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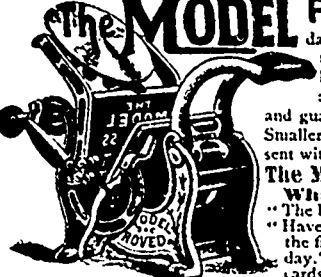
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The Rev. Jacob Freshman, of the Hebrew Christian Mission, who has returned to New York from a visit to the East, gives in his periodical the following account of Presbyterian Missions:

In Syria, particularly at Beirut, the Lord is abundantly blessing the labours of the pastors and teachers. At Beirut, the Rev. H. H. Jessup, D.D., kindly showed us over the mission premises, including their extensive printing and publishing establishment. Every provision is made for the spiritual, as well as the educational training of the people. It may be stated that the translation of the Bible into Arabic was made by American missionaries. Of printing and publishing this great work the American Bible Society bore the whole of the expense.

We also paid a visit to Tripoli, where we were cordially greeted by the two missionaries there—the Rev. F. W. March and the Rev. W. Nelson.

Valuable seed is being sown at all these stations, and the influence that the girls in the schools will exert by-and-by must be for good. Incalculable are the benefits that will be derived. Through the girls of the present, the missionaries are teaching the next generation.

I received letters of introduction to the missionaries of the United Presbyterian Church of America in the East, from the Rev. Dr. Dales, of Philadelphia. At Alexandria I had the pleasure of calling upon the Rev. Dr. Ewing, who, in addition to his ministerial and educational work, also discharges the duties of United States Consul. Both in evangelization and education a grand work is being accomplished here. On the occasion of our visit it happened to be a holiday and the schools were closed, but in order to give us some evidence of the results of the teaching, seven scholars—Jewish girls—were hurriedly called together. It was sweet to hear them sing, not only some Psalms, but also Hymns about Jesus, and, in other ways, they highly delighted us. I had the gratification of addressing a few words to them.

We next visited Cairo, where the mission is superintended by the Rev. Dr. Lansing, and we met that gentleman and several of the other workers. I attended the Sabbath morning session of the Sabbath-school, at which there was a large attendance of boys and girls, who were addressed and examined in the Arabic language by Rev. Mr. Watson. The school over, the public service was held in the church, in which a good congregation assembled. There are other stations besides that which we visited in the city, at each of which successful work is being carried on. In 1887 no fewer than 384 were admitted to the church on profession of their faith, and in that year the contributions by the natives amounted to \$6,265. The mere public profession of an Egyptian in the despised Evangelical Church is in itself sufficient proof of his earnestness, but his sincerity is strengthened and intensified by his voluntary contributions for the work of the Lord. The United Presbyterian Church has every reason to be proud of its missions in Egypt.

The Reformed Presbyterian branch of the Christian Church has a station in Mersina, where the Rev. David Metheny, with an efficient staff of assistants, is labouring with much success. They have preaching places as well as schools. On one occasion an old Mahomedan came to Mr. Metheny with his eight grand-children, saying: "Take them and train them. I know what our principles have made us." Mr. Metheny has also been the honoured instrument of leading one of our Hebrew brethren to Christ. This convert is now in one of their seminaries in America preparing for mission work.

In Smyrna the Congregational Church has a very important station. Here we met the Rev. J. P. McNaughton. We had known him previously as a young minister in New York, and were delighted to renew fellowship with him for a brief period in the East. He came to Smyrna a single man, but now he is married, the Lord having provided for him a splendid wife in one of the teachers in the Mission school. In her he has found an able and faithful helpmeet.

In Salonica (the ancient Thessalonica) the Scottish Church has stationed the Rev. P. [Name]. A very large number of Hebrew attend the school, and the seed sown is bringing forth fruit.

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