

## American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

### Recent Intelligence.

**CHEROKEES.**—The national female seminary has been greatly blessed since its opening in May last. During the month of July there was deep solemnity in the institution; and prior to the close of the first term, August 7, two or three of the pupils professed to have passed from death unto life. When the second term commenced, October 1, it was manifest that the Spirit of the Lord was still present; and the state of things became more and more interesting. On the evening of December 10, those who were indulging a hope that their sins had been forgiven, were invited to meet in Dr. Butler's room. More than one-half of the scholars (the whole number being twenty-five) assembled accordingly. "As they had but a short time to spend before going to their evening studies," Dr. Butler says, "I devoted the few minutes to an explanation of the meaning of the phrase, 'She has a hope,' and then, prayed with them. After the study hour was over five of our pupils, anxious and weeping, came to my room, and I conversed with them. Next evening two others came, neither of whom was present the evening before." "Our school has been for months, and still is, a Bochim, a place of joy and trembling, of hope and fear." "Gradually and almost imperceptibly the work has gone forward, until it has reached its present state. It has advanced in such a manner, and by such secret influences, that it must all be ascribed to the influences of the Spirit." Dr. Butler says that he has not seen such a state of things since 1816-17. The friends of the Cherokees will rejoice greatly in the favor which God is showing to this infant seminary. May the baptism which its first class has received, be enjoyed by all who shall enter its walls in coming years!

**CHOCTAWS.**—A recent letter of Mr. Wright states that twenty-two persons were admitted to the Wheelock church on profession during 1851.

**NEW YORK INDIANS.**—The following extract from a letter of Mr. Rockwood, dated February 2, describes a state of things among the Tuscaroras, which will give great satisfaction to the friends of the red man:

I wrote you early in January, giving you a brief account of the state of things among this people. The awakening has continued with increased interest to the present time. Many are indulging the hope that they have passed from death unto life; while others are still anxious and inquiring. Backsliders are reclaimed, and professors of religion are revived. No extra meetings have yet been held, except that we have had inquiry meetings on two Wednesday evenings. There were more than twenty inquirers present at the last, embracing some who were quite

young, and others far advanced in life. Among them were some of the most hardened and abandoned persons in the tribe. Thus far the work has been silent, solemn and impressive. There is nothing like excitement. I have never known a work of grace where the feelings were so subdued and silent. Even the hope of the young convert is "quietness and assurance," rather than ecstasy. In some cases the peculiar calmness and sweetness of expression in the countenance are a true index of the calm of the soul.

One of those who united with the church in January, has already entered the church triumphant in heaven. Her sickness was short and at times painful. But she was cheerful and resigned. The words, "The Lord is my shepherd," afforded her great consolation. At one time, when she was thought to be dying, she looked up and gazed as if she saw something, and, reaching forth her hands as if to receive it, exclaimed, "Beautiful flowers," emblematical, doubtless, of the fruition she now enjoys. We feel that her death is a great loss to us. She was a lovely girl of eighteen, intelligent, and spoke the English language well. We had hoped that she would be particularly useful as an interpreter in the female prayer-meetings, and as a collaborer. But God had another and higher sphere for her.

Death is busy among this people. Yesterday a young man of promise was consigned to the grave. His decease was sudden and unexpected. His funeral, being on the Sabbath, called together a large number. The Indians, together with the white people present, made the largest congregation I have ever seen here. Every available seat was occupied, not excepting the pulpit stairs. It was a solemn and impressive occasion. I addressed the people from the words, "Therefore, be ye also ready," &c.

Mr. Wright says, under date of February 5: "We have hope that a few individuals will prove to have been truly converted within the last few weeks. Several others attend our inquiry meetings, and manifest more or less interest in the subject of religion." There is reason to hope that God has a blessing in store for the Cattaraugus Reservation.

Mrs. M. N. Hall Burgess died on the 30th of December. For sixteen years she has labored with her brother, Rev. William Hall, on the Alleghany Reservation. She has been singularly devoted and earnest in the service of her Master; and her end was eminently peaceful. Her last words were: "Dear Savior, come quickly." She had been married but a few weeks.

**GABOON.**—Messrs. Walker & Preston, with their wives, arrived at Monrovia on the 9th of December, in good health. They spent two weeks at Sierra Leone, where they had "very friendly and pleasant intercourse with the English missionaries and with some of the civil officers," &c.

**SOUTH AFRICA.**—Intelligence of the death of Dr. Adams has been received from Cape Town.