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It is the privilege of the Board of Foreign Missions to submit to the General Synod its 26th Annual Report, and the first of its distinct operation, with special satisfaction and acknowledgement of the favor vouchsafed to it by the Divine Head of the Church.

SEPARATION FROM THE AMERICAN BOARD.

Your Board entered upon the duties of the year in circumstances altogether new, but grateful and full of hope. At your last June meeting, with a unanimity and a degree of Christian feeling manifesting the presence of the Master, your reverend body adopted suitable resolutions in behalf of the distinct and direct oversight, and support of our Foreign Missions, by our Church as a portion of the body of Christ. Those resolutions were communicated officially, by the stated Clerk of the Synod, to the Prudential Committee of the American Board, and were received by them in the spirit of kindness and love in which they were sent.

In due season, the Prudential Committee brought them before the American Board, at its meeting in September last, at Providence, R. I., and submitted in connection, the following statement:

"It will be proper for the Prudential Committee, in communicating these resolutions to the Board, to make a concise statement of the case.

"At the meeting of the Board held in New York City, in the year 1832, a committee attended from the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, whose names do not appear on our records; and
Drs. Miller and Edwards, Judge Platt, and Messrs. Lewis and Anderson, (the last named now the only survivor), were appointed a committee to confer with them. This committee of conference subsequently made the following report, viz:

"The selection of missionaries, and the particular direction of missions, are, by the Laws and Regulations of the Board, made the specific duty of the Prudential Committee. That Committee has made it an invariable rule hitherto, to give appointments as missionaries to all suitable preachers of the Gospel belonging to the Reformed Dutch, the Presbyterian, the Associate Reformed, and the Congregational Churches, who have expressed to them a willingness to devote their lives to missionary labors among the heathen. Acting on this rule, every reasonable facility will be furnished to ministers and candidates in these several denominations, for becoming missionaries in heathen lands. The joint committee see no way in which it is possible for the Synod to render it easier for the missionary candidates in their Church to avail themselves of the experience and patronage of the Board of Missions. The joint committee would recommend, as the most convenient and effectual method of securing the object which the Synod has in view, that the friends of missions in the Reformed Dutch Church, whether acting as individuals or in voluntary or ecclesiastical associations, exercise, if they please, their right of appropriating their contributions to the support of missionaries from their own Church, and such others as they approve. In this way they make their election of missionaries as really as if they nominated them in the first instance, and the Prudential Committee move onward without embarrassment.

"The joint committee are informed, that the Prudential Committee intend inviting Mr. Abeel to visit this country, partly with a view to his performing an agency in the denomination to which he belongs. It is understood also, that if Mr. Abeel should, on his return, find young men in the Reformed Dutch Church possessing the requisite qualifications for missionaries, and willing to accompany him to the East, the Prudential Committee will gladly give them an appointment, and send them forth as missionaries of the Board. Nor will there be any objection to their forming a new and distinct mission, with an ecclesiastical organization and public worship according to their own views and wishes, as has invariably been the case with the missionaries under the superintendence of the Board. And should the friends of missions in that Church prefer appropriating their contributions to this, or any other mission or object within the proper scope of the Board, and should it be practicable to expend those contributions wisely upon that mission or object, there can be no objection to
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such appropriations, and the wishes of the donors will be sacredly regarded. Should there be any excess in the receipts from the Reformed Dutch Church, above the proper expense of the missionaries from that Church, the balance will of course go for the general objects of the Board. Should it at any time be expedient to increase the number of missionaries in the missions, commenced by missionaries from the Reformed Dutch Church, and should suitable men in this Church offer their services, and prefer going to those missions, they would have the preference of others.

"These views, if sanctioned by the Board, place it within the power of the friends of missions in the Reformed Dutch Church, to employ the Board, and its Committee, as their almoners and agents in conducting missions among the heathen, and, at the same time, have the satisfaction of supporting missionaries from their own Church. The ecclesiastical relations and responsibilities of missionaries are not at all affected by their coming under the direction of the Board."

"This report of the Committee of Conference was unanimously adopted by the Board.

"For many previous years, up to that time, the Board had sustained precisely the same relation to the Reformed Dutch Church, as it sustained, and does still sustain, to the Congregational and Presbyterian bodies. Nine members of the Reformed Dutch Church were then, or had been, corporate members of the Board; a distinguished lay member of that Church was Vice President of the Board; and at least two of the sons of that Church had for years been numbered among its missionaries. The extent of the contributions received from that source before that time, the Prudential Committee have not the means of knowing.

"If the compact of 1832 be closely examined, we shall see, that it virtually contains but a single new provision. For in reality, it added nothing to the ecclesiastical liberty which missionaries from the Reformed Dutch Church, as well as all other missionaries of the Board, had enjoyed from the beginning; nor to the liberty which donors have always had, of appropriating their donations according to their pleasure among the objects sustained by the Board. Excepting the single provision above adverted to, every thing else was merely a declaration of facts already existing.

"The special provision was then made for the forming of a distinct mission, or of distinct missions, should members of that Church be so inclined, 'with an ecclesiastical organization and public worship according to their own views and wishes.' It was also provided, in the language of the report, that 'should the friends of missions in that
Church prefer appropriating their contributions to this or any other mission or object within the proper scope of the Board, and should it be practicable to expend those contributions wisely upon that mission or object, there can be no objection to such appropriations, and the wishes of the donors will be sacredly regarded. Should there be any excess in the receipts from the Reformed Dutch Church, above the proper expenses of the missionaries from that Church, the balance will of course go for the general objects of the Board. Should it at any time be expedient to increase the number of missionaries in the missions commenced by missionaries from the Reformed Dutch Church, and should suitable men in this Church offer their services, and prefer going to those missions, they would have the preference of others.'

