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NOTE.

The following sketch has been prepared at the suggestion of the last General Assembly. The fact that it is but a sketch is sufficient apology for its brevity and incompleteness. Its necessarily fragmentary character, however, is less to be regretted, as much valuable information on the subject is already within reach in "Presbyterian Missions," by the late Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D., the "Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church," written by our senior secretary, Rev. John C. Lowrie, D. D.; "Sketches of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions," issued by the Board in 1872; "Historical Sketches of Presbyterian Missions," published by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and carefully revised to a recent date, and our treasurer's "Hand Book," packed with important and well arranged matter, all of which are laid under tribute in the present sketch.

New York, May, 1888.
The Board of Foreign Missions was organized in the City of Baltimore, October 31st, 1837, in accordance with the following action taken by the General Assembly on June 7th, of the same year. "Resolved, that the General Assembly shall superintend and conduct by its own proper authority the work of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, by a Board appointed for that purpose, and directly amenable to said Assembly." This action marks the culmination of a discussion covering a period of years, as to whether missionary operations should be carried on by voluntary societies, or by the Church in its organized capacity, as had been the case with the home missionary work, and that among the Aborigines. The foreign missionary spirit, however, and systematic effort to preach the Gospel to the heathen, antedated the organization of the Board, and even of the General Assembly by many years.

The first official action of the General Assembly looking to active participation in the work of Foreign Missions, was taken in 1817, when it united with the Reformed Dutch Church and the Associated Reformed Church, in forming "The United Foreign Missionary Society," whose object was "to spread the Gospel among the Indians of North America, the inhabitants of Mexico and South America, and other portions of the heathen and anti-christian world." In 1826 this society was merged into the American Board. In November 1831, the Synod of Pittsburgh, which from its organization in 1802 had exhibited marked missionary zeal, organized the "Western Foreign Missionary Society" for the
purpose of “conveying the Gospel to whatever parts of the heathen and anti-christian world, the Providence of God might enable the Society to extend its evangelical exertions.” Under the fostering care of such noble men as Drs. Francis Herron and Elisha P. Swift, its first President and Corresponding Secretary, this Society had succeeded in planting missions among the American Indians, also in India and Africa, and was contemplating entering China, when on the organization of the Board by the Assembly, it cheerfully transferred its entire work. Up to the Re-union in 1870, the Board was composed of 120 members, chosen by the Assembly from different sections of the Church, from whom an Executive Committee was appointed of members residing in or near New York City, the Board’s headquarters. At the Re-union, the membership of the Board was reduced to fifteen, and the Executive Committee dispensed with. Prior to 1870, the Board was presided over successively by Rev. William W. Phillips, D. D., Rev. John M. Krebs, D. D., and Mr. James Lenox. At the re-organization of the Board in 1870, Mr. Lenox was chosen President. He was succeeded in 1873 by the Rev. William Adams, D. D., at whose death in 1880, Rev. Wm. M. Paxton, D. D. was chosen, and continued to serve until his removal to Princeton in 1884, when the present incumbent, Rev. John D. Wells, D. D. was elected. Concerning the other executive officers, our treasurer’s Hand Book says: “The first Corresponding Secretary of the Board in 1837 was the Hon. Walter Lowrie, who resigned one of the most honored and remunerative positions at the National Capitol, to become the servant of the Church in this office, and which he filled with conspicuous ability and devotion until the year before his death in 1869, when bodily infirmities compelled his retirement. Rev. John C. Lowrie, who was obliged to withdraw from his mission work in India through failure of health, was chosen Assistant Secretary in 1838, holding also after 1845 a pastoral charge until 1850, when he
became a full co-ordinate Secretary with his father, and is now the senior of his associates in age and office. In 1853, Dr. John Leighton Wilson, then a returned missionary from Africa, was chosen third Secretary, continuing until 1861, when he resigned and became the first Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church in the Southern States. This vacancy was filled in 1865 by Dr. David Irving, until his death in 1885. Dr. Irving had been a missionary in India, and at the time of his appointment was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Morristown, N. J. In 1871, Rev. Frank F. Ellinwood, D. D., who had just closed his successful work as secretary of the Re-Union Memorial Fund, was chosen as associate of Drs. Lowrie and Irving. In 1883, Rev. Arthur Mitchell, D. D., was called from the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church of Cleveland, Ohio, to become the fourth Secretary, and in 1885 the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Irving was filled by Rev. John Gillespie, D. D., pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth, N. J. The present corresponding secretaries are in the order of their appointment, Drs. Lowrie, Ellinwood, Mitchell and Gillespie.

The first Treasurer of the Board on its removal to New York was Mr. James Paton, a prominent merchant of this city, who served without salary for three years. Then it was decided unwise to have mission funds involved in the uncertainties of mercantile business; moreover, much inconvenience was found in having this office distant from that of the Board, and in 1841 Rev. Daniel Wells, who had been rendering assistance in that department, became responsible treasurer. His health failing in 1848, Charles D. Drake, Esq., now Ex-United States Senator, and Ex-Chief Justice of the Court of Claims in Washington, was elected his successor. After two years' service Mr. Drake resigned, and the present incumbent, William Rankin, Esq., then of Cincinnati, where he had practised law about thirteen years, was invited to this
office, and entered upon its duties November 1st, 1850.” After a noble service of nearly thirty-eight years, conspicuous for the fidelity, ability and success with which the Board’s treasury has been managed even during perilous financial crises, Mr. Rankin, admonished by advancing years and the increasing burdens of the office, tendered his resignation in March, 1887, to take effect on the appointment of a successor. The resignation was only recently accepted by the Board with deep regret, and with earnest expressions of appreciation of Mr. Rankin’s character and services. Mr. Gilbert K. Harroun has just been appointed to succeed Mr. Rankin, and will enter on the duties of the office, June 11th.
WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS.

