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**The Presbyterian Church in the United States.**

THROUGH the kindness of Rev. William H. Roberts, D.D., the stated clerk, we have before us a neatly bound copy of the minutes of the General Assembly for 1884-85—a volume of 600 pages full of valuable and interesting information. It is printed in large, clear type. As their missionary reports are published in extenso in separate form, we have only in this volume a condensed abstract of them, that of the Home Mission Board, covering eight pages, and that of the Foreign Mission, only three. During the year covered by the report, the Home Mission Committee employed no less than 1435 ordained ministers and 175 missionary teachers. The most important division of the Board's work is said to be supplying the religious wants of the great Western States and Territories. During the past year there were organized 195 new churches and 380 new Sunday-schools: nearly 7000 members were received by certificate, "besides nearly 9000 converts drawn out from impenitence and irreligion." The Board of Foreign Missions briefly summarizes its work among the American Indians, the Chinese in the United States, and in Japan, China, Corea, Siam and Laos,

India, Persia, Syria, Africa, South America, Mexico, and European Papal countries. There are under control of this Board thirteen mission fields, occupied by 171 American ministers, 112 native ministers, and 158 native licentiates—in all 446; besides 1114 lay missionaries, making a grand total of 1560 missionaries. The total receipts for Home Missions were \$632,906, and for Foreign Missions, \$699,983. The expenditure in such case was considerably in excess of the receipts, leaving both Boards to grapple with an incubus of debt. But they are not afraid to face the shortage. A noticeable feature in both these reports is the large amount of money raised in support of Home and Foreign missions by the women's societies. For the former, the women of the Church raised last year \$128,523, and for the latter, \$224,598! Verily, "the women that publish the tidings are a great host." 284 pages are occupied with the statistics of the Church. Considering the extent of ground which they cover, they are marvellously complete. It is worth noticing that they are so condensed that a single page contains the name of the church, the minister, and his address, together with twenty columns of statistics. In our own Church we require two pages for our forty columns of figures. Here is a brief summary of the statistics:—Synods, 25; Presbyteries, 196—five being in India and five in