

United Presbyterian Church.

Abstract from the 28th Annual Report, presented May 26, 1887.

The Board report a year of unusual interest. "Every department of the work has shown the signal presence and favor of God." In the Indian mission, 1,934 professed Christ. The native church increased from 2,176 members in 1885 to 4,019 at the close of 1886. A marked advance was made also in Egypt. At home additional interest has been shown. Women's Missionary Societies increased from 501 to 593; members from 13,585 to 15,004; and contributions to foreign missions from \$10,765 to \$13,803.

MISSIONS.

There are two—one in the Punjab, or northwestern Province of India, and the other in the Delta and valley of the Nile in Egypt. In the former, the mission embraces the eight districts, Sialkot, Zafarwal, East and West Gujranwala, Jhelum, Gurdaspur, Pasrur and Pathankot with their several hundred villages. The latter has the districts of Alexandria, Cairo, Mansoorah, the Fayoom, Lower, Middle and Upper Thebaid, and is in as many as possible of the 12,293 town and villages that are in them and the country at large.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Missions 2, Stations 121, *Foreign* Missionaries 16, married women 16, single 20, Physicians 2. Total foreign laborers 54. *Native* ordained

ministers 20, licentiates 9. other workers 346. Total native workers 375. Total of all laborers 429. Churches 31, Average Sabbath attendance 7,759. Communicants 6,161. Increase during the year (India 2,030, Egypt 311) 2,341. Baptisms 2,881. Sabbath-schools 138. Sabbath-school scholars 5,625. Other schools 192. Scholars in them 9,219. Contributions for church purposes \$5,587. Appraised value of mission property \$325,701.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

The receipts for the year were :

	1886.	1887.
To balance brought forward	\$	\$ 400 00
Presbyteries.....	43,342 46	48,339 56
Sabbath Schools.....	5,706 28	8,536 89
Ladies' Societies.....	6,706 19	8,803 43
Individuals	9,801 64	5,002 07
Women's Auxiliary Bds..		1,626 76
Interest	834 43	1,594 99
Bequests.....	18,705 54	8,737 92
Gibson Trust Fund.....	716 23	902 13
Total	85,952 77	84,343 80

The Expenditures for the year were for the Egyptian Mission \$37,620.45, for India \$30,351.04, for sending out, returning, and new missionaries \$4,325.66, for salaries and children of missionaries at home \$5,056.02, for other necessary home expenses \$1,899.07, for payment of debt to Quarter Centennial fund \$5,091.62, and for payment of debt to Egyptian mission \$3,248.70, making a total of \$87,592.50. The contributions of the church were less by \$3,648.70 than the expenditures.

III.—CORRESPONDENCE AND GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

ONE of our esteemed editorial correspondents, Prof. W. C. Wilkinson, D.D., writes us in the following inspiring words:

A World's Missionary Council.

THE MISSIONARY REVIEW will, if God prosper the enterprise, fulfilling the hopes and prayers of its conductors, become in some sort a realization of a certain broad and beneficent idea lately breathed in a published volume. One of the editors of this REVIEW, in a book entitled

'The Crisis of Missions,' proposes in the serene boldness of faith, the plan of holding an Œcumenical Council of a new order, a Pan-Christian Conference in behalf of Missions in every part of the world. A "World's Missionary Council," he calls it.

The idea is inspiring. There is a tonic audacity in it. It has the spirit of the beginning of the era of modern missions. It might have been William Carey's proposal. Its motto well might read, "Expect great things from God."

THE MISSIONARY REVIEW is already in purpose