Intimately connected with the Board of Foreign Missions are the various Women's Boards and Societies, with their large retinue of auxilaries and bands. From the beginning of the modern movement of "Woman's Work for Woman," the Board has cordially welcomed the co-operation of the consecrated women of the Church, while they in turn have loyally accepted the position of co-laborers with the Board. Reserving to itself the authority vested in it by the General Assembly of organizing and directing the work, including the appointment of missionaries, and the disbursement of funds, the Board nevertheless acknowledges gratefully the invaluable service rendered by the ladies' societies in many directions, notably in deepening and extending the missionary spirit among the churches; in securing re-inforcements for the missions; in adding immensely to the revenue of the Board, and in the affectionate and efficient supervision, which in harmony with the Board's plans, they give to woman's work in the several mission fields.

The Women's Board of Foreign Missions, stands first among these in the order of organization, with headquarters in the Mission House, New York. In April, 1870, a society which had been organized in the City of New York for missionary effort in the territories of the United States, was re-organized as the "Ladies' Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church." This Society contemplated work both in the home and foreign fields, and at once became auxiliary to the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions, under the presidency of Mrs. James Lorimer Graham. In 1883 it was
deemed best to separate the two branches of the work, and the foreign department was at once organized as the "Women's Board of Foreign Missions." Mrs. Graham having died just before the separation was effected, Mrs. O. P. Hubbard was chosen President of the Board, a position which she continued to fill with great acceptance till her death in 1887. After an interval of some months, Mrs. Henry N. Beers was chosen to fill the vacancy. The present officers of the Board are: President, Mrs. Henry N. Beers; Treasurer, Mrs. C. P. Hartt; eighteen Vice-Presidents, and twenty-five Honorary Vice-Presidents; eight Secretaries for Home Correspondence, and two for Foreign Correspondence, a Recording Secretary, an Assistant Treasurer, and a Board of Managers numbering forty-seven. In connection with this Board are 25 Presbyterial Societies in nine States, comprising 483 Women's Societies, 97 Young People's Societies, and 244 Sunday-School Societies and Bands. The aggregate receipts of the Board since its organization are $522,034, besides boxes sent to missionaries valued at $15,822.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society, with headquarters in the Publication House in Philadelphia, was organized October 4th, 1870, with the following officers: President, Mrs. W. E. Schenck; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Z. M. Humphrey, Mrs. D. A. Cunningham, Mrs. E. P. Wilson, Mrs. William Strong; Recording Secretary, Mrs. M. B. Grier; Home Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. S. C. Perkins; Treasurer, Mrs. J. D. McCord; and a Board of twenty Managers. Mrs. Schenck after a faithful service of eighteen years, still continues by the choice of the Society the honored President, while with her are associated twenty-five Vice-Presidents, three Home and three Foreign Corresponding Secretaries, two Special Object Secretaries, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, Mrs. Julia M. Fishburn, together with a Board of thirty-five Directors. Connected with this
Society there are 49 Presbyterial Societies in seven States, comprising 1,275 Auxiliaries, and 1,450 Bands, and the receipts from the beginning amount to $1,647,618.

The Women's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the North-west was organized in Chicago, on December 15th, 1870, with Mrs. R. W. Patterson, President; Mrs. William Blair, and Mrs. George H. Laflin, Secretaries; Mrs. John V. Farwell, Treasurer; and a corps of Vice-Presidents and Managers constituting an Executive Committee. Some two years previous a Union Society, composed of members of Congregational and Presbyterian Churches in the North-west, had been formed in connection with the American Board, but at the Re-union those identified with the Presbyterian Church withdrew and united in forming the present Board. Mrs. Patterson was succeeded in the presidency by Mrs. A. H. Hoge, and later by Mrs. Benjamin Douglass, the present incumbent. Mrs. Hoge, after a distinguished and laborious service, at the urgent request of the Board, occupies the honorable position of President Emeritus. Meanwhile, a list of 44 Vice-presidents has been added, the Secretaries have been increased to nine, three Home, five Foreign, and one Recording, and Mrs. C. B. Farwell has been chosen Treasurer. The Board has 11 Synodical Societies and 69 Presbyterial Societies in connection with it, embracing 1,008 Auxiliary Societies and 514 Bands, and has received since its organization, $706,277.

The Women's Presbyterian Foreign Missionary Society of Northern New York was organized in 1871. Its present executive officers are, President, Mrs. H. B. Nason, of Troy, N. Y.; Recording Secretary, Miss E. A. Darling; Treasurer, Mrs. Chas. R. Church; besides one General Secretary, four Corresponding Secretaries, and two Assistant Treasurers. This Society has 101 Auxiliaries and 119 Bands
in the four Presbyteries of Albany, Troy, Champlain and Columbia. Receipts from the beginning, $119,983.

The Women's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the South-west, with St. Louis as its official centre, was organized for Home and Foreign work in April, 1877. Its officers are, President, Mrs. James H. Brookes; seventeen Vice-presidents, four Home Corresponding Secretaries and one Foreign, a Recording Secretary and a Treasurer, Mrs. Daniel Kuhn. This Board has 376 Societies and Bands, located in three States and the Indian Territory, which have contributed to Foreign Missions $28,968, and to Home Missions $25,643.
METHODS.

