MISSIONARY.

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

A Memorable Gathering.

THE TOILS OF THE YEAR IN REVIEW.

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions commenced its sixtieth annual session in the Third Presbyterian Church, Sixth avenue, yesterday afternoon at three o'clock. This body is composed of about two hundred active members, who constitute the corporate body, and only have the power to vote and finally decide upon its deliberations. Connected with it are some thousands of honorary members, who have the privilege of taking part in all the deliberations except voting. The Board is supported by the Presbyterian and Congregationalist churches, about five thousand in number, throughout America, who thus unite in prosecuting the work of foreign missions. The first meetings sixty years ago were held in private parlors, and from this small beginning the interest in the Board has increased until, now, the largest audience rooms in the country are sometimes not sufficient to contain those who desire to

be in attendance. The sixtieth session opened yesterday, and promises to be one of the largest and most interesting of any in the previous history of the Beard. A large number of delegates have already arrived, and every train coming into the city is increasing the number.

THE ORGANIZATION. At the appointed hour the meeting was called to order by Rev. Mark Hopkins, D.D., LL.D., President of Williams Col-

The following officers of the Board will officiate at the present meeting:

President -- Mark Hopkins, D.D. LL D. Vice President-Hon. Wm. E. Dodge. Prudential Committee-Charles Stoddard, Esq.; Nehemiah Adams, D. D.; Augustus C. Thompson, D.D.; Walter S. Griffith, Esq.; Hon. Albheus Hardy, Hon. Linus Child, Rev. Albert Barnes, Robert R. Booth, D.D.; Abner Kingman, Esq.; James M. Gordon, Esq.; Rufus Anderson, D. D. LL.D.; Ezra Farnsworth, Esq.

Corresponding Secretaries—Rev. Selah
P. Treat, George Wood, D.D., Nathaniel

fervent and impressive prayer by Rev. Rev. Wm. M. Cheever, of Terre Haute, Indiana, was appointed assistant Recording Secretary. The minutes of the last annual session

were read and approved. THE HOME DEPARTMENT. Rev. Dr. S. P. Treat, Chairman of the Committe on Home Department next read the following report:

HOME DEPARTMENT.

OBITUARY NOTICES. Four Corporate Members of the Board a smaller number than usual, have been removed by death since the last annual meeting, to wit:—William W. Chester Esq., elected in 1838; Silas Aiken, D. D. ed in 1839; Swan L. Pomroy, D. D., elected in 1843; William Ropes, Esq., elected in 1852.

MISSIONARIES SENT FORTH. It is with devout thankfulness that the Prudential Committee announce the sending forth of larger reinforcements to the various mission fields within the past year, than have gone abroad in any one year since 1856. The following names have been enrolled for the first names have been enrolled for the first time, among those whom the Board will be happy to recognize henceforth as its
"fellow workers unto the Kingdom of
God" to wi; Rev. Henry P. Page, Mrs.
Mary A. Page, Rev. Riggs, Mrs. Sarah
H. Riggs, Miss Ursula E. Clark, Miss
Flavia S. Bluss, Miss Della Griswold, Miss
Western Minnie C. Beach of the Western
Turkey Mission, Rev. Henry Marden, and Mrs. Mary L. Marden, of
the Central Turkey Mission: Mrs. Helen
P. Barnum, Rev. Theodore L. Pond, Mrs.

FINANCIAL HISTORY OF THE YEAR.

The semple of the Western

Financial History of the Experienced in Julia H. Pond, Geo. C. Reynolds, M. D. and Mrs. Mattie W. Reynolds, of the Eastern Turkey Mission; Mrs. Harriet E. Jessup, Miss Eliza D. Everett, and Rev. James S. Dennis, of the Syria Mission; Rev. Spencer R. Wells and Mrs. Mary Wells, of the Mahratta Mission; Henry K. Palmer, M. D., Mrs. Flora D. Palmer and Miss Carrie Hartley, of the Madura Mission; Rev. William E. DeRiemer, Mrs Emily DeRiemer, Miss Magrie Webster, of the Ceylon Mission; Miss Adelia M. Payson, of the Mission; Miss Adelia M. Payson, of the Fuh Chau Mission; Rev. Chester Holcomb, Mr. Oliver C. Holcomb, Rev. Joseph S. Whiting, Mrs. Sady E. Whiting, Rev. Davello Z. Sheffield, Mrs. Ella W. Sheffield, Rev. Daniel McCoy, Mrs. America H. McCoy, Mr. Gilbert F. Holcomb, Miss Mary A. Thompson, of the North Ching, Mission: Miss. Julia A. Lafromback, of the Dakota Mission.

