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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOMESTIC COMMITTEE.

### MONTHLY ABSTRACT.

*October 2, 1837.—Stated Meeting.* The Rev. Mr. Richmond was called to the Chair.

The Secretary and General Agent reported the writing of fifty-one letters since the last stated meeting of the Committee.

He also reported, that, in compliance with the advice of the Committee, he left this city on the 4th of September last, for the purpose of being at the Convention of Ohio, and of presenting the subject of Domestic Missions to the clergy and laity whom he should find there assembled; and of visiting such congregations in the West as he could during the short time taken for the journey. It was his intention to have officiated at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in the evening of September 5th; but the absence of the rector on a journey prevented any notice being given.

Wednesday evening, September 6th, he preached on the subject of Missions, in St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. No collection was made.

On the sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 10, he officiated in the morning in Trinity Church, Pittsburg, Pa., when a collection was made amounting to \$100. In the afternoon, he preached in St. Paul's Church, Laceyville, and in the evening, in Christ Church, Alleghany Town. No collection was made in either of these parishes.

Monday evening, September 11th, he was in the parish of St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling, Va.; but in consequence of the unfinished state of the church, it was deemed unsafe to light it for an evening service. Much interest was manifested in the work of the Committee, and it is believed that this parish may be expected hereafter to aid Domestic Missions to a considerable extent.

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## OHIO.

FROM THE REV. B. H. HICKOX, MISSIONARY AT MAUMEE CITY AND PERRYSBURGH.

*Maumee City, September 5, 1837.*

The Committee will recollect that in my last letter, I informed them of a donation to this Church, by the Hon. James Wolcott, Esq. It is not yet conveyed by deed, but no doubt exists in the mind of your Missionary, that such conveyance will be made within a few days. It consists of eight city lots, between the river and the canal, valued from \$500 to \$800 each, being in a choice location; and ten city lots beyond the canal, valued from \$200 to \$400 each, and one choice lot in addition, towards the purchase of an organ. The amount of these at the lowest valuation is \$6,500. They are thought to be worth \$10,000. Mrs. Wolcott gives lands in Indiana, believed to be worth \$5,000 or \$6,000 towards a Female Seminary, to be under the control of the wardens and vestrymen of the church. The Committee will perceive that when times in money matters are better, we shall be able to erect a house of worship without asking any foreign aid. The chapel will be ready for occupancy on Sunday next, September 10th. It is a neat little edifice, finished with a desk and altar, and will accommodate two hundred people, and is designed ultimately for a lecture and Sunday school room.

Not having a house of our own, I have not yet administered the communion. I have baptized two children, and am expecting to administer that sacrament to some adults and several children so soon as we occupy our house. I am happy to inform the Committee that I find here no fixed prejudice against the Church; but on the other hand, believe this community charitably disposed towards us. As our population is only fourteen or sixteen hundred, to be divided among five denominations, our audience will yet be limited. I have found and recorded ten communicants. I have attended three funerals. I continue to officiate in the morning in Perrysburgh, and the afternoon and evening in this city.

Although the people of this place are too much engrossed in their worldly occupations, yet your Missionary is no way discouraged; but believes that the Word read and preached, has been accompanied with Divine influence, and that a foundation has been laid for the superstructure of the spiritual temple.

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FROM THE REV. HENRY PAYNE, MISSIONARY AT SPRINGFIELD AND URBANA.

*Springfield, September 25, 1837.*

Since my last report I have rode on horseback nearly six hundred miles on Missionary duties. I have held service and preached at Springfield fourteen times; at Urbana, seven times; at Clifton, six times; at Yellow Springs, once, besides other places, and