The methods of the Board are believed to be simple, straightforward and businesslike; in harmony with the Scriptural warrant for missionary work, and with the polity of the Presbyterian Church. They are the result of the experience and observation of more than half a century. To claim for them perfection would be to lose sight of the fact that in a widespread and constantly developing work there is need of frequent modification of method. The Board has always assigned the chief place to the preaching of the Word as an evangelizing agency, while putting due emphasis upon the school, the press, the hospital and dispensary, with here and there an experimental effort in the line of the industrial arts. The Board's business agency is the Standing Committee of the Mission to which is committed the interests of our Church in the region covered by the Mission. The Standing Committee includes only the members of the foreign missionary force entitled to be members of Presbytery, although in one of the Missions with prescribed limitations, the Board has recently ventured on the experiment of allowing the ladies of the Mission a vote on their particular department of the work. The Mission meets annually and hears reports of the work of the past year, and considers plans and estimates for the ensuing year. To these meetings the ladies of the Mission are most welcome and their counsel invited and appreciated. At various times during the history of the Board, especially in recent years, the serious question of a fuller recognition of native ministers has been repeatedly considered. The matter has been under consideration by the Board for some time,
and it is hoped that some plan may be devised by which the native ministers shall have a more potent voice in the mission work than that which is accorded them at present.

In the Mission House the work is divided by the several secretaries among themselves, each having the correspondence with certain missions, and conducting such a share of the home correspondence as may fall to him. The Secretaries and Treasurer constitute the Office Conference. This informal conference meets on the Saturday preceding the meetings of the Board and carefully considers all business to be presented. The Office is expected to formulate an opinion on the various subjects to be submitted, which the Board at its pleasure adopts, rejects or modifies. In considering the estimates for the ensuing year received from the various missions, and which form the basis of the contemplated outlay, the Finance Committee, in consultation with the Office, first of all agrees upon the probable revenue to be expected from all sources during the year. Should the estimates exceed the probable income, which is always the case, the very difficult matter is undertaken of cutting them down so as to come within the figure agreed upon, and at the same time distribute the funds as equitably as possible. In all business pertaining to the several missions, the Board attaches great importance to the opinion of brethren on the field, and especially to the recommendations of the Standing Committees.

The plans for raising funds are left to the churches under the direction of the Church Courts, while the secretaries and returned missionaries by public addresses and otherwise, do what they can to stimulate intelligent beneficence.

In its methods, as in all else pertaining to the work, the Board is amenable to the General Assembly, and to it alone, as responsibility to any inferior judicatories would lead to inextricable confusion.
MISSIONS AND MISSIONARIES.

In “Foreign Missions” by Dr. Lowrie, and the “Historical Sketches” already referred to, very full information will be found as to the organization and development of the several missions, together with lists of missionaries corrected to a recent date. The following historical data, together with the missionary force now in the field, will suffice for the present sketch. The names in italics are those of native ordained ministers.

MISSIONS AMONG THE INDIANS.

SENeca MISSION.

Alleghany: Alleghany Reservation, Western New York; Cornplanter Reservation, Pennsylvania; Rev. M. F. Trippe and wife.

Upper Cattaraugus: Cattaraugus Reservation, Western New York; mission begun, 1811; transferred to the Board, 1870; Rev. William Hall, Miss Olivia P. Ball, and seven native assistants.

Sub-stations: On Tonawanda and Tuscarora Reserves, Western New York.

THE DAKOTA MISSION.

Yankton Agency, Dakota Territory: on the Missouri River, 69 miles above Yankton; station occupied, 1869; Rev John P. Williamson and his wife; Miss Nancy Hunter, teacher; Rev. Henry T. Selwyn. Outstations, 4; native helpers, 2.

Flandreau, Dakota Territory: on Big Sioux River, 40 miles above Sioux Falls; station occupied, 1869; Rev. John Eastman.

Poplar Creek, Montana Territory: on the Missouri River, 70 miles above Fort Buford; station occupied, 1880; Rev. and Mrs. George W. Wood, Jr. Outstation, 1; native teachers, 2.

Wolf Point, Montana Territory: on the Missouri River, 20 miles from Poplar Creek; station occupied, 1883; at present vacant.

Pine Ridge, Dakota Territory: occupied, 1886; Rev. C. G. Sterling and his wife; Miss Jennie B. Dickson and Miss Charlotte C. McCreight; one native helper.
OMAHA MISSION.

BLACKBIRD HILLS, Nebraska: on the Missouri River, about 70 miles above Omaha City; mission begun, 1846; Rev. William Hamilton and his wife, Decatur, Nebraska; Rev. John T. Copley and his wife; Mrs. Margaret C. Wade, Miss Margaret C. Better, Miss Mary L. Barnes, and Miss Eva M. Woodin, Omaha Agency, Omaha.

WINNEBAGO MISSION.

On their reservation, adjoining that of the Omahas; mission resumed, 1881; Rev. Samuel N. D. Martin and his wife; Rev. William T. Findley. Post Office, Winnebago, Nebraska.

SAC AND FOX MISSION.

Mission begun, 1883; Miss Anna Skea. Post Office, Tama City, Iowa.

CHOCTAW MISSION.

Spencer Academy: mission begun, 1845; Rev. H. R. Schermerhorn and his wife.