"These views," it was added in the report then adopted, "if sanctioned by the Board, place it within the power of the friends of missions in the Reformed Dutch Church to employ the Board, and its Committee, as their almoners and agents in conducting missions among the heathen; and, at the same time, have the satisfaction of supporting missionaries from their own Church."

"A mission composed of four brethren from the Reformed Dutch Church was sent to Netherlands, India, in the year 1836; and five other brethren from the same Church joined the mission subsequently, at different times. The government of Netherlands, India, adopted a narrow policy towards this mission, shut it up in Borneo, and greatly embarrassed its operations. It was discontinued in 1849, for want of missionaries to take the place of those who were removed from the field by death and sickness.

"The Amoy mission took its present distinctive form in the year 1844, when Messrs. Doty and Pohlman, under instructions from the Prudential Committee, went thither from Borneo. Mr. Abeel was already there, but was soon obliged, by failing health, to return to the United States; and Mr. Pohlman perished by shipwreck in 1849. Mr. Talmage arrived in 1847, and Mr. Jormal in 1856. Within a few years past, the brethren at Amoy have had more cheering success than has been experienced elsewhere in China. However important the Prudential Committee may have deemed a reinforcement of this mission between the years 1849 and 1856, they thought it expedient to retain the ground for the brethren of the Reformed Dutch Church; and tidings, during the past year, from the college and seminary at New Brunswick, have cheered them with the expectation, that this most interesting field will soon be more adequately occupied.

"The Arcot mission originated, in its present form, in the year 1854, through the action of the Prudential Committee, with mission-
aries belonging to the Reformed Dutch Church. It began with two sons of the late Dr. John Scudder, and now has five.

"The only question of business, as it appears to the Prudential Committee, which the resolutions of the General Synod bring before the Board, relates to the report adopted in the year 1832, and to the two missions which have grown out of it. The relations of the Board to the Reformed Dutch Church, which existed previously, through the membership of honored fathers and brethren of that Church, and which has been the source of so much pleasure and advantage to the Board, is not supposed to be matter for action, on the part either of the Synod or of the Board.

"The Board will doubtless assent to dissolving the particular compact of 1832, in the same fraternal spirit with which it has been proposed by their brethren of the General Synod.

"It will be obvious to the Board, however, that the dissolution of that compact can have no effect to dissolve the relation of any one of the missionaries, as such, to the Board. Their offers of service in connection with the Board, came from them as individuals, in the exercise of their individual and personal responsibilities; and the missionaries from the Reformed Dutch Church sustain precisely the same relation to the Board with all its other missionaries. The Committee know of no reason for supposing, that any one in the Amoy mission, or Arcot mission, will not be ready to ask for a release from his connection with the Board, on learning the action of the General Synod, and the concurrence of the Board in the same; and the Prudential Committee will feel it to be their duty to give their cheerful assent to such applications. But the relations which the missionaries sustain to the Board, under circumstances, can be dissolved only on application from the missionaries themselves; and the rules and regulations of the Board devolve the act of dissolution on the Prudential Committee. To dismiss our brethren in any other manner, would be in disregard of the nature of the compact existing between them and the Board.

"Nothing is said in the compact of 1832 as to the transfer of missions, as such, in case the Reformed Dutch Church should at any time desire to recede from the engagements of this compact. But there has always been a tacit understanding among the executive officers of the Board, that those particular missions, which should be formed and continued on the peculiar basis of this compact, would be transferred with the property thereto belonging, when the compact should be dissolved; and the Prudential Committee advise that this be done."
"The documents received from these missions up to the time of transfer, and from the Borneo mission, ought to remain with the Board. They form a part of its history; are needed to illustrate and justify its proceedings; and, so far as they embody its experience, they go to form its stock in trade. But the Board of Foreign Missions in the Reformed Dutch Church should have the privilege of taking copies of such documents as it may desire.

"The expenses properly chargeable to the Reformed Dutch Church, since the year 1832, are believed by the Prudential Committee not to vary much from the amount received as donations from that body.

"The Prudential Committee are happy in expressing their grateful sense of the kindness, candor and Christian urbanity, on the part of that Church and its Board of Foreign Missions, which have uniformly characterized their intercourse. And it is well known to the Board, that none of its corporate members have taken a more lively and intelligent interest in its proceedings and prosperity, than have those from the Reformed Dutch Church; one of whom, respected and beloved by all, has long presided with distinguished ability, in its annual meetings."

"Missionary House, Boston, Sept. 1, 1857."

The same having been referred to a Special Committee, the following report was submitted:

"The Committee appointed to consider the connection between this Board and the Reformed Dutch Church, accord with the opinion expressed in the document which has been placed in their hands, that the only thing calling for the action of this Board is the compact with the Reformed Dutch Church made in the year 1832. That compact the Board are invited, in the most fraternal and Christian manner, by the General Synod, now to dissolve; it being the opinion of the Synod, that such a measure, at this time, will be promotive of Christ's kingdom. The committee join with the Prudential Committee in recommending, that the Board meet this proposal in the spirit with which it is made by their respected brethren of the Reformed Dutch Church, and that the following resolutions be adopted:

"Resolved, 1st, That, in accordance with the proposal received from the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, the Board assents to a dissolution of the compact, for the prosecution of Foreign Missions, which was formed with that Synod in the year 1832.

