

AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Board was held in New York, June 8. This Board has under its direction, independent of what is done for Papal Europe, twenty-two separate missions, fifty-nine ordained missionaries, three licentiate preachers, one hundred and nine male and female assistant missionaries, twenty-nine native helpers, twenty-six churches, and about five hundred native members; fifty-three schools, and 1,000 scholars; six printing presses; and have published more than 6,000,000 pages. These missions, seven are among the Indians of our own country, viz: the Chocowas, Chickasaws, Creeks, Seminoles, Iowas and Sacs, Otoes, and Omahas, and the Chickasaws of the State of Michigan; connected with which are eight ordained missionaries and sixty-one male and female assistant missionaries, eleven churches, and 1,000 of one hundred native communicants; eight boarding and three day schools, of which there are about six hundred pupils in various stages of their education. The Board has two missions in Western Africa, one of which is in Liberia, and the other near the equator, and known as the Corisco Mission; connected with which are six stations and outstations, six ordained missionaries, one licentiate preacher, and eight male and female assistant missionaries, five churches, and about one hundred and twenty communicants, seven schools, (one of which is a classical institution,) embracing in all about two hundred and fifty pupils:—Four are in Northern India, viz: Lodiana, Luckhabad, Agra, and Allahabad, where are thirteen stations and outstations, twenty-six ordained missionaries, (two of whom are natives of India,) one licentiate preacher, twenty-one female assistant missionaries from this country, twenty-five native helpers, nine churches with about two hundred and sixty native communicants, three printing presses, twenty-seven schools, (several of which are high-schools,) with about 3,000 pupils:—One is in Siam, connected with which are two ordained missionaries, one licentiate preacher, one female assistant missionary, one native helper, one boarding-school, with about thirty pupils:—Three are in China, at Canton, Ningpo, and Shanghai, connected with which are twelve ordained missionaries, two physicians, and thirteen female assistant missionaries, three native helpers, seven schools, with one hundred and seventy pupils, and two printing presses. The Board have lately commenced missions for the Chinese of California, and for the Roman Catholic population of South America. Its receipts from all resources, including a balance from last year of \$18 97, were \$174,453 02; its expenditures, \$173,185 50, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$1,267 52.—*Journal of Missions.*

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

PRAYERS FOR AN INCREASE OF MISSIONARY LABORERS.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has issued the following prayers in pursuance of a resolution of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, suggesting that suitable forms of prayer for an increase of laborers in the Lord's vineyard, and for the blessing of Almighty God upon their labours, were much needed, and would be extensively used in families, schools, and missionary meetings.

PRAYER I.

For an Increase of Laborers in the Lord's Vineyard.—"Almighty God, who, by thy Son Jesus Christ, didst give commandment to the holy Apostles, that they should go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, grant to us, whom thou hast called into thy Church, a ready will to obey thy word, and fill us with a hearty desire to make thy way known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Look with compassion upon the heathen that have not known thee, and on the multitudes that are scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. O heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, have respect, we beseech thee, to our prayers, and send forth laborers into the harvest. Fit and prepare them by thy grace for the work of their ministry: give them the spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind: strengthen them to endure hardness; and grant that both by their life and doctrine they may set forward the salvation of all men, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

PRAYER II.

For a Blessing on Missionaries and their Labors.—"O most merciful Saviour and Re-