

present Assemblies shall jointly preside at the said Assembly of 1870 until another Moderator is chosen. The Moderator of the Assembly now sitting at the Brick Church aforesaid shall, if present, put all votes and decide questions of order; and the Moderator of the other Assembly shall if present preach the opening sermon; and the stated clerks of the present Assemblies shall act as stated clerks of the assembly of the united church until a stated clerk or clerks shall have been chosen thereby; and no commissioner shall have a right to vote or deliberate in said Assembly until his name shall have been enrolled by the said clerks, and his commission examined and filed among the papers of the Assembly.

6. Each Presbytery of the separate churches shall be entitled to the same representation in the Assembly of the united church in 1870, as it is entitled to in the Assembly with which it is now connected.

There was an earnest desire to complete the union immediately, but it could not be effected constitutionally without submitting the basis to the Presbyteries. There is little doubt that the Presbyteries will generally if not unanimously approve of the action of the Assemblies.

The Commissioners of the Old School Assembly number 350, representing 2,330 ministers, 2,737 churches, 252,555 communicants, and 700,000 worshippers—making it the largest Assembly that has ever met. Those of the New School Assembly number 250, representing 1,800 ministers, 1,590 churches, 168,932 church members, and about 500,000 worshippers. The aggregate of the two Assemblies is 600 commissioners. Their joint constituency is 441,487 church members, distributed in 4,327 local church organizations, with an average attendance of worshippers to the number of about 1,200,000.

Foreign Missions of the Old School Presbyterian Church.

The report of the Board is just issued, and the following is a very brief digest of it:—The missions are sustained among Jews and Indians in the United States; among the Chinese in California; among the Romanists in Brazil, and the United States of Columbia; in Liberia and Corsico on the western coast of Africa; in Japan, China, India, Siam, and among the Laos. The Board has in these different missions, sixty-three stations and sub-stations,—of these eight are in the United States, four in South America, one in Japan, thirteen in China, three in Siam, twenty-one in India, and thirteen in Africa. Two new missions

have been established during the year among the Winnebago and Navajoe Indians.

These missions have been strengthened during the past year by twelve ordained ministers and fourteen assistant missionaries; of these, five were unmarried ladies, and nineteen were new labourers. One native has been ordained to the gospel ministry in India, and three have been licensed to preach the gospel in China. In connection with the Board are 83 missionaries, 13 ordained native preachers, 10 native licentiates, 86 assistant missionaries, of whom four are physicians, 193 native helpers, 48 churches and 1,836 communicants. Schools of various grades have been organized, and have been attended by 7,400 children. Several conversions have been reported from among the scholars. Girls' schools are increasing in number.

The receipts of the Board from all sources have been \$338,498, and the expenditures, with the debt of last year, have been \$343,798.

The year has been one of marked progress in additions to the mission churches, in educational efforts, in the preparation of a native ministry, and in the increase of labourers, native and foreign. Never was the work in all its details in such a healthy condition, and what is needed is a thorough appreciation by the church of her duty and her relation to it. The debt of the preceding year has been reduced, and the expenses of the current year met by the help of a large legacy. But for this, the debt would have been \$73,000.

Missions of the English Presbyterian Church.

Very deep interest has gathered around this Mission lately, in consequence of discussions in the House of Lords and the extraordinary statements of the Duke of Somerset. We see by the latest Report that there are 252 members in connection with the Mission, and that ample success has crowned the efforts of last year, men of all classes are among the converts but the majority are of the lower ranks. In some places the increase is rapid. At Peh-chioh the little church has been in trouble. A false charge was made against them by the local magistrate, the native preacher was seized and imprisoned, the houses of the Christians were plundered, the chapel was entered by the soldiers one Sunday and emptied of its furniture, and four of the Christians most cruelly beaten—two of these, a father and a son, so brutally that the life of the former was at first despaired of. But it is a remarkable fact that this painful case has, as so often happens, turned out to the furtherance of the Gospel.