NEZ PERCE MISSION.

Lapwai, Idaho Ter.: work begun 1838; Rev. George L. Deffenbaugh and Miss Kate McBeth.

Kamiah: occupied 1883; Miss Sue McBeth, temporarily at Mount Idaho.

Native ministers: Kamiah, Rev. R. Williams; Umatilla, Rev. J. Hayes; North Fork, Rev. W. Wheeler; Lapwai, Rev. A. B. Lawyer; Deep Creek, Rev. J. Hines; Wellpinit, Rev. E. Pond; Meadow Creek, Rev. S. Whitman; General Evangelist, Rev. Peter Lindsley.

LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA MISSION.

Odanah: on Bad River Reservation, in the northwestern part of Wisconsin, the Reservation fronting on Lake Superior; transferred to the Board, 1870; missionary work resumed, 1871; Rev. Henry Blatchford and Rev. Edwin Green.

Lac Cour d'Oreilles: on the Reservation of the same name; station begun, 1883; Rev. Samuel G. Wright. Outstations: at Round Lake, 8 miles from Lac Cour d'Oreilles, and Puhquauwhong, 17 miles from the station, Misses Susie and Cornelia H. Dougherty.

SOUTHERN MEXICO MISSION.

Began in 1872, in the City of Mexico; Rev. J. Milton Greene, D.D., Rev. Hubert W. Brown and wife, and Rev. H. C. Thomson; Miss Anetta M. Bartlett and Miss V. A. Disosway. Native ministers: Mexico City, Rev. Arcadio Morales; San Pedro y Pablo, Rev. Severiano Gallegos; Toluca, Rev. Luis Arias; Capulhuac, Rev. Evaristo Hurtado; Ozumba, Rev. J. P. Navarre; Zimapan, Rev. Miguel Arias; Jalapa, Rev. Vicente Gomez; Zitacuaro, Rev. Pedro Ballestra; San Francisco, Rev. Enrique Bianchi; Tuxpam, Rev. Maximino Palomino; Jungapeo, Rev. Felipe Pastrana; Sauces, Rev. Salomon Diaz; Merida, Rev. Pritziliano Zavaleta; Vera Cruz, Rev. Hipolito Quesada; Jalapa, Rev. Antonio B. Lopez; San Juan Bautista, Rev. Abraham Franco; Paraibo, Rev. Mariano Olivera; Comalcalco, Rev. Eligio Granados; Chilpancingo, Rev. Plutarco Arrellano; Mohonera, Rev. Felix Gomez; Frontera, Rev. Pbro. C. Diaz; Licentiates, 6; native teachers, 22; Bible woman, 1.
NORTHERN MEXICO MISSION.

Zacatecas: occupied 1873; laborers—Rev. Thomas F. Wallace; ordained natives, 2; licentiates, 8; native helpers, 9. At Fresnillo, Rev. Jesús Martínez.

San Luis Potosí: occupied 1873; laborers—Rev. Marion E. Beall and wife; Rev. Hesiquio Forcada; licentiates, 3; teachers, 4.

San Miguel del Mezquital: occupied 1876; laborers—Rev David J. Stewart and wife, and Rev. Carlos Abeyro; one teacher.

Saltillo: occupied 1884; Rev. Isaac Boyce and wife; licentiates, 4; teachers, 2. At Monterey, Miss Fannie E. Ward and Miss Mabel Elliott; Rev. Brigido Sepulveda.

In this country: Mrs. H. C. Thomson, Mrs. J. M. Greene, and Mrs. T. F. Wallace.

MISSION IN GUATEMALA.

Organized in 1882: station, Guatemala City, about 60 miles from the seaport of San José; laborers—Rev. and Mrs. Edward M. Haymaker; Miss M. L. Hammond, and Miss Annie E. Ottaway.

MISSIONS IN SOUTH AMERICA.

MISSION IN THE UNITED STATES OF COLUMBIA.

Bogota: the capital of the country; situated on an elevated plain; latitude, 4 degrees north; climate, temperate; population estimated at 80,000; occupied as a mission station, 1856; laborers—Revs. M. E. Caldwell, J. G. Touzeau, Thomas H. Candor and their wives; Miss Eliza E. Macintosh; five native teachers.

MISSIONS IN BRAZIL.


Larangeiras: Rev. J. B. Kolb and his wife.


Rio de Janeiro: capital of the empire; population variously stated up to 400,000; occupied as a mission station in 1860; missionary laborers—Rev. Messrs. J. T. Houston, John M. Kyle, and their wives, and Rev. A. B. Trajano; one native assistant and two colporteurs.

São Paulo: 300 miles west-southwest of Rio de Janeiro; chief town in the province of same name; population, 27,000; occupied as a mission station in 1863; missionary laborers—Rev. Geo. W. Chamberlain and wife; H. M. Lane, M.D.; Miss Ella Kuhl, Miss Mary P. Dascomb, Miss P. A. Thomas; five teachers, one Bible-reader and one colporter. Rev. D. McLaren, part of the year.

Sorocaba: 60 miles west of São Paulo;—Rev. J. Zacharias de Miranda.
Rio Claro: over 120 miles northwest of Sao Paulo; occupied as a mission station in 1863; missionary laborers—Rev. J. F. Dagama and wife; Miss Eva Dagama; one licentiate and two colporteurs.

Brotas: 170 miles northwest of Sao Paulo; occupied as a mission station in 1868; missionary laborers—Rev. J. B. Howell and wife; one licentiate and five teachers.

