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Religious Intelligence.

EXTRACTS FROM "PRINCETON REVIEW" OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, (OLD SCHOOL).

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, met at St. Louis, on Thursday, May 15th, and was opened with a session by the Rev. A. W. Leland, D. D., Moderator of the last Assembly. The Rev. J. P. Humphrey, B. D., of Louisville, Kentucky, was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. W. D. Howard, Clerk.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The order of the day was then taken up, viz: the Annual Report from the Board of Foreign Missions; when Dr. Swift, from the special Committee on this subject presented the following report, which was adopted, viz: The Committee to whom was referred the Fourteenth Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, would recommend that this Report be approved, and in connection with this recommendation they would offer for the consideration of the Assembly, the following minute, viz:

1. Resolved, That this Assembly continue to regard with lively interest the foreign missionary work of our Church, and would acknowledge with devout gratitude to God his continued favour to, and his blessing upon it.
2. Resolved, That the early removal of valued labourers from important fields; the critical condition of the mission to Siam; the late and incalculable loss in which the effusions of the Holy Spirit appear to have been imparted to the members of most of the stations, and the want of a deep cordial interest in this cause, on the part of some members of the Church, arising from the want of faith in God's word, and love to Christ, and compassion for those who are sitting in darkness and in the region and shadow of death, in some cases for the want of information as to the nature, importance, and condition of the Foreign Missions of our Church, the Assembly feel to be recognized as reasons for humiliation and sorrow, of repentance and prayer for pardon, and endeavour after new fidelity, by all those who have been heretofore negligent of this cause and work of God.
3. Resolved, That the Assembly can, notwithstanding these and other discouragements, view the work of spreading the evangelizing gospel among uncivilized tribes and nations, as fraught with increased and substantial encouragement; the fields occupied by our Church, as those of great extent and promise; the varied and faithful labours of our missionaries as highly gratifying and auspicious in their character; and the increased attention, especially by the abundances of our country to the missionary education of the young—and they recognize, with special thanksgiving to God, the hopeful conversion of some who were totally Pagans, Romanists, and Jews, and the peaceful departure of others to the heavenly rest, as indications of the presence and blessing of God in this important department of our work.
4. Resolved, That the Assembly observe, with much satisfaction the steady increase of the pecuniary offerings which are made by the churches to this cause, the manifest energy of the officers and agents of the Board,

the wise and efficient supervision of the Executive Committee, and the growing interest of our body in this holy enterprise, and they would take the present occasion to call up all the friends of Christ among us, and all the Churches with a deeper feeling of dependence, a warmer zeal, a stronger faith and perseverance, a more expanded liberality to give forth in the several work of evangelizing the nations, and establishing the cause and kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in every land.

Then, Messrs. Lewis, Secretary of the Board, made detailed and interesting statements explanatory of the condition of the various missions, their success, and their wants. The Board have among the North American Indians, 10 ministers, 12 male and 23 female assistants, 429 pupils, 6 churches with 80 communicants; in Africa, 2 ministers and 1 on the way, 3 churches, with 97 communicants, 2 candidates for the ministry, and 3 primary schools with 103 pupils; in India, 26 ministers, 23 native assistants, 22 schools—4 of them high schools—1 a Mission College with 150 students, 5 male boarding schools with 115 female pupils, 3 only of the churches reported 127 communicants, and 4 printing presses. In China, there are 11 ministers, 1 physician, 4 boarding schools with 123 pupils—Siam is the only discouraging Mission. The Board has 4 missionaries among the Jews, and there have been cheering cases of conversion—\$2950 have been appropriated for operations in Papal Europe.

The receipts of the Board for the year have been \$140,000—\$2400 over those of last year. The operations at the various missions develop many interesting facts. A native member of one of our own mission churches has nearly completed the translation of Hodge's Way of Life, and Lunsan's Pilgrim's Progress. The native converts have heretofore been compelled to make a profession of Christianity at the expense of all their earthly goods, and still they are willing to go and give everything in the cause of Christ. In a little church at Londona Lay were added in this year of more than 150 of our churches at home. The entire value of the Church is now almost entirely in the hands of the Presbyterians—More than \$5000 have been contributed in aid of the Missions by Europeans in India. Most of the Europeans are Episcopals, but still they lend their aid because they believe the work to be the Lord's. The Board has been advancing during the year, but was never more in need of funds. Mr. Leary narrated a number of facts of thrilling interest, and then the resolutions offered by the Committee were adopted.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

We have heard from various sources, that the exposition made by the Rev. Dr. C. C. Jones, of the operations and plans of the Board, was one of the most impressive and instructive addresses of the kind ever delivered before the Assembly. For two hours he commanded the attention of the house, while he surveyed the whole field of our Domestic Missions, exhibiting with singular clearness and effect the peculiarities and necessities of the several portions of our immense country. The strongest impression was produced both of the importance of the work, and of the high qualifications of the Secretary for the important post which he has been called upon to fill.

During the year the Board have employed 591 missionaries; supplied 1013 churches and missionary stations; 2017 persons have been received on the profession of their faith; 1631 have been received on certificate; there are 21254 communicants in connection with these missionary churches; 592 Sabbath Schools; 3623 teachers; 22,470 Sabbath School scholars. As one hundred and seventy missionaries did not report, this summary falls short, very considerably, of the actual results. The total receipts of the year have been \$28,651.81; the expenditures \$8,271.51. The balance, \$20,373.33, has been absorbed by drafts already drawn. The amount received for Church-Extension during the year has been \$6,492.17—the whole of which has been expended in finishing thirty-two churches. During the seven years of the existence of this scheme, 297 churches, making an average of 42 annually, have been aided to completion. The affairs of the Board are in a condition of rapidly increasing prosperity.

On motion, the Report of the Committee on the Board of Missions was taken up, and the following resolutions were adopted.

1. Resolved, That the Report be adopted, and published under the direction of the Board.
2. Resolved, That in view of the vast field for Domestic Missions, now opened in our country, and exhibited in detail in the Report, that it be earnestly recommended to all of the churches to make increased efforts