

foreign missionaries connected with the Board. When these new missionaries sail there will be 93, and this does not include those who are transferred from the American Board. In 1865, the Board had 63 ordained foreign missionaries, and 4 native ministers; to-day it has 93 foreign, and 16 native preachers, and when certain missions and missionaries are transferred to the Board, the number will be considerably increased. This enlarging force, while gratifying to contemplate, brings it increasing responsibilities. Those who are going for the first time, or returning to their former posts of labour, must have their expenses paid, and when they reach the field must be supported. Such expenses must be met by the Church, and the increase must be considered, and provision made for it.

General Assembly of Italian Churches.

Of the thirty-three churches represented in the Assembly, twenty are sustained by the *American and Foreign Christian Union*. Of the twenty-five members of the Assembly, eleven are evangelists supported by this Society, and acting as pastors of its churches. Besides these, there are nine evangelists connected with the Union's missions in Northern and Central Italy. There have been many difficulties attending the work, arising from the imperfect education and training of the native labourers, and the occasional admixture of immature views received from various sources. But an examination of the scheme of doctrines unanimously adopted by this First Assembly (in which the Union labourers took a leading part) as the basis of its organization, must satisfy every intelligent friend of the work in Italy that its foundation and life rest upon the essential truths of the Word of God, and therefore that the work is of the Spirit of God.

A Call from the Gaboon.

The Rev. Albert Bushnell has an article on this African mission in the *Foreign Missionary*. Under the patronage of the American Board it has existed a little more than twenty-eight years, during which night of toil it has accomplished a vast amount of pioneer preparatory work in reducing native languages to a written form, translating and publishing in them, educating native youth from different tribes and sowing broad cast the seed of Gospel truth in all the region round about Gaboon. For wise reasons, in connection with the reunion of the Presbyterian Church, it has been transferred, and now under the auspices of the re-organized Presbyterian Board, in

this jubilee year of the Church is about entering upon an enlarged and more vigorous prosecution of the work of Christ in equatorial Africa. Mr. Bushnell says:—

In addition to our work among the natives, we have important opportunities of usefulness among foreigners, who need the Gospel not less. Our field is from the river Moondak, a few miles north of Gaboon, where the field of the Corisco missions begins, southward to the Congo 400 miles, and eastward as far as we can explore. Is it not one of great strategical importance? Important in view of the perishing multitudes who inhabit it, and of the scores of millions in the "regions beyond," where Christ has never been named?

Is it not important also in view of the labor expended, the sacrifices endured, and the precious lives sacrificed, to initiate the work? Those who have given their lives to this cause have died, joyfully expecting that the work would be carried on. The dying words of Henry Martyn Adams seem still ringing in my ears, "Africa shall be redeemed! Brethren, glorious times are coming! These people will be converted, and all this land shall be the Lord's. These hills back here shall all be holiness to the Lord! Go on, brethren, be not discouraged, for I see glorious things in reserve for this mission! It will be sustained! Tell Christians in America that it will." Christians in America, shall these dying predictions be realized? Shall the seed sown in tears spring up, and the whitening harvest be gathered? Shall Ethiopia now stretching out her hands unto God, receive the Gospel which is the only remedy for her numerous woes? Shall our ascended Redeemer see of the travail of His soul, and be satisfied, by these benighted millions for whom He died being gathered into His fold? Fathers and mothers of our re-united Church, will you give your sons and daughters to this work? Young men and women who have enlisted under the banner of the Great Captain, will you go and unfurl it on the banks of the Gaboon, the Congo, and on the highlands of Ethiopia? Please carry these questions to your closets, and there read the Saviour's last command, and with sincere desire, inquire, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" and see if you do not hear the voice of His Providence in unison with His Word saying, "I will send thee far hence to the Gentiles."

The Work of the Moravians.

The Moravians were the first Christian society who employed the newly-invented art of printing for the promulgation of the Holy Scriptures in a living language among the people. The first edition was published