Caldas: 170 miles north of Sao Paulo—Rev. M. G. Torres; one native helper and one teacher.


Botucatu: 160 miles west by north of Sao Paulo; missionary laborers—Rev. J. R. C. Braga and two native teachers.

Corytiba: about 500 miles southwest of Rio de Janeiro; chief town of the province of Parana; missionary laborers—G. A. Landes and wife and two colporteurs.

MISSIONS IN CHILI.


Santiago: the capital of Chili, 120 miles south of Valparaiso, with which it has railroad connection; Population, 125,000; laborers—Rev. Messrs. S. J. Christen, J. M. Allis, W. H. Lester, Jr., William B. Boomer, and their wives; Rev. Albert Vidaurre.

Concepcion: near the coast, about 300 miles south of Valparaiso, connected with Santiago by railroad; Population, 20,000; laborer—Rev. Francisco Jorquera.

Constitution: a seaport about 150 miles south of Valparaiso; Population, 8,000; laborer—Rev. Moses Bercovitz.

Quillota: on the railroad connecting Valparaiso and Santiago; Population, 1,500; laborers—Rev. and Mrs. William H. Robinson; one licentiate.

MISSIONS IN WESTERN AFRICA.

LIBERIA MISSION.

Monrovia: Capital of Liberia; begun 1833; laborers—Rev. and Mrs. Frank B. Perry.

Brewerville:

Clay-Ashland: laborers—Rev. and Mrs. Philip F. Flournoy, Mr. and Mrs. Albert B. King.

Glima: in the Vey country; laborers—Rev. and Mrs. Thomas W. Roberts.

Careysburgh: laborers—Rev. and Mrs. Robert A. M. Deputie.

Schieffelin:

Grassdale: laborer—Mr. Robert D. King.

Gibeah: laborer—Mrs. Sophia E. Nurse.

Greenville: Sinoe; laborer—Rev. David Frazier.
GABOON AND CORISCO MISSION.

Benita: on the mainland, 53 miles north of Corisco; occupied as a mission station, 1864; laborers—Rev. and Mrs. Cornelius De Heer and Mrs. Louise Reutlinger. Outstations: Batanga, Evune, Bata, etc.; Rev. Frank S. Myonge, fourteen native assistants.

Corisco: 55 miles north of the equator and from 15 to 20 miles from the mainland. Alongo: occupied as a station, 1850; laborers—Rev. Ibia J. Ikenje; one native licentiate preacher. Outstation at Mbiko, on the mainland opposite Corisco; three native assistants.

Gaboon: Baraka, on the Gaboon River, near the equator, 10 miles from the sea; occupied as a station, 1842; transferred to the Board, 1870; laborers—Rev. and Mrs. William C. Gault, Mr. Joseph H. Reading, Mr. Peter Menkel. Outstation at Rembow, on the Gaboon River: Rev. Ntacke Truman.

Angom: above Nengenenge, on the Gaboon River; occupied as a station, 1881; laborers—Rev. and Mrs. Arthur W. Marling and Mrs. T. Spencer Ogden.

Kangwe: on the Ogove River, 165 miles from the sea by the river, or 90 miles direct; occupied as a station, 1876; laborers—Rev. and Mrs. Adolphus C. Good; Miss Mary L. Harding; one native licentiate preacher; two native helpers. Five outstations; one native licentiate and seven native assistants.

Talaguga: on the Ogove River, 50 miles above Kangwe; occupied as a station, 1882; laborers—Rev. Robert H. Nassau, M.D.; Miss Isabella A. Nassau.

MISSIONS IN SYRIA.


Sidon: Rev. Wm. K. Eddy and wife, Miss H. M. Eddy, Miss Charlotte H. and Miss Rebecca M. Brown.

Tripoli: Rev. Messrs. O. J. Hardin and F. W. March, and Ira Harris, M.D., and their wives; Miss Harriet Lagrange, Miss Mary T. Maxwell Ford, and Miss Mary C. Holmes.


In this country: Rev. Wm. M. Thomson, D.D., Mrs. Mary P. Ford.

MISSIONS IN PERSIA.

WESTERN MISSION.

Oroomiah: station begun under the American Board, 1834; transferred to this Board, 1871; laborers—Rev. Messrs. J. H. Shedd, D.D., B. Labaree, D.D., F. G. Coan, E. W. McDowell, E. W. St. Pierre, and their wives; Joseph P. Cochran, M.D., and his wife; Mr. W. A. Shedd, Mrs. D. P. Cochran, Miss N. J. Dean, Miss M. K. Van Duzee, Miss M. Morgan, Miss E. G. Cochran.

Tabriz: station begun 1873; laborers—Rev. Messrs. J. M. Oldfather, S. G. Wilson, and their wives; G. W. Holmes, M.D., and his wife; Miss Mary Jewett, Mrs. L. C. Van Hook, and Miss G. Y. Holliday.

Salmas: Haft Dtwan village; station begun 1884; laborers—Rev. Messrs. J. N. Wright, J. C. Mechlin, and their wives; Miss C. O. Van Duzee, Miss Emma Roberts.

EASTERN MISSION.

Teheran: capital of Persia, population 200,000; work begun in 1872; laborers—Rev. J. L. Potter, W. W. Torrence, M.D., Rev. S. Lawrence Ward, Rev. Lewis F. Esselstyn, and their wives; Miss Anna Schenck, Miss Cora Bartlett, Miss A. C. Dale.