Two bretiren, who were formerly sta-

in Asia, except the one in Persia, have received reinforcements during the year; that the whole number embraced in the foregoing list is forty two, twelve of whom were ordained before their em-

barkation.
The following persons have returned to the fields heretofore occupied by them, after a residence in the United States, longer or shorter, to wit: Mrs. Martha J. Riggs, Henry S. West, M. D., and Mrs. Lottle M. West, of the Western Turkey Mission, Miss Myra A. Proctor, of the Central Turkey Mission, Henry H. Jessup, D. D., of the Lyna Mission, Rev. Henry M. Bridgman and Mrs. Laura B. Bridgman, of the Zulu Mission.

AGENCIES. The committee are happy to say that all the District Secretaries who were mentioned in the annual report last year are still in the service of the Board. As they are laboring at their respective osts with fidelity and success, and especially as their apitude for their work is expected to increase from year to year, any change would be undesirable. The number of districts, and the distribution of slates among the districts, remain the same as it was last year, as the following able will show:
Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont,

Rev. Wm, Gorham, of Maine. Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island, Rev. John P. Skeele, Hartford New York City, Long Island, Eastern

New York and New Jersey, this district is in charge of Rev. George W. Wood, Bible House, Astor Place, New York City.
Central and Western New York, including St. Lawrence, Lewis, Oneida, Otsego and Delaware counties as an East-Otsego and Delaware counties as an East-ern boundary, Rev. Charles P. Bush, Rochester, N. Y.

Pennsylvania, West Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and District of Columbia, Rev. John McLeod, Philadelphia. Ohio, Indiana and Southern Illinois, Rev. Wm. M. Cheever, Terre Haute, In

diana. Michigan, Northern Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska, Rev. S. J. Humphrey,

Chicago.

It gives the Committee great pleasure that a brother who comes to this country for the benefit of his health, should be allowed to regain it as speedily as possible, in order that he may resume with the least practicable delay his work among the heathen. But if he is able to among the heathen. But it he is able to interest the churches in the subject of Missions by personal appeals, without retarding his recovery, it is eminently proper, as well as desirable, that they should do so; and the Committee always favor arrangements entered into with

THE MISSIONARY HERALD. The enlarged circulation of the Herald deserves a formal annou average monthly edition during the past year has been about thirty thousand. This result the Committee ascribe as well to the endeavors which have been put forth to effect a wider distribution of this periodical, as to the various improvenents which have been made therein.
It would be pleasant to add that this publication has reached the point of selfupport; but the number of those who Recording Secretary-Rev. John D. are entitled to receive it gratuitously in Recording Secretary—Rev. John D. Means.

Treasurer—Langdon S. Ward, Esq.

Auditors—Joseph S. Ropes, Esq., and Thomas H. Russell, Esq.

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the same sources, in 1868 9, \$17,660.57. CO OPERATING SOCIETIES. The Treasurer has remitted to different missions of the Board, in aid of the work which they are doing through the agency of the press, the following sums received from other societies, to wit: From the American Bible Society \$6.700; from the American Tract Society at New York

EFFORTS FOR THE ELEVATION OF WO

MEN. The two organizations which have been formed, one at the East and the other at the West, in the hope of accomother at the West, in the nope of accomplishing more for the "smale sex in our various mission fields, has achieved a success which the most sanguine could scarcely have looked for. The elder Board of Missions has received \$11,540 25; the Woman, a Board of Missions for the Interior has received \$3,329,25 the total Interior has received \$3,339.25, the total being \$14,933.50, and contrary to the fears which many expressed a few months ago, the amount which has been diverted from the contributions which are wont to flow directly into our treasury is found to be comparatively insig-

The committee have experienced, in the matter of income, a two-fold disap-pointment. As strenuous endeavors were ency of the Board is clearly averse to all special efforts, except in occasional instances, it was heped that the church would begin at an early day to enlarge their contributions. At the end of the first third of the year, however, it was found that the receipts instead of being greater, were \$30,000 less than those of the corresponding portion of 1867-8. Two months later the difference was \$33,000, showing an average monthly loss of \$5,500. This was the first disappointment.