"Resolved, 2dly, That the appointment of a missionary being a personal matter, involving a mutual contract and obligation between
the missionary and the Board, therefore, should the missionaries of
the Amoy and Arcot missions, formed and prosecuted on the basis of
this compact, request a release from their connection with the Board,
the Prudential Committee is instructed to grant such a release; and
also to transfer the property in those missions to the Board of Foreign
Missions of the Reformed Dutch Church.

"Resolved, 3dly, That all financial questions growing out of this
business, be referred for mutual adjustment to the Prudential Com­
mmittee and the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Dutch
Church.

"Resolved, 4thly, That in assenting to a dissolution of this compact,
now of twenty-five years' duration, the Board gratefully acknowledges
the expressions of respect, esteem and confidence, which are embodied
in the resolutions of the General Synod; and it would also bear tes­
timony to the Christian kindness and urbanity, which have uniformly
and eminently characterized the pastors and members of that Church,
and especially the officers of its Board of Foreign Missions, in their
intercourse with the officers and agents of this Board, and would give
assurance of our earnest hope and prayer, that the results of the step
now taken may equal the highest expectations of the Reformed Dutch
Church, in the promotion of the Redeemer's kingdom."

The whole was unanimously adopted; and the action, while attended
with deeply moving and solemn circumstances, was characterized
throughout by a tone of Christian love and fraternal confidence
which became the occasion, and called out our warmest regard.

Thus we became a Board for the distinct and separate charge of
the Foreign Missionary work of the Reformed Protestant Dutch
Church, and were clothed with responsibilities of very high character,
and affecting interests most dear to the Church.

RECEPTION OF THE MISSIONS.

It remained then to receive, in correspondence with the resolutions,
the Brethren with the Missions under our care.

Rev. W. W. Scudder, of the Arcot Mission, being with us, and au­
thorized to act for his Brothers, asked for their dismission from the
A. B. C. F. M., which being granted by the Prudential Committee,
with proper resolutions, to your Board, the Brethren of the Arcot
Mission were, in September last, received under our care, and all
responsibilities assumed in relation to them.

From the Brethren of the Mission at Amoy we could only hear
after the lapse of months. Having heard in general terms of their
purpose, we assumed the entire support of the Mission from the 1st of
January, 1858, and on 22d of March received their action, asking dismission from the A. B. C. F. M., and placing themselves and Mission under our care. Thus the two Missions were brought close to the heart of the Church, and she pledged, through your Board, to the care and full provision for their welfare in their laborious and self-denying but Christ like service. Their reception constitutes an epoch in our Church's history, and involves consequences of most momentous character. While we bless God for what has been done, we feel that ours is a work which should be tenderly cherished by every member of the Church.

In assuming the Missions, we have assumed the responsibilities of the A. B. C. F. M. of an incidental character, which have arisen in the progress of the work, such as relate to children of Missionaries in this country, and the disabled Missionary. In finally arranging the financial questions involved, we have taken the fiscal year of the Missions as the basis; and assuming the payments made in individual cases which fairly ran over into 1858, have pledged ourselves to pay over all the receipts of 1857 for the appropriations of 1857. Having been under the necessity of transmitting means for the support of Arcot, which should be available in January, 1858, we were left by the above arrangement, pledged to pay to the Prudential Committee $4,645 77, since which time we have forwarded to them various sums, leaving our present indebtedness to them $.

According to the arrangements with the Prudential Committee, the property of the Missions held for the American Board remains to be transferred to the General Synod, and such transfer they are ready to make, as soon as it can be done after receiving a proper account thereof.

THE MISSIONS—YEAR'S HISTORY AND PRESENT CONDITIONS.

**Amoy.**


Mrs. Talmage and Mrs. Joralman, Assistant Missionaries.

Church, 1; catechists, 5; places of worship, 2; theological class, 1; parochial school, 1; whole number of communicants, 137. Received during year, 19; received from the first, 157.

**Out-Station Chio-be.**

Church, 1; catechists, 2; place of worship, 1; parochial school, 1; received to membership during the year, 4. Whole number in communion, 35.
The Brethren report: "Public preaching, daily Scripture reading and exposition at a morning service, Bible class instructions, labors with the theological class, conference with the inquiring, and the examination of candidates, continue to give exhausting employment to time and strength." They remark: "We have great cause of grateful praise for God's preserving, sustaining and zeal-producing grace, as manifested among the members of the Church, both at Amoy and Chio-be. In the midst of circumstances unusually depressing and trying, they have patiently endured and continued to walk worthy of their profession. We continue to have much comfort and great aid in our work, by the abounding labors of those who are employed as assistants in various positions, as well as from the brethren in general, who ever esteem it a privilege, according to ability and opportunity, to witness publicly for Christ. Still, we have not been free from the trials and sorrow of seeing some cases of turning back, and even of sad apostasies. It has been the painful duty of the Church officers to pass sentence of excommunication upon two persons within the present year. We have thus, during the few years of our existence as a Church, in Amoy, been compelled to cut off four, and one from Chio-be. There are also some four or five cases of suspension from the ordinances of the Church; concerning some of these we have hope, but for others our fears predominate."

Speaking of health, they add: "Mr. Talmage has been preserved in the enjoyment of his usual degree of health. The health of Mr. Joralman materially failed him some three months ago, occasioned perhaps, in a great degree, by the too close application to that first indispensable work of the Missionary, the acquisition of the language." The latest accounts represent him, however, as in excellent health, and able to give himself to the mission work. Mr. Doty speaks of himself, as enfeebled: "Each successive hot season produces greater physical exhaustion than the preceding, and so leaves me less able to bear up under the severe attacks of asthma, to which I am annually subject for two or three months, incident on the change from the south-west to the north-east monsoon."

