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OVER LAND AND SEA.

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on thy side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;
Leave to thy God to order and provide—
In every change He faithful will remain.

—Luther.

The statistics of the United Presbyterian Church show 12 synods, the same number as last year; 65 Presbyteries, an increase of 1; 869 ministers, an increase of 5, and 948 congregations, an increase of 3. The membership has grown from 117,706 last year to 120,799, the members received on profession are 8,023, a falling off of 930. The Sabbath-schools number 1,123 against 1,127 last year. The scholars, however, have increased from 103,600 to 107,121. The above statistics include the mission churches of the denomination. The contributions in this country were, for salaries of ministers, \$586,948, an increase of about \$8,000; for congregational purposes, \$473,048, an increase of over \$42,000. The Boards have received \$255,366, against \$247,512 for last year; and for general purposes the gifts have been \$102,736, against \$121,018. The total contributions in this country were \$1,404,090, against \$1,378,035 for last year; and the total for the Church was \$1,418,098 against \$1,389,815. Out of the 948 congregations 386 contributed to all the funds; 56 contributed to none of the funds, and 38 made no report. The largest number of contributions given to any one fund was \$772. The average contributions for all objects per member for this country was \$13.13; the average salary of pastors in this country was put down as \$1,054.

The General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church met in Birmingham, Ala., May 22nd, with about 500 commissioners in attendance.

The General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church opened at Memphis, May 21st, with the sermon by Dr. C. R. Hemphill, of Louisville, Ky., R. Q. Mallard, D.D., of New Orleans, was chosen Moderator.

It is stated that the Presbyterian Church of Japan is soon to begin missionary work in Formosa. President Ibuka, of Tokyo, and President Ogimi, of Steele College, Nagasaki, have been appointed to visit the field and report to the Mission Board. Three thousand dollars are to be raised from the Japanese churches to inaugurate and push forward this new work. We assume that they will duly recognize the work that has already been done upon the island by the English Presbyterian Church and by our own and that they will co-operate with these in a harmonious spirit.

The United Presbyterian Synod met in Edinburgh May 4th. The Rev. James Rennie of Glasgow was chosen Moderator for the year. The Foreign Mission Board reported that their ordinary receipts had amounted to nearly \$157,000. This, however, was nearly \$19,000

less than the preceding year. The membership of their native churches in the Foreign field now numbers close on 20,000.

Several months ago the Rev. Jose E. Cruz, one of the Presbyterian Evangelists in New Mexico, was fined for not taking off his hat when the host was being borne through the street by a Roman Catholic procession. He appealed the case and the decision was reversed, the federal court giving judgment that a street is not a place of worship, and that a religious procession has no right to block up a street.

By a meeting full of historic interest the Collegiate (Dutch) Church, New York on the eleventh, celebrated the 200th anniversary of the signing of its charter, May 11th, 1696. The services were held in the church at Fifth Avenue and Forty eighth street, Rev. Dr. E. B. Coe, pastor who delivered the historical address. The music was of the highest order, including Luther's *Ein Feste Burg*, and the hymns, "Glorious things of thee are spoken," sung to a Dutch air of the sixteenth century, and "O God our help," to the Holland national air. Though Dutch in its origin and naturally somewhat tenacious of its traditions—its life here having begun long before the getting of its charter, as early as 1628—the Collegiate Church has in it no little of the vigor of youth and of late fairly keeps pace with the religious life of the times. Its wealth, reaching probably \$5,000,000, is equalled only by that of Trinity (Episcopal) Corporation.

The Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States with a membership of two and three quarter millions gives \$1,800,000 to Home and Foreign Missions. The Presbyterian Church with one third the membership gives about the same amount. Neither the one nor the other gives as much as it ought to give for these objects. The Methodists give sixty-five cents a member and the Presbyterians at the rate of a dollar and ninety-five cents.

It is pleasant to record an act of true chivalry in days when we are confronted by so many examples of sordid meanness and grasping avarice. M. F. Cassidy, a letter carrier in Pittsburg, received a legacy of \$10,000 from an old woman who kept a little shop and to whom he had shown some little kindly attentions. Mr. Cassidy has written to the executor of the will refusing to accept the bequest on the ground that he was not a relative of the dead woman and had no claim upon her whatever. He desires that the money be paid to the two sons who were cut off with \$5 each. His politeness to Mrs. Jamison was not based upon any expectation of reward, but was meant simply as a matter of kindness and deference to an elderly person. It would be well for the future of the community if examples of this frank and simple sense of honour were more common.