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and Africa were not thought of till the early part of this century. In 1807, a student at Williams College named S. J. Mills gathered three or four of his fellow-students for prayer under a hay-stack; and the spot has been called the Birth-place of American Missions. In 1810 these and other students procured the formation of the *American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions*; and in 1812 four of them sailed for India. One was Judson, afterwards the famous missionary in Burmah. Two others founded the Marathi Mission in the Bombay Presidency. The Board was intended, like the L.M.S. in England, to combine various denominations; but gradually, as in England, several of these established their own societies, and the original Board was left in the hands of the Congregationalists. It is the largest missionary organization in America. Perhaps its most important work has been in the Turkish Empire, in which for half a century it has been the chief Mission agency. In India, besides the Marathi Mission, it occupies the Madura district in the south; in China, it works both in the north and in the Fuh-kien Province; in Japan, it has a strong Mission; in Africa, it has begun work on both the West and East coasts south of the Congo and Zambesi districts. It is also in Ceylon, and in the groups of islands in the Pacific called Micronesia. Its figures (1893) are—Missionaries, 557; communicants, 41,566; total adherents, 135,000.

Some of the other American societies are offshoots from the Board, and some are of independent origin. The *American Baptist Missionary Union*, formed in 1814, carries on the Burmah Mission begun by Judson, and a remarkable Mission in the Telugu country, South India, which has had large gatherings. It also works in China, in Japan, and on the Congo. Its figures are—Missionaries, 421; communicants, 102,455; total adherents, 220,000. The Southern States of America have several societies separate from those of the North; and the *Southern Baptists* work in China, and in West Africa (Lagos, &c.). Six other smaller Baptist organizations have Missions in Bengal, in Liberia, on the Congo, &c. The *Methodist Episcopal Church* has extensive Missions in North India, under the able leadership of Bishop Thoburn, and some growing work in other parts of India; also in Fuh-kien and other parts of China; also in Japan and Corea; also in West Africa, Bishop Taylor's Mission on the Congo being connected with this Church. Its figures are—Missionaries, 600; communicants, 26,296; total adherents, 51,000. The *Southern Methodist Episcopal Church* works in China and Japan; and other smaller Methodist bodies are also represented in Japan. The *Negro Methodists* in America have a society of their own, working in West Africa and the West Indies.

The Presbyterians in the States are very strong. The *Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church*, organized in 1837, has important Missions in Syria and Persia; in the North-West Provinces of India, and the Punjab (with which are associated the great names of Newton and Forman); in China, North, Mid, and South; in Siam; in Japan and in Corea. Its figures are—Missionaries, 623; communicants, 31,324; total adherents, 77,000. The *Southern Presbyterian Board* works in China and Japan; the *United Presbyterians* in Egypt, and in the Punjab; and smaller Presbyterian societies in Syria, North India, and Japan. The *Reformed Church (Dutch American)* has Missions in South China, South India (Arcot), and Japan; the *Evangelical Lutherans (German American)* in Liberia and in South India; and the *Reformed Church (German American)* in Japan. The *Disciples of Christ* have small Missions in Turkey, India, China, and Japan. The *American Bible Society* is a very important institution; and the Woman's Boards of the different denominations work to a large extent independently of the regular societies, though auxiliary to them.

The *Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church* has been referred to above, under the head of the Anglican Communion.

In Canada, besides the Church of England organizations before referred to, the *Canadian Methodists* have Missions to the Red Indians, and in Japan