

sions were immediately planted. According to the latest available reports, the American Presbyterian Church (North) possessed in Mexico 90 churches and 5,165 members; the southern branch of the Methodist Episcopal church had a roll of 3,096, while their northern brethren had 1,286. The native Episcopal church, founded by Bishop Riley, had a membership of 700. In all, Mexico has 150 missionaries, 400 congregations, 15,000 church members and a goodly number of pupils in mission schools. The American Presbyterians of the north entered Columbia in 1856 and established themselves at Bogota, but owing to the unsettled state of the country and the opposition of priestcraft and infidelity, little progress has been made. In Venezuela, while religions other than Catholic are tolerated, yet they are not permitted any external manifestation. Peru has also been a discouraging field for missionary enterprise. Fairly prosperous work is being prosecuted in Chili and Argentina by the Presbyterian and Methodist churches. Patagonia is the wild land of the continent, and the work instituted by Captain Gardiner, in 1856, is being carried on, though at a great disadvantage, owing to the nomadic habits of the people. Brazil is a hopeful field of missionary labors. Work has been prosecuted since 1859, a native Synod was formed by the union of the northern and southern branches of the American Presbyterian churches. The new Synod had 61 churches and 3,000 communicants in its bounds, and has before it the prospect of a successful future.

South America has, to a great extent, been overlooked in the missionary activities of the Protestant churches. It has suffered much from the superstition and ignorance of past ages. In recent years there seems to have been an awakening of spiritual interest that is hopeful for the future. When the churches of Protestant North America are once impressed with a sense of their duty to those who clamor at their very doors, we may look for mighty triumphs of truth in the lands which lay beneath the Southern Cross.

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