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FROM THE REV. CHARLES B. STOUT, MISSIONARY AT CLINTON.

Clinton, March 25, 1841.

Since the first of January, eleven Sundays have been passed in this parish, on which occasions I have given two full services. One Sunday was divided between Tecumseh and Adrian in exchange. The Church was opened on Ash Wednesday, and I have, thus far, kept up a course of Lent lectures every Wednesday evening, which by divine permission will be continued. During the quarter, I have baptized two children, and admitted two new communicants to the Lord's Supper. On the 12th of January, the Bishop visited us, preached and confirmed four. There will be two or three others added to the communion at Easter; and should the Bishop visit us again soon, as he contemplates, there will be some others confirmed. The Lord continues to bless my unworthy labors, and this gives me encouragement. But for this, I should be disheartened, for my lot has been a trying one.

Our state is truly more depressed than ever, and the parishes feel the corresponding influence; and yet, after all, we seem to be prospering in spiritual things. What is duty? Certainly to "go ahead" if possible.

FROM THE REV. C. FOX, LATE MISSIONARY AT JACKSON.

Jackson, March 22, 1841.

Since my last report, my church has been open for service every Sunday twice. On Ash Wednesday we had two services. During Lent, service has been held every Wednesday and Friday evening. The services at the Prison have likewise been

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Rock. I have interested the children by loaning them the small books every Sunday, and giving them the tracts. May it be bread cast upon the water to be found after many days! We look chiefly to the rising generation for the materials of the Church, which we hope will be established in this place.

FROM THE REV. W. H. C. YEAGER, MISSIONARY AT LITTLE ROCK.

Little Rock, April 1, 1841.

Our services are better attended this quarter than during the last year. When the weather is favorable, the Presbyterian Church, in which I officiate, is generally well filled; and there is an increasing interest in the services among the dissenting denominations. The prayer books, sent by the Female Prayer Book Society of Philadelphia, have been of great use to me in my ministerial labors. We have not commenced to build. The pressure of the times, which since January last has been felt in this place, has somewhat discouraged us—yet there is a determination to build as soon as possible. Families, 23; communicants, 1 added, present number, 9.

FOREIGN.

CONSTANTINOPLE.

JOURNAL OF THE REV. MR. SOUTHGATE. [*Continued from page 80.*]

Constantinople, Sept. 27, 1840.—English Chapel, &c. In my view, one of the most important changes in Constantinople, since my departure in August, 1838, is the erection or rather completion of an English chapel in Pera. The building was commenced several years ago, but the work was soon suspended on account of certain embarrassments which arose with regard to the means of completing it, and was not again resumed till within the last two years. The chapel was first opened for divine service on Christmas, 1838, but, no Bishop having been in the city since its completion, it has never been consecrated. It stands in Pera, close upon the site of the old English palace, which was destroyed in the great conflagration about ten years ago. The chapel appertains to the British government, and the officiating minister is the chaplain of the embassy, the Rev. Dr. Bennett. There is a service every Sunday morning, and also on the principal festivals and fast days of the Church. The congregation consists chiefly of English residents and occasional visitors, but very few of the English residing in the city are regular attendants.

I have been led to speak of the chapel to-day, from the circumstance of the Holy Communion having been administered this morning for the first time since my arrival. About twenty communicants received the Sacrament. When I read my former experience, I feel that we cannot be too thankful for this inestimable privilege. During the interval of nearly three years that I was absent from the United States, I had but one opportu-