The latest intelligence from our Brethren has filled our hearts with sadness. Brother Joralman, in consequence of the continued illness of his wife, in February last, by advice of his physician, made a voyage with her to Singapore, and tarried there sufficiently long to see the effect of the change of locality. He has been constrained to return with her to Amoy, and a long voyage is regarded as the only means of her recovery. Brother Doty, on the 28th of February, was called to part with his beloved wife. On the 10th of February, a daughter was given him; the health of his wife was all that could be
expected for ten days; then exhausting disease set in, which rapidly ran her to the grave. Her departure was in peace, surrounded by the Brethren, her physicians, and sorrowing Christian friends. Mrs. D. was a lady of winning manner, and had endeared herself to a large circle, and was, by her intellectual qualification, her piety, and her devotion to her work, enabled to exercise a most happy influence. The Mission has sustained a very heavy loss, and may well ask the sympathy and prayers of the Church. In consequence of this bereavement, by which he is left with five motherless children, and the infirm state of his own health, the presumption is, that Brother Doty will return to this country, and that Mrs. Joralman will accompany him.*

**Arcot.**

Veillore.—Rev. Henry M. Scudder, Missionary.
Mrs. H. M. Scudder, Assistant Missionary.

Catechist and elder, 1; Christian school masters, 2; members received during the year, 23; total communicants, 42; baptized children, 58; catechumens, 18; parochial schools, 2; pupils—21 boys, 24 girls; preparandi class.

The church edifice, in progress at this place last year, has been completed and dedicated, and is spoken of as neat, cool and commodious. The services are conducted in the Tamil language. Congregational catechising occurs every Sabbath. A meeting is held by Mrs. Scudder, with the females of the congregation, on Wednesday morning, for reading and prayer. The Lord's Supper is administered monthly.

In consequence of the failure of health, the pastor of this Church has been under the necessity of visiting this country. He arrived towards the close of April, and will be able to employ himself profitably in translations of the church Liturgy and other church symbols into the Tamil language. In his absence this station will be occupied by the Missionaries in turn.

**Arcot.—Under Charge of Rev. J. W. Scudder.**
Rev. Ezekiel Scudder, Missionary.
Mrs. Ezekiel Scudder, Assistant Missionary.
Paul, Elder.
Peter, Christian Schoolmaster
Andrew Sawyer, Catechist.

Communicants, 8; catechumens, 3.

* Since the meeting of Synod very favorable intelligence concerning Mr. Doty's health has been received.
Just at the close of the year Andrew Sawyer, who has been located at Chittoor, was appointed Catechist, and here it is hoped he will, in due season, be constituted the pastor.

Chittoor.—Rev. Wm. W. Scudder, Missionary, (at present in America).
Rev. Ez. C. Scudder, in charge at present.
Mrs. Ez. C. Scudder, Assistant Missionary.
Miss Louisa Scudder, " "

Christian Schoolmaster, 1, Israel; communicants, 46; added since last report, 6; baptized children, 48.

The Rev. W. W. Scudder, located at this place, having been absent on a visit to this country, the charge of this Church is temporarily committed to his brother. Besides the two services on the Sabbath, a morning service for preaching is held on Wednesday forenoon and Thursday afternoon of each week; the Gospel is preached to about two hundred paupers, who are gathered at the missionary door for the purpose of receiving grain, which is furnished for donation by the English residents. The church edifice has been completed, and on the 14th of January, was set apart for divine worship with appropriate exercises. Apprehensions were entertained, in consequences of threats by some Mohammedans, that the services might be interrupted, but a kind Providence was over the occasion, which was one of great interest.

Rev. W. W. S. had made his arrangements to leave for his field early in May or June, but in consequence of the request of the Classis of Arcot, he will be detained for three months, to aid his brother in his work of translation and preparations of various matter for the press.

Arnee.—Rev. Jared W. Scudder, Missionary.
Mrs. Jared W. Scudder, Assistant Missionary.

Catechist and elder, 1; readers, 2; Christian schoolmaster, 1; number in communion, 9; school, 1; pupils, 16, five of which are orphans.

The attendance on the preaching of the Gospel has doubled during the year. Numbers have expressed a fixed purpose to renounce heathenism and come out on the Lord's side. The services are very similar to those of the other churches. The whole congregation is resolved into a Sabbath school on the Lord's Day, and all are instructed in the Bible and the Heidelberg Catechism. The Lord's Supper is administered once in two months. Appropriations have
been made for a church edifice at this place, so that the public services may be removed from the house of the Missionary, where they have been hitherto held. One of the orphans in the school has been received to church fellowship.

Coonoor.—Rev. Joseph Scudder, Missionary.

Mrs. Joseph Scudder, Assistant Missionary.

Elders, 2; catechist, 1; Christian schoolmaster, 1; communicants, 20; baptized children, 19; school, 1; pupils, 26.

The usual services occur on the Sabbath. The women meet Mrs. S. every Wednesday for prayer and instruction. This church is situated on the neighboring hills. Mr. Joseph Scudder having gone there to recruit his health, found a wide field opened for usefulness, and the Mission were induced to recommend the occupancy of it. The Executive Committee looked carefully into the matter, and finally decided that the action of the Mission should be approved. The small place which had been used for religious services proved very soon altogether too small, and an addition was made to it through the liberality of friends at the place. This has also proved insufficient, and at present a church edifice of proper dimensions is about to be undertaken. The report of the Mission remarks: "There are some things that make this Station a peculiarly interesting one. The Tamil people who come up from the plains, are of a good class—artificers, merchants, and the better sort of laborers. While here, they are away from most of their caste relations. There are no Brahmins to frighten them into submission—no vast Hindoo temples with their imposing ceremonies, alluring them to remain in the fastnesses of heathenism. When induced by the Spirit of God to cast off their shackles and declare themselves on the Lord's side, they can always maintain their families independent of their caste, as labor is in great demand, and wages are high on these hills."