Hamadan: 200 miles southwest of Teheran, population 40,000; occupied 1880; laborers—Rev. James W. Hawkes, E. W. Alexander, M.D., and their wives; Miss Annie Montgomery, Miss Charlotte G. Montgomery.

MISSIONS IN INDIA.

LODIANA MISSION.

Rawal Pindi: 170 miles northwest of Lahore; mission station commenced, 1855; laborers—Rev. J. F. Ullmann, Rev. Robert Morrison and his wife; Miss Margaret A. Craig; eight native assistants. Outstation: Murree. In England: Mrs. J. F. Ullmann.


Ferozepore: 50 miles southwest of Lodiana; occupied as a station, 1882; laborers—Rev. Francis J. Newton, M.D., and his wife; two native assistants.

Hoshyarpore: 45 miles north of Lodiana; mission station commenced, 1867; laborers—Rev. K. C. Chatterjee and Rev. H. Abdullah; nine native assistants.

Jalandhar: 120 miles east of Lahore, 30 miles west of Lodiana; mission station commenced, 1846; laborers—Charles W. Forman, Jr., M.D., and his wife; Miss M. Pratt; Rev. Golak Nath; one native assistant.
Lodiana: near the river Sutlej, 1,100 miles northwest of Calcutta; mission station commenced, 1834; laborers—Rev. Messrs. Charles B. Newton, Edward P. Newton, and James M. McComb, and their wives; Miss Margaret M. Given, and Miss C. E. Downs; Rev. John B. Dales; native assistants—one Scripture-reader, nine male and six female teachers. Outstation at Jagraon, Rev. Ahmad Shak and one native teacher; at Rupah, Rev. Matthias; at Morinda, one native teacher; at Khanna, two native assistants; at Rampur, Rev. Henry Golok Nath; one native teacher.


Sabathu: in the lower Himalaya Mountains, 110 miles east of Lodiana; mission station commenced, 1836; laborers—Mrs. J. H. Morrison; Rev. T. W. J. Wylie; two native teachers.

Dehra: 47 miles east of Saharanpur; mission station commenced, 1853; laborers—Rev. Reese Thackwell and his wife, Miss Sarah M. Wherry, Miss Annie S. Geisenger, Miss L. M. Pendleton, employed by the girls' school, one female teacher; Rev. Prabhu Das; five native assistants.

Woodstock: in Landour, 15 miles eastward from Dehra; school begun, 1874; laborers—Mrs. James L. Scott, Miss Irene Griffith, Miss Clara G. Williamson, Miss Emily G. Foote, Miss Mary Fullerton, and Miss Anna M. Condit.


Mzafuarnagar: a few miles south of Saharanpur, on the railroad; Rev. William Calderwood and his wife; Rev. Kanwar Sain; one native teacher.

Furrukhabad Mission.


Mynpurie: 40 miles west of Futtehgurh; mission station commenced, 1843; missionary laborers—Rev. Messrs. T. Édward Inglis, George W. Pollock, and their wives; twelve native assistants.

Etah: not distant from Mynpurie and Etawah; station begun, 1873; laborers—eight native helpers.

Etawah: on the Jumna, 50 miles southwest of Mynpurie; mission station commenced, 1863; laborers—Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Tracy; Rev. Nabibaksh; nine native assistants. Miss Christine Belz, teacher and Zenana visitor. Two sub-stations.
Gwalior: capital of the district of the same name; mission station commenced, 1874; Mrs. Joseph Warren; three native assistants.

Jhansi: 65 miles south of Gwalior; occupied as a missionary station in 1886; laborers—Rev. and Mrs. James F. Holcomb.

Futtehpore: 70 miles northwest of Allahabad; station begun, 1853; laborers—three native assistants.

Allahabad: at the junction of the Ganges and the Jumna, 506 miles northwest of Calcutta; mission station commenced, 1836; laborers—Rev. Messrs. James M. Alexander, J. J. Lucas and their wives; Rev. John N. Forman; Miss Sarah C. Seward, M.D., Miss Susan A. Hutchison, Miss Mary B. Lawson, and Miss Mary P. Forman; Rev. J. J. Caleb; four native licentiate preachers; fifteen native assistants.

In this country: Rev. William F. Johnson, D.D.

KOLHAPUR MISSION.

Kolhapur: 200 miles southeast of Bombay; mission station commenced, 1853; taken under the care of the Board, 1870; laborers—Rev. Messrs. Galen W. Seiler and Joseph M. Goheen and their wives; Mrs. J. J. Hull, Mrs. R. G. Wilder, Miss Grace E. Wilder; native assistants—one licentiate and nine teachers and helpers. One outstation.

Panhala: 14 miles north of Kolhapur; mission station commenced, 1877; laborers—Rev. and Mrs. George H. Ferris, Miss Esther Patton; native assistants, 8. Three outstations.


MISSION IN SIAM.

Bangkok: on the River Meinam, 25 miles from its mouth; occupied as a mission station, 1840 to 1844, and from 1847 to the present time; laborers—Rev. Messrs. E. Wachter, W. G. McClure, Dr. T. Heyward Hays, and their wives; Miss Edna S. Cole, Miss Laura A. Olmstead; two native licentiate preachers, six native teachers.