The problem, therefore, at the end of the first six months was aimply this:

With an expenditure, on the one hand, which promises to excel that of the previous year, and with a loss in the re-

Two brethren, who were formerly stationed in the Tamil field, but subsequently returned to the United States, and were released from their connection with the Board, have enlisted in its serwith the Board, have enlisted in its sermbarrassment hereafter?" The Comwith the Board, have enlisted in its service a second time. For reasons bearing upon the question of health, however, it has seemed advisable to assign them to new fields. Hence Rev. George Ford and Mrs. Ann J. Ford have taken charge of a station among the Senecas, and Rev. Milan H. Hitchcock and Mrs. Lucy H. Hitchcock have joined the Western Turkey mission. mittee have stated their objections to

Board, to make their contributions equal

Committee now speak of their second disappointment. During the last six months of the war, from March 1st to September 1st, they could not avoid serious apprehensions in regard to the ultimate balance. On the 25th of August, the amount required to prevent any indebtedness was supposed to be \$80,000; and there were certain reasons for anti-cipating a much smaller sum. But through the Divine blessing upon the efforts which had been made, the receipts from that time on ward were unexpect-

ly large, so that the balance against the treasury, when the books were closed, was found to be less than \$6,000. To the pastors and others who have been fellow laborers in working out the problem which has just been mentioned, the Committee desire to tender their cor-dial thanks. To Him, especially, who has all hearts in his hand, and turneth them whithersoever he will, they would ascribe thanksgiving and praise for the deliverance which he has so manifestly

wrought! RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES. The entire income of the year may be stated as follows: From donations, \$124,457,96; from legacies, \$93,562; from other sources; \$7,194,73, making a total of \$525,214,95. The expenditures of the year have amounted to \$531,661,32. As, therefore the year companyed with therefore, the year commenced with a balance of \$520,96 in the treasury, it closed with a balance of \$5,925.41 against the treasury. That the debt is no larger, has been owing, in part, to the refusal of the Committee to disburse all the money which was appropriated in October last They deemed it wiser to contract the ex-

penditures within certain limits than to end the year with a considerable deficit. LEGACIES. It will be noticed that this source of income has been unusually productive. The sums received last year were nearly The sums received that year were hearly \$20,000 below those which have gone into the treasury this year. Indeed, never before in the history of our organization has this item been so large, and it is worthy of mention that Mr. Daniel W. Worthy or mention that Mr. Daniel W. Hall, a generous friend of Missions, residing in Washington, in the District of Columbia, placed \$8,000 in the hands of the Treasurer many years ago, and directed that the amount should become the property of the Board after the death of himself or his wife, the right of call-ing for the interest thereon, in the meantime being reserved. The survivor of the two has departed this life within the year; his gift, therefore, with another aum of \$12,812,92 left to the Treasurer by his will, has became available for meeting the disbursments of the year. Ad-

These figures furnish the explanation of the fortunate issue of our financial trials. The offerings of the living are to be found in the common schools; the press is a power in the land, from which half a million pages (532,400) were and so the Great Missionary, foreseeing this result, has been pleased to induce those patrons of the Board, whom he was about to summon to a higher ser was about to summer to a nighter service, in that disposition of their property which should close forever their earthly stewardship, to remember the heathen. And lo! their thoughtfulness has taken as selly through the vicinity has taken us safely through the viciss tudes of another twelve months. It is he Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in

At the conclusion of the reading of this report, the audience united in singing the twenty-fifth bymn, commenc-"Hinrions things of Thee are snoken." After which Dr. Treat made a brief and

or the Home Department.

The reading of the report was followed by the singing of the sixteenth selection, commencing

"Arm of the Torkswake ! awake !" GENERAL SURVEYS.

Rev. Dr. W. B. Hooker, of Massachuseus, next led the audience in prayer. GENERAL SURVEY OF THE WORK. Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D., of Boston Foreign Secretary, and Rev. George Wood, of New York, then read the report of the General Survey of the Missions, in which it appeared that the past year has been one of sustained general nterest and of preparation for the future; with enough of trial and embarrassment at certain points to mark the church militant, and to lead to a new sense of dependence upon the Divine blessing, and with enough of suc-cess to cheer the heart and to prompt to new and greater efforts to secure the final victory, Touching reference is made to the deaths of the venerable Rev. Dr. King, representative in Greece, Mrs. Saunders, at Ceylon, and Mrs. Riggs, who devoted so many years of rare sacrificing devotion to the social and religous welfare of the Indian tribes of the Yorthwest. Seven ordained missions les have ceased to be connected with the Board: Nine missionaries and three single ladies have come home for rest and recovery of health, most of whom ex-pect to return to the missionary work. Seven missionaries who were at home last year have returned to their missions, and forty-three new laborers have entered upon the work, including thirteen ordained missionaries, two missionaries as assistant and placed services as also to the introduction of civilization among the latter. It is to be regretted, however, that

chow, 1; North China, 10; Seneca In-dians, 2; Dakota Indians, 1. After de-ducting from the list the names of those now at home who are not expected to re-turn, and of one of the ladies recently married, there remain 852 male and female missionaries connected with the Board, of whom 145 are ordained missionaries, 7 missioary physicians, and 44 unmarried females,—a net gain in all of 20 laborers as compared with last year. The success of the Woman's Board of Missions is spoken of as highly encour-

