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MONTHLY ABSTRACT.

January 18, 1836.—The Right Rev. Bishop Ives, of North Carolina, was present at the meeting held this evening.

The Secretary and General Agent reported that he had preached, on the last Sunday, in Christ Church, and in the Church of the Holy Evangelists, in this city. The result of the appeal in the first mentioned Church was not known, as the contributions were to be made through its parochial "Association." In the latter Church, the collection amounted to \$100; a sum which under the circumstances of that Church afforded strong evidence of the lively interest which it feels in the sacred cause of Missions.

At this meeting, the Committee adopted suitable instructions for the Missionaries in this department of the Society, and directed a copy of them to be furnished to each Missionary in the employment of this Committee.

The Rev. Sherlock A. Bronson was appointed Missionary to Lancaster and Somerset, Ohio.

At a previous meeting of the Domestic Committee, a special Committee had been appointed to inquire into the expediency of this Committee endeavouring to introduce the use of Family Charity-Boxes, as a mode of carrying into effect a plan of systematic Charity, in furtherance of the objects of this department of Missions. That Committee made a full report, which is entered at length on the minutes, approving the measure and recommending its adoption. The report was laid on the table; and after being called up at subsequent meetings, was, for special reasons, having no relation to the merits of the question, finally made the order for the first Monday in April.

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February 8.—The Secretary read a letter from the Rev. Dr. Milnor, Secretary and General Agent of the Foreign Committee, informing this Committee that the Foreign Committee has concurred in the resolutions passed by this Committee, January 25, relative to funds not specifically appropriated.

The Secretary also read a letter from the Corresponding Secretary of the Protestant Episcopal Female Tract Society of Baltimore, informing this Committee, that that Society have placed 500 copies of each of their late tracts, and the same number of any they may hereafter publish, at the disposal of this Committee. Resolutions were passed directing the Secretary to return the thanks of the Committee to that Society for their liberal donation, and requesting the Society to retain the Tracts in their possession subject to the future direction of the Committee.

Florence, Alabama, was made a Missionary station, and the Rev. Mr. Cook assigned to it. The usual appropriation of \$250 for his salary was made.

The salary of the Rev. Abraham Bronson, which, on the 11th January, had been fixed at \$150, was raised to \$200.

February 15.—At the meeting held this evening, resolutions were adopted, the purport of which was that Shelbyville, Kentucky, be continued a Missionary station, with an appropriation of \$250 for the support of its Missionary; and Bishop Smith be informed that the Committee will exert itself to procure a Missionary for it, or will appoint to that station any Clergyman whom he would approve and recommend.

The Right Rev. Bishop Kemper having informed the Committee that the Rev. Joseph L. Darrow was usefully employed in establishing the Church at several places in Madison, and St. Clair counties, Illinois; and having recommended his appointment as Missionary in those two counties, the Domestic Committee appointed Mr. Darrow their Missionary there, and appropriated to him a salary of \$250.

Bishop Kemper having also informed the Committee, that the Rev. Palmer Dyer was very useful as a Missionary at Peoria, Illinois, the Secretary was directed to correspond with Mr. Dyer on the subject of his return to that station. Mr. Dyer has since declined to return.

So much of a letter from Bishop Kemper, read at this meeting, as related to the subject of a Tract on the Building of Churches, was referred to a special Committee.

A resolution was adopted making Vincennes, Indiana, a Missionary station, and appropriating \$250 for the support of a Missionary there.

The late Executive Committee having made an appropriation of \$250 per annum to aid in the support of a Missionary at Navarino, M. T., and this Committee having incidentally learned that the Rev. Richard F. Cadle, long a faithful and useful Missionary of this Society, had accepted the Rectorship of the Church at that place, the Committee adopted resolutions requesting Mr. Cadle to become the