In consequence of the absence of two Missionaries, the Brethren now at the Arcot Mission have arduous labors to perform, and it is earnestly hoped they may be sustained until relief reaches them.

Among the interesting events of the year, is the fact that the Classis have examined for licensure and ordination a Christian native, who is spoken of in the most emphatic terms as a man of piety, of great ability, fine attainments in theological knowledge, and well qualified to teach his countrymen. The case will doubtless come before the Synod through the action of the Classis, when some general principle to govern all similar cases will doubtless be adopted. Such a
guide will be needed, as it is in the qualification and employment of Christian natives our greatest efficiency is to be hereafter found.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF GENERAL SYNOD.

The General Synod, at its last June session, recommended the printing of the Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, involving the reasons for a separate action by our Church. This was done at the earliest moment, and nearly sixteen thousand copies were distributed among the Churches of the several Classes, and we can not but hope that good results will follow.

The General Synod also, by its Committee, recommended the holding of Missionary Conventions at central points, throughout the Churches, which various contiguous congregations might attend, and have the subject of Foreign Missions fully submitted to them, with the views influencing the recent action of Synod. These have been very extensively held, and have in all cases been welcomed and hailed with interest.

We have enjoyed the co-operation of various brethren, and are especially indebted to Dr. Benjamin Taylor for making several journeys to considerable distances, and devoting days to the meetings held; also to Dr. De Witt, Dr. Chambers, Dr. Rogers, and Rev. Messrs. Ganse and Peltz, who have kindly made several addresses.

Our main, special reliance, has been on the Rev. Wm. W. Scudder, who gave himself entirely to the work of visiting and addressing the Churches. His labors have been most abundant and most cheerfully performed, and we doubt not, the impressions made by his glowing accounts of missionary work in India, as he has seen it and participated in it, will not soon pass from the mind, and will influence the young who heard him, through their future life. He has been enabled to hold meetings within the bounds of twenty-four Classes, and while he remains with us, will continue his service.

The visitation of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick was recommended, and we may say the most solemn, interesting and cheering services have been held with students in the Hertzog Hall. There was found a band of men who were praying over the cause of Foreign Missions, who where cherishing earnest desires to have a door opened for them to enter upon the work—and had solemnly pledged themselves, should God in his providence lead the way, to go to the heathen to break unto them the bread of life. It seemed indeed as if the Master had gone before the Synod and the Church, to prepare the way for the enlarged operations of the Church in the Pagan world. And the true spirit glows there still, and we look for a succession of the sons of the Church, saying to us, "Here are we, send us."
The subject of a monthly Mission Paper was submitted at the Extra Meeting of Synod, and received their unanimous approbation and recommendation. We are happy to report that arrangements were made with the Board of Publication of General Synod, by which one half of The Sower, then published by them, should be granted to this Board, for Foreign Missionary intelligence, with the addition to its Title of "Missionary Recorder." This department has been under the care of the Cor. Sec'y. of the Board, from the commencement of the new volume—in January last. The Paper is obtaining a wider circulation, and is cordially welcomed in the Churches. If it could be with propriety reduced in price, its circulation would be rapidly increased. Similar papers are not in any case self-sustaining. They are regarded as one of the best forms of agency, and their cost comes back in the increased interest and benevolence of the Churches. In the Churches around us, the recent policy is to reduce the price of their Missionary papers, until it is almost a gratuity.

Re-inforcements.

The Board found very soon after entering upon the charge of the Missions, that circumstances did not allow a mere provision for work then on hand, but that they must enter upon an enlarged movement. On the one hand, the intelligence of the failing health and probable return of missionary Brethren, and hence a weakening of the Missionaries already burdened with labors; and on the other hand, the gracious movement of God's Spirit at the Theological Seminary, furnishing young men for the Foreign field, brought us to the decision that we must attempt a re-inforcement of both Missions. The contributions of the Church came in to aid the conviction that we should be sustained in the attempt.

Accordingly, we have given missionary appointments to the following young Brethren, graduates of the last senior class, viz: Rev. Alvin Ostrom, and Rev. Daniel Rappelye, their destination being China; and to Rev. Joseph Mayou, his destination being India, or the Arcot Mission. We have also received Mr. Jacob Chamberlain, Jr., of the Middle Class in the Theological Seminary, now passed into the Senior Class of next year, as a missionary candidate.

We are convinced that the policy which is now approved, and being carried out by Missionary Societies in our own and other lands, of sending out during this next year special re-inforcements, is that indicated by Providence. It is agreed on all hands, among observing and intelligent men, that China in its amplitude, and India with its many millions, are to be more widely free to the labors of the Christ
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ian Missionary. And whether the opening of a wide door occur this year or next year, or in two or three years, it is well to have those in preparation—watching the indications of Providence—ready and qualified to pass through the once formidable barriers, with the Word of Life in their hands. The large blessings granted to our Brethren in China, must be hailed also as a blessed preparation of a native Christian element, which will be most efficient.

Could we send twice the number, or many times the number now commissioned, the accounts our Brethren send us of the points,—the centres—of vast populations, which might be occupied, prove that every man would be most usefully employed.

INCREASED EXPENDITURE.