AFRICA. The mission in Africa, in Gaboon, from The mission in Arries, in 43900n, from a debilitating climate, the vices without the virtues of European traders, and the intrigues of Romanists, is tooked upon as the forturn hope of the missionary service. Neither has the Zulu mission escaped its trials, but great numbers are escaped the state of the state of the becoming intellectually familiar with the truths of the gospel, waiting now for the Holy Spirit to quicken them into life. The work of Dr. King in Greece has been taken up by his publis and with It will be noticed that all our missions to those of the preceding year; and a few them has passed under the care of the

American and Foreign Christian Union.
Time only can reveal the influence of
Jonas King in preparing the way for the establishment of purer faith in that classic land.

ARMENIA.

The three Armenian missions embrace a territory more than half as large as that portion of the United States east of the Mississippi river. It includes a portion of European Turkey on the west, the whole of Asia Minor, and extends to Per-sla on the east, and Syria and Arabia on the south. The evangelization of this region has been left almost exclusively to the American Board. Sixty-five churches have been gathered—now un-der the care of 41 native pastors, wholly or in part supported by their own people.
To these churches three hundred new
members were added on profession of their faith the past year, making an ag-gregate membership of about three thou-

The average attendance upon public worship is about 11,000; at Sabbath School 8,000; at the missionary schools and seminaries 6,000. The contributions to various Christian objects during the year amounted to \$15,000 in gold, or an average of five dellars to each church member. The sleepless vigilance of the

SYRIA.

There has never been a brighter day in the history of the Syria mission than the present. The Bible is printed in various attractive editions; the power of priestly tyranny is in a great degree broken; towns and villages long sealed are now open and asking for missionary labor; baptisms have begun to take place smong the Druzes; even the Mohammedans are sending their children to schools; sever-al Christian churches have been organized, and the mission has now set apart three of its members to the work of training a native ministry; while in the department of higher education, the col-lege and female seminary in Beirut will accomplish all that Syria will need for many years to come.

PERSIA.

Dr. Perkins has seen a great work accomplished, as the result of missionary toil, since he first entered that field From 85 centres, and to congregations averaging nearly 2,400 the past year, the gospel is now proclaimed by more than a hundred native helpers, or whom fityseven are licensed preachers. More than nine hundred persons have professed their faith in Christ; of whom seven hundred and twenty-two are now connected ing the \$8,000 to the amount of legacies heretofore mentioned, as being a yirtual legacy, we have a total of \$101,502,26.

These figures furnish the explanation of the people. More than a thousand pupils which half a million pages (532,400) were thrown off the past year

INDIA.

The twenty-three native churches in the Mahratta mission give pleasing evience of increased devotion to the cause of Christ, and are disposed to accept greater responsibility for the evangeli-zation of their countrymen. Some of the native pastors and helpers evince a spirit of true, self-sacrificing consecra-tion. As the result in part, doubtless, a larger number of accessions to the churches are reported than for several years before. Opportunities for labor are multiplying among the women, til now an application comes to the Wom-man's Board of Missions for aid in the support of ten native Bible women. At Ceylon heathenism dies hard, but it is dving and going away before the march or christianity.

CHINA. Eleven new laborers have gone out to China during the year, and aix more expect to follow in a few months. Thus the pledge at the annual meeting of the Board at Buffa'o is in part fulfilled. It is proposed to establish two new stations in North Carolina, and one in the South. The good work is prospering, and with the moral support of Christian nations, the way seems open for the free diffusion of the gospel in the empire.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS. There are now fifty-six churches con-nected with the Hawaiian Evangelical Association, in which have been enrolled, from the first, 67,600 members. A recent careful revision of church records gives the present membership as 12,497; a reduction on last year's lists of nearly 5. 000, notwithstanding the additions of the year. The reduction, now taken note of has been going on for several years, and marks in part the great decline of the Hawalian population of the Islands. NORTH AMERICAN INDIANS.

