

printed them; have built a boat for African waters; have supported a Mexican newspaper, have met all expenses connected with our work at home, and have paid unappropriated into the treasury of the Assembly's Board, five per cent. of our receipts for contingent expenses connected with our special work.

"The whole amount raised for these purposes by the women of our Church since the organization of the first society in 1870, is \$2,931,021. Adding to this the many thousand dollars given to specific objects outside of the regular estimates, and the legacies paid into the Board direct from the estates of Presbyterian women (one of which is the largest legacy they ever received), amounting in all to about \$500,000, we have raised during these nearly eighteen years over \$3,500,000.

The two periodicals published by these societies jointly are: *Woman's Work for Woman*, and *Our Mission Field, and Children's Work for Children*, and both are self-supporting.

7. *The Woman's Board of the Pacific Islands*, 1871 (Presbyterian). We have no report of this society, and can do no better than to refer to *THE REVIEW* for December, 1887, page 735.

#### IV. Woman's Work in the Presbyterian Church in the United States (Southern).

There is no separate organization of the ladies of this Church for the conduct of foreign work. We are indebted to the Corresponding Secretary of Foreign Missions, Rev. M. H. Houston, D.D., 113 N. Charles street, Baltimore, for the following response to our inquiry

concerning the operations of the ladies' societies in connection with their general society:

"In reply to your card I would state, that in the Southern Presbyterian Church there was contributed last year by Ladies' Foreign Missionary Societies, \$20,732.71. The number of these societies contributing was 457. In 1874 the contributions of these societies amounted to \$2,111.50; in 1878, \$10,107.54. Since 1874, when the contributions of the societies began to be reported separately from the other receipts, the total amount contributed by them has been \$135,682.34. The societies have in general had no association with one another. Within the last year Presbyterian associations have in some cases been formed."

#### V. Reformed Presbyterians.

*THE REVIEW* last year reported the formation of two Presbyterian societies. We have endeavored to ascertain something further about them, but have nothing. A note from Rev. R. M. Somerville, New York, Sept. 13, 1883, says:

"We have no women's missionary societies, except in connection with individual congregations, and there are no published reports of their work."

#### VI. Women's Board of Missions of the United Presbyterian Church. Organized 1879.

Miss Margaret Shaw, Recording Secretary, Pittsburgh, Pa.

This is a joint home and foreign missionary society, and the following table, though containing matter extraneous to our purpose, is too valuable to mar, so we give it entire:

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

|                               | 1883.    | 1884.    | 1885.    | 1886.    | 1887.    | 1888.    |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Presbyteries Represented..... | .....    | .....    | .....    | .....    | .....    | 56       |
| Presbyterial Societies.....   | 16       | 27       | 25       | 32       | 41       | 43       |
| Congregational.....           | 335      | 345      | 309      | 469      | 572      | 675      |
| Members Reported.....         | 10,593   | 11,007   | 12,071   | 13,585   | 15,504   | 17,529   |
| CONTRIBUTIONS.                |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Foreign Missions.....         | \$7,516  | \$8,365  | \$10,177 | \$10,703 | \$13,803 | \$15,619 |
| Home Missions.....            | 4,304    | 4,227    | 4,924    | 5,650    | 5,835    | 5,363    |
| Freedmen's Missions.....      | 2,082    | 2,103    | 2,788    | 2,276    | 7,316    | 3,215    |
| Church Extension.....         | 906      | 860      | 1,096    | 2,121    | 1,168    | 2,103    |
| Congregational Purposes.....  | .....    | .....    | .....    | 9,819    | 12,438   | 12,970   |
| Other Objects.                |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Ministerial Relief.....       | .....    | .....    | .....    | .....    | .....    | 413      |
| Orphans' Home.....            | .....    | .....    | .....    | .....    | .....    | 371      |
| Miscellaneous.....            | .....    | .....    | .....    | .....    | .....    | 4,379    |
| Total "Other Objects".....    | 16,839   | 12,528   | 10,782   | 4,120    | 5,812    | 5,192    |
| Total.....                    | \$25,731 | \$28,082 | \$29,767 | \$38,749 | \$46,395 | \$44,467 |
| Boxes NOT included.....       | .....    | .....    | .....    | .....    | .....    | 6,310    |

Miss Shaw says:

"Comparing this with report of previous year, we find that 2,005 have been added to the membership, while there has been a falling off in contributions of \$1,961. We had hoped to have \$50,000 to report this year, and had there been the growth there has been for several years back, this would have been the case.

"A deep and prayerful interest has pervaded the whole Church, and especially in regard to the debt resting on the Board of Foreign Missions

and retrenchment of work in Egypt, where schools which had been in existence many years have actually been closed for want of funds.

"*The Women's Missionary Magazine*, published by a committee appointed by the General Missionary Society, though making its first appearance in August, 1887, is on a cash basis, with a steadily increasing subscription list. Many kind words and subscriptions have been received for it from persons of other churches as well as our own."