

"The United Synod of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America."

*Resolved*, That the members of this Convention adhere to and abide by the Confession of Faith of the Presbyterian Church, as containing the system of Doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and that we adhere to the Form of Government and Book of Discipline of said Church.

#### RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY WITH THE OLD SCHOOL.

The following resolution, offered by Dr. Newton, of Mississippi, was adopted immediately after the above:

*Resolved*, That the union between us and our Old School brethren, could it be effected on terms acceptable to both sides, would be conducive to the best interests of the Church of Christ, and this Convention, after a free and full interchange of opinion and views on the subject, do now recommend that the Synod, when formed and duly organized, shall invite the General Assembly of the Old School to a fraternal conference, with a view to union.

#### AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY AND THE PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

It appears as if the Committee of the Tract Society had yielded to the influence of the abettors of Slavery. At the late meeting of the Tract Society it was resolved to publish a tract or tracts, on the moral evils arising from, or connected with the system of slavery. A tract on the "Duties of Masters" was prepared, being made up chiefly of articles written by southern christians of various denominations. But the South was indignant and remonstrated, and the Committee have now resolved not to publish the tract, the very tract written by Southern pens. In an address lately published and intended for the friends of the Society throughout the country, the Committee say:—

"Over the South we have now a virtual suspension of collections, and if the present distrust and alienation but remain, there must speedily ensue a withdrawal of colporteurs and distribution throughout our Southern field. We must surrender all the Southern and South-western States. To proceed, is thus to paralyze one whole side of our institution.

"The Committee have believed that the action and instructions of the last anniversary, explicitly cherishing as they do the Society's usefulness 'throughout our whole country,' could not contemplate, even on the part of those Northern friends most earnestly advocating them, any revolutionary and disruptive change in the line of the Society's policy, cutting off from the Society a portion of 'our whole country' so large, and in our past labors so largely blessed as the entire South.

"The Publishing Committee therefore voted with entire unanimity to arrest the issue of the work that had been before them, confidently believing that their action in the premises would commend itself to the Society under the phases which the subject has assumed; and the Executive Committee united in sustaining this as the only present action conservative of all the interests, and just to all the parties involved.

It was a waste of the Society's funds to issue a treatise on Southern duties for which we could find no Southern readers, and for the sake of securing such issue, to forgo deliberately, and without explicit warrant from the Society, all farther opportunity of sending thitherward the large body of publications we have hitherto, under God's manifest blessing, scattered there.

To the further developments of God's good providence, and to the guidance of his Spirit,

promised where reverently and humbly implored, the Committee now refer this question, meanwhile seeking the 'things that make for peace,' and aiming to secure the 'fruit of righteousness sown in peace of them that make peace.'

We think it a great pity that the resolution of the Society at its general meeting should thus be set aside by the Committee. Their difficulties may be great, but these have just been the result of their own timid and compromising policy. Had they, at an earlier day, like the apostle "not shunned to declare the whole counsel of God," their position now would have been in every respect, far more satisfactory.

#### AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The forty-eight year of this Board has just closed, and the Anniversary was held at Providence, Connecticut. We subjoin a summary of the operations of the Board during the year. The Dutch Reformed Church has it appears, withdrawn from this great missionary organization. The Report, which is interesting, refers at some length to the state of the various missions, which appear in general to be prosperous. The work in Armenia and Assyria has been greatly extended. In China the missionary work is entirely suspended at some of the stations by the war. At Amoy forty converts had been added to the church, which now contains 153 members.

Twenty-eight missionary laborers have been sent to their several fields in different parts of the world—seven of whom were returning to stations which they had before occupied. There are now under appointment in this country eleven missionaries and seven female assistant missionaries: in all eighteen.

During the financial year, 211,400 copies of the *Missionary Herald*, and 406,000 copies of the *Journal of Missions and Youth's Dayspring* have been issued, with at least the usual number of Annual Reports, Sermons, Tracts, and Pamphlets, the particulars of which will be found in the forthcoming Annual Report.

The ordinary receipts for current expenses during the year were \$352,742 99.

The extra receipts, for special purposes, were as follows:

For liquidation of the debt of the previous year.....\$26,189 70

For the Missionary Packet.....28,525 37

There were also received in the missions of the board,

From the Turkish Missions Aid Society.....\$4,516 00

From the American Bible Society.....7,116 45

From the American Tract Society.....7,000 00

From the U. S. Treasury for Indian Schools.....6,250 00

The ordinary current expenditures of the Board, for the same period, were \$357,590 58, leaving an unpaid balance against the treasury of \$2,847 57.

The extra expenditures of the year, for special objects, were as follows:

For liquidation of the debt of the previous year.....\$26,189 70

For the "Morning Star," and surplus invested.....28,525 37

The total receipts for the year, from all sources, ordinary and extra, were greater than those of the previous year by \$110,139 37.

The prospect for men and funds for the year

to come is quite as encouraging as it was at the commencement of the year just closed; in some respects, more so. Certainly all the laborers who can be secured, and if the money which can be raised, will be needed for the prosecution of the great enterprise in which the Board is engaged.

#### SUMMARY.

##### MISSIONS.

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Number of Missions..... | 29  |
| " Stations.....         | 127 |
| " Out-stations.....     | 79  |

##### LABORERS EMPLOYED.

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Number of Ordained Missionaries (8 being physicians).... | 169 |
| Number of Physicians not ordained.....                   | 5   |
| Number of other Male Assistants.....                     | 11  |
| Number of Female Assistants.....                         | 210 |
| Whole number of laborers sent from this country.....     | 395 |
| Number of Native Pastors....                             | 13  |
| " Native Preachers....                                   | 103 |
| " Native Helpers....                                     | 324 |
| Whole number of Native Helpers.....                      | 445 |
| Whole number of laborers connected with the Missions.... | 846 |

##### THE PRESS.

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Number of Printing Establishments.....         | 8          |
| Pages printed last year.....                   | 42,074,315 |
| Pages printed from the beginning 1,634,897,561 |            |

##### THE CHURCH.

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Number of Churches (including all at the Sandwich Islands).... | 144    |
| Number of Church Members (do.).....                            | 26,978 |
| Added during the year (do.).....                               | 1,894  |

##### EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Number of Seminaries.....                                  | 7      |
| " other Boarding Schools.....                              | 24     |
| " Free Schools (369 supported by Hawaiian Government)..... | 673    |
| Number of Pupils in the seminaries (80 do. do.)....        | 273    |
| Number of Pupils in the Boarding Schools (182 do.).....    | 637    |
| Number of Pupils in the Free Schools (10,076 do.)....      | 18,336 |
| Whole number in Seminaries and Schools.....                | 19,226 |

### Missionary Intelligence.

INDIA—LETTERS FROM REV. DR. DUFF AND REV.

MR. STEVENSON.—We have just received a communication from Rev. D. Fraser, Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee, stating that he had two letters from Rev. Mr. Stevenson, and one from Dr. Duff. Mr. Stevenson's letters will appear in our next number. Dr. Duff's letter is as follows:—

CALCUTTA, 3rd July, 1857.

MY DEAR MR. FRASER,—

You will no doubt have been stunned by the disastrous intelligence from India. Only two months ago, and the British power throughout this great region, seemed to have about it a rock-like stability; to-day, throughout the whole of the North Western Provinces, the British power is shrunk within a few isolated spots, where our poor beleaguered countrymen are defending themselves against myriads that are thirsting for their blood.

Nevertheless, my firm persuasion is, that, before the lapse of another twelve months, the British power will be re-established everywhere in India, perhaps on a firmer founda-