The Committee rejoice in the endeavors of the present Administration to place the Department of Indian Affairs upon a better footing. It is with peculiar satisfaction that they have seen the readiness with which disinterested and penevolent gentlemen have consented to to the preservation of peace between the eleven single ladies.

They were distributed as follows: to
Western Turkey, 10; Central Turkey, 2;
Eastern Turkey, 5. Syria, 4; Mahratta
mission. 2: Madura, 3; Ceylon, 3; Foochow, 1; North China, 10; Seneca Indians, 2; Dakota Indians, 1. After deaway from all Christain influ of them, indeed, baving never heard the gospel, whose friendly disposition is by no means certain. There are questions of policy, moreover, which have an important bearing upon the public treasury, as also upon the progressive advancement of this people.

Among the Dikotas in whose behalf our missionaries are laboring, the year has been one of prosperity. Fifty-seven persons have professed their faith in the Saviour for the first time, and the whole number of communicants is six hundred and eighteen. The missionaries are assisted in their work by four native pastors, and four native locatiates. A new station has been commenced at the Yankton Agency, by Mr. J. P. Williamson, in order that he may reach a large body of Indians who have neven before had a resident missionary among them. Our brethren are desirous of commenc-Ing operations at other points; and it is presumed that they will do so at an early day. The need is urgent. The Dakotas are supposed to exceed 30,000, Visitors were requested to hand in their livered.

four fifths of whom have never heard Among the Senecas there has been a degree of interest in advancing the king-dom of Christ, which might, perhaps, be called a revival, and a few have

called a revival, and a few have joined the church by professing their faith in the Saviour. In other respects, especially among the Cattaraugus Indians, there has been gratifying progress. Rev. George Ford, formerly of the Madura mission, has consented to take charge of Lower Cattaraugus. He entered his new field lest environ. field last spring. CONCLUSION. Do our churches realize the greatness

of the work, and the solemn responsi-bilities of the hour? New centres of in-fluence have been taken, new churches organized, new pastors ordained; a larger number of native youth of both sexes are in training for Christian work, more and more of the native churches are becoming independent of our aid, and assuming their proper responsibility for the support of the gospel and its diffusion abroad; and, more than all, the good work everywhere accomplished -a work no figures can measure—is to be found in the vast preparation of the popular mind for the received faiths, the condespair of the received latting, the con-viction that the truth is with us, and must prevail, the undermining and sapping of the very foundations of error and superstition. Never before were there such motives for consecration to the work of Christ, for earnest and well directed efforts to complete the work begun, and never before such occasion for earnest and prevailing prayer on the part of all who look for the triumph of the kingdom of Christ in the earth.

GENERAL SUMMARY. Ilssions... Laborers Employed Ordained Missionaries (8 being Oth r Male Assistants. 5
Female Assis'ants 193
Whole number of laborers sent from time continuy 106
Native Pantors 106
Native Preachers and Cate chists 255
Echo J Teache s 255
Other native helpers 224-931
Whole numbers of laborers connected with the Missions 195

The Press. Pages printed, as far as reported The Churches. Churches, (including all at the Hawaiian

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Whole number of Pupils. 689. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES. The President then announced the fol-

Committee of Arrangements.—Rev. F. A. Noble, Ray, Dr. Geor W. Wood, Rev. A. S. Fiske, Rev. S. J. Humphrey, Rev. E. W. Esseck. E. W. Esseck.

Committee to nominate Committees.—
Rev. Dr. T. W. Andrews, Hon. H.P.
Haven, Rev. Dr. C. P. Bush.

Business Committee.—Hon. Wm. Hale,

Dr. George E. Adams, Rev. P. R. Hind, Wm. H. Jessup, Esq., J. N. Stickney, Esq.
The Committee of Arrangements were requested to meet in the Pastor's study this morning at eight o'clock, and the Business Committee on the platform at

3½ o'clock. CONDITION OF THE TREASURY. Mr. Langdon S. Ward, of Boston, Mass., now read the Treasurer's Report for the year ending August 31, 1869, as

Receipts and Expenditures of the A. B. C. F. M. for the Year Ending August 31,

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Balance for which the Board is in debt. 5,25,735 91 \$531,661 3 The report was accepted and approved. The chairman then announced that a prayer meeting would be held in the

names to the Reception Committee, in the pastor's study, as soon as possible, in order that places might be assigned

Adjourned until 71/2 o'clock.