In consequence of the greatly increased expense of living, additional appropriations have been made to our Brethren at Amoy, and for 1859 a further advance must be made for the same reason. We cannot leave men who are doing the Master's work and the Church's work far away from us, to be straitened in circumstances, and to resort to other means to eke out a support. In this view, we are confident the whole Church is with us.

Additions have also been made to the appropriations to Arcot, as expenditures on various buildings were found necessarily to exceed the original estimates of cost.

We are satisfied that our Brethren of both Missions will exercise the utmost care in their outlay, and hence we have been ready to grant what we may be able, according to the means furnished by the Churches.

PROSPECTIVE WORK AND PROSPECTIVE DUTY.

It is not to be concealed, nay, it is a matter of joy, that the work we have undertaken is a growing work, involving increasing responsibilities, and demanding increasing efforts. This aspect of it is precisely what we have been praying for in all our Monthly Concerts, and in all our solemn meetings. Our cry has been, "Enlarge the borders of the kingdom."—"Send forth laborers into the harvest."—"Send now prosperity." Here it is, in precisely the form which gladdens the heart of the husbandman—the harvest in its waving golden hues, inviting his sturdy arm with its sickle and his multiplied laborers. If we are true to our own prayers—true to the Master whose command we profess governs us—all that accumulating interest gathering around the proclamation of mercy among the perishing—all that thrilling call which comes to us in peal after peal, will warm and ani-
mate us to high, and stern, and persevering effort—will uncase the coldest formalism and move us to secure higher success.

No class of men—of church members—of Sunday school pupils, is excluded from joyous participation here. There is room for all; there is a call for all; there is a blessing for all. If any one class more than another is called to a special work, it is the Pastors. The Master has placed them in the van—he has constituted them the leaders of "the sacramental host."—The people look up to them—confide in them—will follow their lead—will respond to their appeal.

We rejoice that the Protestant ministry have not that power over the purse which we are told is exercised by the priests of a hoary superstition; they have what is far better, the talisman which touches the chord of love, which stirs the Christian heart from its depth—which leads to willing, loving consecration. And let them take as the broad ground of their appeals, "freely ye have received, freely give," —and in due season they will see the joyous response. We believe it may be laid down as a certainty, that no Pastor ever took this ground in a loving spirit, that he did not benefit every interest of his charge, and lift up to significance and power every proper form of Christian effort. And on the other hand, not a Pastor has stood aloof—been negligent or opposed, but he has dwarfed every other interest, and caused an unhappy reaction on his own position.

We look much to the Pastors:—we must look to them. If they will earnestly co-operate, a great work shall be accomplished. Yes, if they will only let the Churches know that they may give—we shall all rejoice.

MEANS TO BE EMPLOYED.

The Board will be called to pursue the policy which has been inaugurated, and employ the press as heretofore, and perhaps to a greater extent. The expenses for "the working of our machinery," if we may so call it, are not large, and they will be kept under rigid control. Yet, in the expansion of the work, we must calculate on an increase of outlay. This is the law of a prosperous enterprise.

The department of personal agency will be happily supplied by the young Brethren who have been appointed Missionaries, who being detained for several months, will be able to make themselves known among the Churches. They will be employed by the Board. Our hope is, that Dr. Henry Martyn Scudder will have health to warrant his visitation of our most important Churches, and those points adapted for holding conventions, and fresh from the field of many years toil, pour such a tide of Christian love over the hearts of the people, that it may be his privilege to build up most successfully our good cause.
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It is deeply felt that too much importance cannot be attached to the exercise of a proper influence over our youth. All hope for the future is with them, under God; and as they come up to the places of the fathers, and make a fuller use of their greater privileges and greater light, we may confidently anticipate, not only that we may have Missionaries, but the means for their support.

It is gratifying that numbers of our Sabbath schools have become our regular contributors, and that we have encouragement that the ensuing year will find many more with us. The Mission schools are appropriately the objects for which they should labor. But our Brethren at Amoy suggest an additional one. They need a Boat for coasting along the Islands and the main land, where many and populous villages are found, which can only be reached by them in this way. Up to this time they have been under the necessity of using the boats of English Missionaries. Happy would they be, if their young friends at home would supply them with a Boat—a Gospel Messenger, for their own use.

We feel warranted, by the experience of numerous Churches, to recommend to all, to make the monthly Collection for Missions on the morning of the first Sabbath of each month. It is every where found, that by the former mode the same persons, and they a mere handful, alone contribute. The mode now suggested, brings the opportunity of giving something to this good cause to the entire congregation, and brings the great work directly before the minds of all.

ENCOURAGEMENT.

It has been stated that our expenditures must increase, and we here say largely increase. The next year will find us under heavier responsibilities. We shall have more laborers in the field, and we shall have more to send. But this in no degree discourages us. We have been much cheered by the response which, in most unfavorable times, the Churches have made. The evidence is clear that our present mode of action has their confidence.

Though only a portion of a year has passed since our distinct action, the returns have carried our receipts to one third beyond last year.

The Treasurer's Report, which is herewith submitted, shows that during the year $16,000 have been contributed by the Churches. In the list we find only 204 contributing Churches out of the 390 connected with our Classes, and of these only three have contributed over $500, one over $1,000, and these our strongest Churches. From this result we reason, that when the whole Church comes up to this
blessed service, we shall have a much increased annual income to meet our much increased outlay. In this we can scarcely be disappointed. We shall be slow to believe that any Church will be omitted from our list. We most sincerely believe that our Brethren will seize the privilege of doing something for the perishing millions of our race.