Petchaburi: on the western side of the Gulf of Siam, 85 miles southwest from Bangkok; occupied as a mission station in 1861; laborers—Rev. Eugene P. Dunlap, James B. Thompson, M.D., and their wives; Rev. C. A. Berger, Miss Mary L. Cort, Miss Jennie M. Small, Miss Kate N. Fleeson, five native helpers, two licentiates, ten native teachers. Outstations: Bangkaboon, Paktalay, Ta Rua, Ban Pai, and other places.

MISSION AMONG THE LAOS.

Chieng-Mai: on the river Quee-Ping, 500 miles north of Bangkok; occupied as a mission station, 1876; laborers—Rev. Jonathan Wilson, Rev. Messrs. Daniel McGilvary, D.D., D. G. Collins, and their wives; Rev. W. C. Dodd, and A. M. Cary, M.D.; Miss Eliza P. Westervelt, Miss Isabella Griffin, Miss Belle Eakin and Miss Mary Van Eman; two native assistants; ten outstations.

Lakawn: Rev. S. C. Peoples, M.D., and his wife.
MISSIONS IN CHINA.

CANTON MISSION.

CANTON: Rev. Messrs. A. P. Happer, D.D., H. V. Noyes, B. C. Henry, W. J. White, and A. A. Fulton, and their wives; John G. Kerr, M.D., and J. M. Swan, M.D., and their wives; Rev. O. F. Wisner, Miss Alverda Happer, Miss E. M. Butler, Miss M. W. Niles, M.D., Miss M. Baird, Miss J. E. Wisner, Miss M. H. Fulton, M.D., and Miss Sophie G. Preston; Rev. Quan Loy, Rev. E. Sikkau, and Rev. Lat Po Tsun; nineteen unordained evangelists, seventeen native assistants, thirty-three teachers, and eighteen Bible-women.

MACAO: Miss Hattie Lewis.

HAINAN: Rev. F. P. Gilman and wife; H. M. McCandliss, M.D., and Mr. C. C. Jerimiassen.

YEUNG KONG: Rev. J. C. Thomson, M.D., and wife.

In this country: Miss Hattie Noyes.

CENTRAL MISSION.

NINGPO: on the Ningpo River, 12 miles from the sea; occupied as a mission station, 1845; laborers—Rev. and Mrs. W. J. McKee, Mrs. John Butler, and Miss Sarah O. Warner; Rev. Messrs. Bao-kwong-kyi, Uoh-Cong-eng, Zi-Kyoe-jing, Lu-Cing-veng, Yiang-Ling-tsiao, Ye Yin-coh and Leo Ping-fong; twelve licentiates and helpers, five Bible-women, six teachers.


HANGCHOW: the provincial capital of Chekiang province, 156 miles northwest of Ningpo; occupied as a mission station, 1859; laborers—Rev. Messrs. J. H. Judson and Frank V. Mills and their wives; Rev. Messrs. Tsiang-Nyoing-Kive, and Yu Zong-foh; six native teachers, one Bible-woman.

SUCHOW: 70 miles from Shanghai; occupied as a mission station, 1871; laborers—Rev. and Mrs. J. N. Hayes and Rev. David N. Lyon; two teachers.

NANKING: on the Yang-tse-Kiang, 90 miles from its mouth; occupied as a mission station, 1876; laborers—Rev. Messrs. Charles Leaman and R. E. Abbey and their wives; two ordained natives, one Bible-woman, three teachers.

PEKING MISSION.

PEKING: the capital of the country; occupied as a mission station, 1863; missionary laborers—Rev. Messrs. J. L. Whiting, Daniel McCoy and Rev. John Wherry and their wives; Rev. J. Walter Lowrie, Mrs. Reuben Lowrie, Miss Mary A. Lowrie, and Miss Grace Newton; B. C. Atterbury, M.D., and George Y. Taylor, M.D.; four licentiates, eight helpers, and one Bible-woman.
SHANTUNG MISSION.


Che-nan-foo: capital of the Shantung province, 300 miles south of Peking; occupied as a mission station, 1872; missionary laborers—Rev. Messrs. John Murray and Paul D. Bergen and their wives; Rev. Messrs. Gilbert Reid and W. P. Chalfant; Robert Coltman, Jr., M.D., and wife; Miss Lulu H. Boyd; three helpers.


MISSIONS IN JAPAN.

TOKYO MISSION.

Yokohama: on the bay a few miles below Tokyo; mission begun, 1859; laborers—James C. Hepburn, M.D., and his wife.

Tokyo: the capital of Japan; station occupied, 1869; laborers—Rev. Messrs. David Thompson, D.D., William Imbrie, D.D., George William Knox and James M. McCauley, and their wives; Rev. Theodore MacNair, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Ballagh, Mrs. Maria T. True, Miss Kate C. Youngman, Miss Sarah C. Smith, Miss Anna K. Davis, Miss Isabella A. Lecte, Miss Carrie T. Alexander, Miss Annie R. West, Miss Mary L. Reade, Miss Annie P. Ballagh, Miss Bessie P. Milliken, Miss C. H. Rose, Miss Gertrude S. Bigelow, Miss Etta W. Case, and Miss Effie Light, M.D.

OSAKA MISSION.

Kanazawa: on the Japan Sea, about 180 miles northwest of Yedo; station occupied, 1879; Rev. Messrs. Thomas C. Winn, James B. Porter, M. C. Hayes, B. C. Haworth, and their wives; Miss Francina Porter, Miss Mary K. Hesser, Mrs. S. M. Naylor.


MISSION IN KOREA.

