

and faithful testimony is worth more than wide-spread fame in eternity's light. "Act well *your* part, there lies the honour," is as applicable to the ten as to the ten thousand. We are here for a purpose and let that purpose be fulfilled.

THE A.B.C.F.M. held its annual meeting in the city of Detroit in the early days of October, under fair autumn skies and amid hospitalities whose open-heartedness did credit to the hearts and homes of what is perhaps the fairest city of the west. The venerable Dr. Eddy, whose presence at our last Toronto Union meeting will be remembered with affection by the members there, gave the address of welcome in words of wisdom and of cheer. His vivid description of the society's history and work we give:

Many of those who join with us in welcoming the Board to Detroit feel, I conjecture, no intense enthusiasm in the cause of foreign missions, but they do highly appreciate this society as a great civilizing agency. They cannot overlook the fact that missionaries like Livingstone have been the most efficient explorers of unknown regions; that they have, in fact, opened the doors of trade in many a remote land; that they have reduced many a barbarous language to writing, established schools, and created a literature among many tribes of savages. These things are patent and undeniable. All among us, therefore, who are friends to universal progress greet you with hearty congratulations. Every friend to education, science, free institutions, commercial enterprise, productive industry and universal peace, stretches forth a hand toward the American Board. They know what has been done in Turkey, Persia, India, China, Japan, and the islands of the sea, for the enlightenment and social elevation of the people.

The most of our people, however, understand that the great mission of this society is not to civilize—that is a necessary incident of great value—but to Christianize the nations. *Christianize*, I say. The thoughts which the word suggest are unutterable. *Christianize*: to make the nations Christ's nations; to make individual man Christ's man; to pour his life through the dead heart of universal humanity, and make the whole race His body. This is your mission—an amazing mission, to the eye of natural reason impracticable and absurd. Imagination traverses the ocean of eighteen centuries and surveys the world that then was—the Roman empire stretching from the lower Euphrates across western Asia, across Europe, across the British channel to the Irish Sea; stretching from the Sahara desert in the south across northern Africa, including all the provinces from the Red Sea to the Pillars of Hercules, across the Mediterranean, across Spain, Gaul, Italy, Greece, beyond the Rhine and the Danube. I pass by Rome, and Athens, and Corinth, and Antioch, and Alexandria and Jerusalem. I have heard of a place called Nazareth. I find it at last nestled among the hills of Galilee. It

is a poor village—all the inhabitants toiling peasants. As I pass through the streets I am arrested at a lowly cottage by the sound of the saw and the plane. I enter; there, bending over his work, I see a youthful artisan, clad in peasant's garments, his hands hardened with toil. He raises his head. His eyes fall upon me. I am thrilled; I feel it is the glance of a God! I see Him lay down hammer and axe and saw. I follow Him to the Jordan, to Capernaum, to Jerusalem. I hear His wondrous words. I behold His miracles of healing. I stand by the cross whereon He dies as a felon. What amazes me is that this Galilean carpenter from the beginning of His teachings uniformly expressed the most unwavering confidence that the religion He taught would become universal and endure forever. He appointed apostles and evangelists to proclaim His doctrines to all nations. He declared Himself the Saviour and Master and King and Judge of all mankind. And His last command was, "To preach the gospel to every creature."

The following is a general summary of the field for 1881-1882:

Missions.

Number of missions.....	20
Number of stations.....	80
Number of out stations.....	742

Labourers Employed.

Number of ordained missionaries (six being physicians).....	154
Number of physicians not ordained, men and women.....	9
Number of other male assistants.....	7
Number of other female assistants.....	263
Whole number of labourers sent from this country.....	433
Number of native pastors.....	144
Number of native preachers and catechists.....	369
Number of native school teachers.....	1,014
Number of other native helpers.....	300
Whole number of labourers connected with the missions.....	2,260

The Press.

Pages printed as far as reported.....	32,000,000
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The Churches.

Number of churches.....	278
Number of church members, as nearly as can be learned.....	19,346
Added during the year, as nearly as can be learned.....	1,737
Whole number from the first as nearly as can be learned.....	89,393

Educational Department.

Number of high schools, theological seminaries, and station classes.....	58
Number of pupils in above.....	2,086
Number of boarding schools for girls.....	40
Number of pupils in boarding schools for girls.....	1,538
Number of common schools.....	832
Number of pupils in common schools.....	31,016
Whole number of pupils.....	35,632

The total receipts for the year from all sources, with balance on hand from previous