascension, on the evening of Sunday, the 21st of February, did not take place, in consequence of the impracticability of the Rev. Mr. Southgate, the missionary to Persia, reaching this city, from his home in Portland, (Maine,) at that time, and that he is still detained by the inclemency of the weather, and the bad state of the roads. The Persian Committee propose to delay the appointment of another meeting, until Mr. S. shall have actually arrived.

The letter from Mrs. Hill, recommending the formation of a society for the support of schools at our Foreign Mission stations, has been laid before the Committee on Missions to Greece, and acted upon by them. The Committee's vote of thanks to the American Bible Society, for their donation of one thousand modern Greek New Testaments, has been communicated to its Board of Managers.

The authorization of the Committee to Benjamin Howard, Esq., of Boston, to procure a set of Pica Greek type, for the press at Syra, has been transmitted to him.

Besides the notice of some other matters of business, not necessary to be detailed, the Secretary and General Agent concluded his report with the following suggestions:—

The Secretary and General Agent conceives that the proper time has now arrived for the adoption of some measures, in reference to the collection of funds from churches out of this city, through his agency. His temporary indisposition, and frequent tempestuous weather, on the days appointed for collections in this city, have protracted the completion of the course assigned him, by the arrangement made, under the sanction of the Committee, between his brother of the Domestic Agency and himself, longer than was anticipated; but, as his remaining prospective appointments in New-York are drawing to a close, he would not deem it expedient to delay an appeal, in other places, much beyond the approaching festival of Easter, and has therefore been endeavoring to make arrangements,

by correspondence with some of the clergy of Philadelphia and Baltimore, for operations in those cities, and some places further south; and asks the advice and instruction of the Committee, in regard to the course which, in their judgment, it may be expedient for him to pursue, for the accomplishment of the proposed object.

The report was accepted and approved.

On the last-mentioned subject, the Committee passed the following resolutions:—

*Resolved*, That while the Committee consider it to have been altogether expedient that the Secretary and General Agent should have confined his personal official duties, as he has done, during the period immediately succeeding his appointment, and the past winter, to this city, they concur with him in deeming it proper, as soon as convenient, to make arrangements for commencing such efforts as may be found practicable, and likely to result favorably, in other places.

*Resolved*, That the Committee approve of the measures which have been already taken by the Secretary and General Agent with that view, and authorize him to continue the same, in special reference to the cities of Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Georgetown, Alexandria, Richmond, Norfolk, and such other places as may afford openings for presenting and urging the claims of Foreign Missions.

On the subject of the letter of Mrs. Hill above mentioned, on the recommendation of the Greek Committee the following resolution was adopted:—

*Resolved*, That the Secretary and General Agent solicit a meeting of the ladies of the several Episcopal congregations in this city, to take into consideration the expediency of forming a Society, to be entitled, "The Female Foreign School Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States," with a view, in conjunction with such auxiliaries as may be formed in other places, to raise funds for aiding the Foreign Committee in sustaining schools at the several mission stations of our Church in foreign lands.

The Greek Committee presented an abstract, consisting of several quarto pages, which had been made by the Secretary and General Agent, of all the letters in their possession received from the Missionaries in Greece from the commencement of their Mission to the present time. The object was stated to be to prevent, by the use of this summary, the necessity of frequent recurrence to these voluminous documents, while it should serve the purpose of an index, when the Committee desired to examine the details of any particular letter.

The abstract was accepted and ordered to be filed.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, reported, that they are kept with great method and accuracy, and in such manner as to present a tabular view of the financial condition of each Mission under the charge of the Foreign Committee, and that the accounts examined by them are correct.