Mission begun in 1884; station, Seoul, the capital, near the western coast, on the Han River, and 25 miles overland from the commercial port, Chemulpo; laborers—J. W. Heron, M.D., and wife, and Rev. H. G. Underwood; Mrs. Annie Ellers Bunker, M. D., and Miss Lillian S. Horton, M.D.

MISSIONS TO THE CHINESE AND JAPANESE IN THIS COUNTRY.

San Francisco: Mission begun, 1852; laborers—Rev. Messrs. Augustus W. Loomis, D.D., and A. J. Kerr, and their wives, and E. W. Sturge, M.D., and wife; Miss Maggie Culbertson, Miss E. R. Cable, and Miss M. M. Baskin; three teachers in English; three other native helpers.

Oakland: Mission begun 1877; two teachers; one native helper.

Los Angeles: laborers—Rev. I. M. Condit and wife; one native helper; two teachers in English.


New York: one native teacher.
Soon after the organization of the Western Foreign Missionary Society, the necessity for a foreign missionary literature was felt, and the *Foreign Missionary Chronicle* was established in 1832, though the first bound volume bears the date of 1833. During the last year of its publication the *Chronicle* had two departments, named the *Foreign Missionary Chronicle*, and the *Home Missionary Chronicle*. In January, 1850, this publication gave place to the *Home and Foreign Record*, which by order of the General Assembly was issued as the joint organ of the several Boards of the Church.

The *Foreign Missionary* was first published in newspaper form in May, 1842, and continued to be issued in this form with various changes till 1876, having attained a circulation of almost 70,000. Meanwhile, in June, 1850, a pamphlet edition was begun, including the same matter with important additions adapted in style and scope to adults, while the newspaper edition became more a publication for children and youth. In this form it was issued till 1886, when the General Assembly of that year ordered it and *Home and Foreign Record* to be discontinued to make way for the new magazine, "The Church at Home and Abroad."

In April, 1871, the publication of *Woman's Work for Woman* was begun by the Woman’s Society, located in Philadelphia, and in September of the same year *Our Mission Field* was issued by the Woman’s Board of New York. In 1886, the two were consolidated, and the publication of the present magazine, "Woman's Work for Woman and Our
Mission Field was begun, with Miss Ellen C. Parsons as editor, and an editorial committee consisting of one representative from each of the five Boards or Societies. Woman's Work for Woman had attained a circulation of 10,000, and Our Mission Field of 1,500, while the average circulation of the consolidated magazine among bona-fide subscribers averages 14,500.

To encourage, develop and direct the interest of the children in Foreign Missions, Children's Work for Children was established in 1875, a bright, illustrated magazine with an increasing circulation, published at 1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia. Its present editor is Miss Mary I. Lombard.

In addition to the magazines noted above, and one or two volumes referred to in the note prefixed to this sketch, the Board has published nothing. The ladies' societies, however, besides "Historical Sketches" published in Philadelphia, and a series of "Missionary Annals" published in Chicago, have issued and distributed a large number of carefully prepared tracts and leaflets containing valuable information and helpful hints.

It is to be regretted that the issues of the various mission presses connected with the Presbyterian Church, are not to be found in tabulated form, or indeed in any available shape, so as to make an accurate and exhaustive list possible. Hundreds of volumes, including such works as Dr. John Newton's Gurmukhi Dictionary, Dr. James C. Hepburn's Japanese and English Dictionary, Systematic Theology in Arabic, by Dr. James S. Dennis, translations of the Bible in whole or in part, educational and scientific books, besides millions of pages of books and tracts for general distribution, by sale or gift, and a large number of weekly or monthly sheets, something after the style of our religious newspapers, have been issued from the presses connected with our Missions; to say nothing of the volumes and fugitive newspaper and magazine articles which have been written by the missionaries and published in this country and elsewhere.
RESULTS.

To tabulate the results of such a work is impossible—they can not even be ascertained in all their variety and magnitude. Even could tables be constructed with unerring accuracy, presenting with painstaking minuteness the tangible results attained in the several lines of effort on mission fields, they would fall far short of giving the aggregate results of half a century of missionary labor. They would tell nothing of the silent but mighty influence of the Gospel upon society apart from its saving power, in elevating the standard of morality, sanctifying the family relation, and introducing those principles of a Christian civilization, which find expression in such institutions as hospitals and asylums. The following tables are submitted, however, as embodying such facts as admit of record in figures. A careful examination of them, in connection with even the imperfect historical sketch here-with presented, ought to call forth profound thanksgiving to God on the part of the whole Church, and stimulate to still greater sacrifices and grander efforts for the spread of the Gospel among heathen and nominally-christian nations in this day of opportunity and responsibility. The commission from the lips of the risen Lord still rings out from the trysted mountain in Galilee, and the added promise still remains: “Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”
Receipts from 1833 to 1887-'88.

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- Missions and scholars in India reduced by the Sepoy revolt.
- Most of the Southern Presbyterian Churches withdrew from the Board owing to the civil war.
- Missions in the Indian Territory broken up by the war; some of them resumed, 1865 and 1881.
- The Seneca, Lake Superior, Chippewa, Dakota, Syria and Persia missions, and a number of missionaries, received from the American Board.
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Section 2.—The said corporation shall possess the general powers, rights, and privileges, and be subject to liabilities and provisions contained in the eighteenth chapter of the first part of the Revised Statutes, so far as the same is applicable, and also subject to the provisions of chapter three hundred and sixty of the laws of eighteen hundred and sixty.

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