And is it presumptuous to anticipate a decided increase of active effort and enlarged benevolence, as the results of the remarkable visitation of divine mercy through our Churches? Can it be believed that the multitudes who have given themselves to God, will not also, as a necessary concomitant, give themselves also to all the work of God? We rejoice to believe that we shall have many coadjutors from this source—that we shall find many gifts laid on God's altar.

Above all, our trust is in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose work this is, and who has given it his special blessing.

The term of service of the following members of the Board expires at this date, to wit:

“ D. D. Demarest, D. D. Mr. Charles S. Little.
“ Jeremiah S. Lord. “ Abraham J. Beckman, and
“ Samuel B. How, D. D.

Soliciting the divine blessing on all the deliberations of the Synod, we commend this whole subject to your care.

In behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions,

ISAAC FERRIS,

Synod's Rooms, 61 Franklin St. Corresponding Secretary.

New York, 1st June, 1858.

REPORT
OF
General Synod's Committee
on
FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Foreign Missions, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to present the following report:
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The fact that this is the first report which has been made to the General Synod by its Board of Foreign Missions since that Board entered upon a distinct and independent existence, must give additional interest to its details and statements. Under a solemn sense of duty and responsibility to the Great Head of the Church, the Synod at its last regular meeting decided to separate from the A. B. C. F. M., with which most efficient and valuable agency it had been long and happily connected. While this decision was characterized by a very remarkable and unexpected unanimity, and under circumstances which fully warranted the belief that it was in accordance with the leadings of Providence, and the guidance of the Divine Spirit, it was natural that the result should be expected with mingled feelings of hope and fear. The first report of the Board would very naturally be looked for with unusual anxiety, and examined with unwonted interest. It would show whether the Synod had correctly interpreted the voice of Providence, and truly found the way of duty.

That report has been made, and in examining its statements, and summing up the results which it presents, our hearts have been filled with gratitude to God, and we have been inclined to say, “What hath God wrought.” It has revealed the pleasing fact that our churches have in a good degree appreciated the responsibility which now rests upon them in relation to the work of Foreign Missions, and have come up nobly to the work of supporting their own Board. The simple fact, that in a year characterized by a state of commercial depression unexampled in the history of our country, the contributions of our churches to this cause should have increased almost 33\(\frac{1}{3}\) per cent., is eloquent and impressive in its testimony to the correctness of the views of the last Synod, and affords pleasing assurance that the Church is ready to provide for her own missions on a scale of Christian liberality proportionate to the necessity and importance of the case. We are warranted in the hope that the course of the Dutch Church on heathen ground will, by the blessing of her Head, be hereafter one of increasing and permanent prosperity, usefulness and honor.

We learn from the report of the Board, that the work of connecting the two missions, with the missionaries and mission property, with our Board, has been consummated so far as has yet been practicable, in a spirit of Christian courtesy and brotherly love, honorable to the character of all the parties concerned, and deeply gratifying to the feelings of the Church.

I. History and Condition of the Missions.

Amoy.—Rev. E. Doty, Rev. J. V. N. Talmage, and Rev. J. Jorale-
mon, Missionaries; Mrs. Talmage and Mrs. Joralemon, Assistant Missionaries.

Church, 1; catechists, 5; places of worship, 2; theological class, 1; parochial school, 1; whole number of communicants, 137; received during the year, 19; received from the first, 157.

Out-Station, Chio-be.—Church, 1; catechists, 2; place of worship, 1; parochial school, 1; received to membership, 4; whole number in communion, 35.

The brethren at this mission have continued their multiplied labors, and have been faithful in the arduous work committed to their hands, so far as permitted to enjoy the necessary strength. We have, however, been pained to learn that the health of Mrs. Joralemon has of late been increasingly delicate, and that a voyage to Singapore, undertaken by the advice of her physician, proved unavailing for her restoration. The probability now is, that this estimable sister will be obliged to return to this country at an early day.

The sad intelligence of the death of Mrs. Doty has also reached us by late advices. She died of severe and wasting disease, which she bore with true Christian fortitude and patience, on the 28th of February, eighteen days after giving birth to a daughter, leaving her excellent husband and five motherless children to mourn her loss. In view of this afflicting dispensation, the Committee suggest to the Synod the propriety of adopting the following resolution:

Resolved, That the General Synod has heard with deep sorrow the sad intelligence of the death of Mrs. Doty, at Arany, on the 28th of February last; that they present their Christian sympathies to their beloved brother in this sad bereavement, and invoke in his behalf and of his motherless children the sustaining presence and grace of that God who doeth all things well.

ARÇOT MISSION.

Vellore.—Rev. Henry M. Scudder, M.D., Missionary; Mrs. Henry M. Scudder, Assistant Missionary; catechist and elder, 1; Christian schoolmasters, 3; parochial schools, 3; seminary, 10; pupils, boys 21, girls, 24—45; communicants received, 23; total in communion, 42; baptized children, 58; catechumens, 18.

A church edifice, neat and commodious, has been completed and dedicated during the year. We have been permitted to welcome to this country, after an absence of fourteen years, the esteemed pastor of this Church, Rev. Henry M. Scudder, and we rejoice in the hope not only that his own health will be restored by his visit, but that he will be made the means of stirring up our Church to a deeper interest in the
work of Missions, and a higher sense of her obligations to raise up and send out additional laborers into those fields, now white with the harvest.

Arcot.—Andrew Sawyer, catechist; Paul, elder; Peter, Christian schoolmaster; communicants, 10; catechumens, 12.

Chittoor.—Rev. W. W. Scudder, Missionary, (at present in America;) Rev. E. Scudder, in charge. Mrs. Scudder, assistant; Miss Louisa Scudder, assistant; catechist and elder, 1; Christian schoolmaster, 1; communicants added, 6; total in communion, 46; baptized children, 48.

