

1. By establishing and sustaining day and boarding-schools.

2. Through benevolent agencies, such as orphanages, medical work among women, carried on by American and native Christian physicians, and the establishment of hospitals and dispensaries.

3. By creating a native Christian literature.

Work has been organized among the German Methodists, and this is represented by 104 auxiliary societies, and 2,014 members. Societies have also been organized in Germany and Switzerland. In Germany, 33 auxiliaries, with 487 members, and Switzerland, 14, with 497 members. The amount contributed by both American and European Germans last year, 1887, was \$3,005.71.

The *Heathen Woman's Friend* has a circulation of 20,293, and has not only been self-supporting from the beginning, but from its income many millions of pages of miscellaneous literature for gratuitous circulation has been printed. The Society, in addition to its annual contributions, has raised an endowment fund of \$20,000 for the establishment of a zenana illustrated Christian paper in India. The first copy appeared in 1884. It is now published in four of the languages of India, and about five thousand copies are issued every month. A German paper has also been established, and has about 1700 subscribers. A large number of leaflets, both in English and German, are issued annually.

The Society owns real estate amounting to about \$250,000.

Full statistics of foreign work cannot be given, but in North India, in addition to the missionaries employed, there are over 40 assistant missionaries, zenana teachers; 194 Bible women, 115 native Christian teachers; while in South India, 188 Bible women are employed, with 103 native Christian teachers.

There are in the boarding and day-schools over 8,000 pupils, and over 3,000 zenanas regularly visited.

In China there are 38 day-schools; in Japan, 12; in Bulgaria, 1; in South America, 11; in Mexico, 11, while in Italy and Korea there is work which is not tabulated.

Medical work is carried on in Korea, China and India, where there are hospitals and dispensaries. There are three homes for the homeless women, and three orphanages. The Society has homes for its missionaries in all these fields.

XVII. Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Organized 1878.

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This vigorous Society was organized in 1878 at Atlanta, Ga., and has just celebrated its first decade. The movement was new among Southern women, who, by education and association, are eminently conservative, and at first many stood aloof, but signal success marked their efforts, and at the close of the first year a good, strong organization was reported. Each succeeding year has marked an advance, until now their home work is represented by 2,300 auxiliary societies and 56,783 active members. Some 338 new organizations have been added during the year, with 553 members. They report 750 childrens' bands, with 23,907 members; but these are included in the aggregate; Life members, 1,250. The Secretary says: "The growth of the work is of secondary importance compared with the spirit of missions that has been kindled in the hearts of not a few."

Woman's Missionary Advocate is the official organ of the Society, and has a circulation of 12,000. It is self-sustaining. It is published at Nashville, Tenn., for fifty cents a year. The Society prints and distributes a large amount of literature, over a million of pages having been scattered the past year.

The foreign work is represented by 22 missionaries (1 medical and 1 trained assistant), 43 teachers and assistants, 7 boarding-schools, 19 day-schools, and 862 pupils; hospital, 1; Bible woman, 1.

CHINA.—The reinforcements sent to this field the past year strengthened the hands and cheered the hearts of those who had, through much suffering and toil, held the posts of duty assigned them. Sickness and overstrain told heavily on that faithful band of brave workers. Two ladies who went out in the spring were received as from the Lord, and greeted with the words, "You have come to save our lives." The development of the work and its ever-widening circles have absorbed the new laborers, and there is urgent need for further reinforcements.

MEXICAN BORDER.—The work in this field has grown steadily, and now extends on both sides of the Rio Grande, with more invitations to enter wide-open doors than it is possible to accept.

Laredo Seminary is growing in strength and influence. Miss Holding attended the last annual meeting of the Board, and spoke eloquently of her work, stating the immediate need for more room to accommodate pupils. Her request was sorrowfully refused, because of other obligations that must be met. She did not turn away dispirited, but, with cheerfulness and faith that grasps the promises, said: "I have trusted God for it, and will get it," and she did. How? We scarcely know, only that