

IX. Reformed (German) Church in the United States.

Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, Secretary, Pottsville, Pa.

The Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions for this Church says the women of the Church do not print any report of their work. They co-operate with the General Society, but in what form we cannot say.

X. Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the United States of America. Organized 1879.

Miss M. H. Morris, Corresponding Secretary, 406 N. Greene street, Baltimore, Md.

This society has a Board of Home and Foreign Missions. The Corresponding Secretary's report for the year gives the following statistics: Number of Woman's Societies, 379; Young People's Bands, 57. Total, 436. Number of members, 10,613; honorary members, 1,105; life members, 156. Total members, 11,874. The total amount of money raised for the year is \$14,197.88. Of this amount \$5,425 was for Foreign Missions. *The Lutheran Missionary Journal*, a magazine of the Church, has five pages under the direction of the women, and it has about fourteen thousand subscribers.

The Society has work in Gunthoor, India, consisting of ten day-schools, with nineteen native teachers and 518 pupils. These schools are under the care of Miss Dryden, who received from the English Government the position of Superintendent of Girls' Schools in Gunthoor. In 1885 Miss Kugler, M.D., was appointed their first Medical Missionary to Gunthoor, where a dispensary was opened in 1886, and an effort made to raise fifteen thousand dollars for a hospital. Part of this money has been secured. Zenana work is carried on with the help of eight native assistants. Two of these helpers devote all their time as Bible readers in the dispensary.

Miss Susan Kistler has just been appointed to the work in India.

XII. Baptist Women's Boards — Northern Convention.

1. Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society. Organized 1870.

Mrs. O. W. Gates, Corresponding Secretary, Newton Center, Mass.

Last year the rallying cry was "\$70,000 or more," and their receipts were \$75,369.47, being an advance of \$13,000 over the previous year; \$10,000 of which was an advance from donations. 2,633 churches contribute to this fund, with 1,243 circles, 32,973 contributors, 616 Bands, with 14,120 members. They support work in Burmah among Karens, Shans, Eurasians, Chins, Kachins; in India, among the Telugus, and in Assam; in

Africa, on the Congo; in China, Swatow, Ningho; Japan, at Tokyo, Yokohama; France and Sweden.

At the annual meeting, a novel feature was introduced, in the form of questions to be answered as follows: First question, What is the testimony of missionaries in regard to the importance of our Society? Second question, What is left undone in the foreign field? Third question, What remains to be done in the home field? Fourth question, In what ways may our work in the foreign field be appropriately enlarged?

The following, relating to the drink traffic, and specially bearing on the Congo, where this Board supports work, was adopted:

"Whereas, The exportation of intoxicants into heathen lands is fraught with untold evil to the natives, and is one of the most serious obstacles to the work of evangelization in those lands;

"Resolved, That this Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society enter its protest against the continuance of this traffic;

"Resolved, That we recommend to their circles represented in this organization to petition Congress to prohibit the exportation of liquors from this country to heathen lands, and that this be done before June 15, 1888."

2. Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of the West. Organized 1871.

Mrs. A. M. Bacon, Corresponding Secretary, 3112 Forest Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

The total receipts of this society last year were \$44,846.12. It has also an invested *Medical Fund* of \$3,335.88, through which four medical women are preparing for foreign work. It conducts a "course in Christian Doctrine," a "preparatory course for candidates," in which four ladies graduated during the year, and eight others are enrolled. Besides the countries in which the Boston Baptist Society labors, this society supports work in Liberia, Africa. It has sent 45 women to the foreign field.

Bible women have 109 schools, with 3,650 scholars, of which 1,133 are from heathen homes; 246 baptisms are reported by them. They conduct a "Home for Children of Missionaries" in this country at a cost of \$1,259.87.

Their periodicals are: *Helping Hand*, which paid its own way last year and passed over to the general treasury \$1,646.63; *The King's Messenger to Heathen Lands* also published as a monthly for young people. *Little Helpers*, its predecessor, was published at a small loss of \$249.09 last year, and has now been supplanted by *King's Messenger*.

3. Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of the Pacific Coast.

This society has been organized during the year, and, of course, has no published report.