Arnee.—Rev. Jared W. Scudder, Missionary; Mrs. Scudder, Assistant Missionary; catechist and elder, 1; readers, 2; Christian schoolmaster, 1; communicants, 9; school, 1; pupils, 16.

Conoor.—Rev. Jos. Scudder, Missionary; Mrs. Scudder, Assistant Missionary; elders, 2; catechist, 1; Christian schoolmaster, 1; communicants, 30; baptized children, 19; school, 1; pupils, 26.

Among the interesting facts presented in the report of the Board, is the statement that the Classis of Arcot have examined for license and ordination a Christian native, of whom they speak in high terms as a man of remarkable intelligence and deep piety, and who may be expected to prove a most valuable auxiliary to the missions in their important and arduous field.

The Committee have been happy to learn from the report of the Board, that God has inclined the hearts of several of the young men, preparing for the ministry, to devote themselves to the work of Foreign Missions. Three have already been received by the Board, and assigned to their fields of labor: Rev. Alvin Ostrom and Rev. Daniel Rapelje to China, and Rev. Joseph Mayo to India. There is also a candidate for the foreign field at present in the middle class of the Theological Seminary. This intelligence the Committee believe will be very gratifying to the Church, and will doubtless stimulate to increased prayer and effort, to sustain the Board in their wise progressive policy. As God in his providence opens wide the door, and raises up men to enter; let not the Church delay or neglect to provide the means to send them; if she does, she is recreant to her vows and obligations, and cannot expect to receive the smile of her Lord and King.

In this connection the Committee would testify to the value of the labors of Rev. W. W. Scudder, in visiting the Churches, attending missionary conventions, and delivering addresses to congregations and Sunday schools. They believe that this has contributed very much to an increased interest among the Churches, and to larger contributions to the cause.
II. Funds.

From the Treasurer's report, which is a paper drawn up in the most complete and satisfactory manner, we learn that the total amount of funds in the treasury of the Board, during the past year, including a balance on hand at its commencement of $3,911 74, and a donation of $2,000 from the American Bible Society, for printing the Scriptures in the Arcot language, is $21,994 61. The amount paid out is $20,851 10; amount now on hand is $1,143 51; due to A. B. C. F. M., is $2,283 86; due Brown, Brothers & Co., $800. The contributions from the churches and from individuals in our communion have been $16,044 43. This is an advance over those of last year of $3,740 44. When the financial embarrassments of the year are taken into the account, this is a most encouraging increase, and warrants the confident expectation, that in times of ordinary prosperity the treasury of the Board will be amply supplied with funds necessary to carry on its operations on a scale of increasing magnitude and efficiency. From present indications, a large addition of outlay on the Missions will be called for during the coming year, and it is hoped that our contributions will reach the sum of at least $23,000. None can question the ability of the Church to furnish this amount, and even more; it remains to be seen whether she will have a corresponding inclination.

The Committee recommend to the Synod the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the history of our Foreign Missionary operations during the past year, the first of our distinct organization, is such as to demand a tribute of fervent gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, and also should stimulate his people to increased zeal and activity in endeavoring to carry the Gospel of the kingdom to the perishing heathen.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod are due to the Board of Foreign Missions, and especially to the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, for the ability, fidelity, and economy with which they have managed its affairs during a year of peculiar responsibility, and one which called for special wisdom in the inauguration and prosecution of a new system of operation untried in the previous history of our Church.

Resolved, That it is the duty of all our churches to take a deeper interest in the work of missions, and to make regular contributions to the funds of the Board.

Resolved, That in carrying on this work, our chief dependence, under God, must be upon the pastors, and that we earnestly and affectionately call upon them to endeavor by precept and example to elevate the standard of Christian duty and liberality among the people in reference to this great cause.
Resolved, That recognizing it as the solemn duty of the Church of Christ, as such, to carry out the great commission of her ascended Lord, we as a Church will endeavor, by God's grace, in the year to come, to do more than we have ever done, to "go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

In conclusion, the Committee would express the opinion that the Church has great encouragement to go forward with an enlarged zeal in this great and good work. The promises of God are yea, and amen. He has said that the earth shall be filled with His glory. And the Saviour, who gave the great commission under which we act, promised to be with his servants always, even unto the end of the world. The resources on which we may depend are those of omnipotence. Greater is he that is in us than he that is in the world.

We need only faith—faith in what God has promised, faith in the grand vocation of the Church, faith in the simple Gospel, faith in the ultimate triumphs of the Cross—all things are possible to him that believeth. Strong in this faith, let the Church come nobly up to this work with renewed alacrity and zeal. Let her pray more for our beloved missionaries. Let her seek to add to their numbers and resources. Let her bind her missions closely to her heart, and cherish them, as a mother cherishes the children of her bosom. Let her pour in of her means to the treasury of the Lord, and keep not back her children from this cause. Thus shall she herself be greatly blessed of God at home, and thus made an honored instrument in extending the kingdom of her Redeemer, who is the Lord of glory and the King of saints.

All of which is respectfully submitted, on behalf of the Committee,

E. P. ROGERS,
Newark, June 7, 1858.
Chairman pro tem.

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GENERAL SUMMARY.

Received from 1st June, 1857, to 1st June, 1858,—from 204 Churches:

Church Contributions .............................................. $13,446 41
Sabbath School and Juvenile ........................................... 936 73
Individuals in Churches ............................................... 1,352 65
Individuals—not through Churches ................................. 257 45
Miscellaneous, (place not ascertained) ............................ 83 63

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