Evening Session. One of the largest audiences ever assembled within its walls, crowded the church last evening, the occasion being the delivery of the annual sersion by the Rev. John Todd, D. D. of Pittsfield Mas-

sachusetts. The exercises were opened with a voluntary by the choir, Prof. Rohbuck presiding at the organ, after which Rev. Dr. Canfield, of Syracuse, New York, read the opening hymn, commencing

"Jesus shall reign wherever the san Does his successive journeys run." which was sung by the audience and choir.
Rev. Albert Barnes, of Philadelphia,

followed with prayer.

The exercises were then continued by the singing of the 26th Hymn:

"Oh where are kings and empires now Of old that went and eams."? ANNUAL SERMON. The Rev. Dr. Todd then delivered the annual sermon, which occupied about an hour, and was listened to with marked attention by the large audience. The

Reverend gentleman took for his text Malachi 1: 11. "for from the rising of the sun until the going

In a few introductory remarks the speaker touched upon the past trials and difficulties of the Church, through which she had come up victorious, bat-tling generations of men and all super-stitions, and ever holding out the lamp of light to guide and direct humanity, and then said the present is the propo-gating of the Church, and prophecy is its

support in its work.

He then reviewed at length the early history of the Church, the patriarchal period—when the great work was simply to keep alive the organization. This was the seed time, or germ of its existence, and all the trials and toils of the pa triarchs were directed to prevent the de-

triarchs were directed to prevent the destruction of the charge under their care.

The next was the Levitical period,—the period of the priesthood. The work then was to submit. It was a time of trial of discipline and suffering, but from these came the greatest good. The church was eventually strengthened, by these sufferings, purified, and firmly established. The third period, the prophetic, came next, when idolatry diew her chains closer, and error waged a fiercer battle to subdue the rising truth.

subdue the rising truth. During this period the church was compelled to throw of the last fetter of dotage, to come out boldly and be seper-ated from the world, and to develop those principles of religious individuality which thereafter made her conquerer. onhets developed the spi of the law, and thus the prophetical was a great advance on the Levitical period. The prophets had a wider field than the

priesthood, and were as the Ministers of to day the teachers of the world.

The prophetical period passed with the rising of the star of Bethlehem, which was the signal for the swaddling clothes of the infant to be exchanged for the drapery of manhood. Rites and types passed away, and the Christian dispensation arose in the Church. Under this, three eras were observa-ble. The first embraced the first three centuries, when the status of the Church

was settled, and with it what was truth and what was error. The second era was that of the Church and State. The powers of the world now cronched at her feet, and she who at first walked amid trial, and fire and blood and great tribulation, now walked arrayed in silks, and queen of the world. To accomplish this, however, many changes were undergone, and then came the rereformation which rocked From this era the Church Europe. emerged into the age of propoga-tion through which she is now passing. The propogation of religious truth is the great work of the Church to-day, and the question is whether she will accept the responsibility and dutifully go forward in the spirit of the injunction, to "preach the Gospel to every creature." The work alone can be ac complished with faith and love. Human ignorance has in vain endeavored to employ other sgencies, but all have failed.

The speaker continued at some length to consider the special work of the Church of the present day-to spread the

Gospel everywhere—and concluded with an earmest and impressive exhortation to greater diligence and renewed conse-cration in the work. Rev. Dr. Adams, of New York, next led the audience in prayer, after which the 25th hymn was sung, and the assemblage dispersed.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS. The Committee of Arrangements have received letters from over two hundred members of the Board announcing their intention to be present, besides whom upwards of eight hundred visitors from abroad will be in attendance, including the following missionaries: Rev. E. Burgess and wife, from India; Rev. H. Blodgett. China: Mrs. Sarah C. Adams. Zulus. gett, Onina; Mrs. Saran C. Adam, Zduts, Africa; Rev. W. P. Barker, India; Rev, H. Bingham, first missionary to Sand. wich Islands, fifty years ago; Rev. Al-bert Bushnell and wife, Gaboon, Africabert Bushnell and wife, Gaboon, AfricaMrs. S. N. Bylngton, Choctaw Indiaus;
Rev. J. T. Crosette, Fu Chow, China;
Mrs. Josephine L. Cotfing, Marash;
Turkey; Mrs. Lydia B. Dodd, Tur,
key; Mrs. Susan H. Morgan, TurkeyRev. E. P. Hastings and wife, Jaffa;
Ceylon; Mrs. Laura W. Lord, Madura
Mission, Ceylon; Rev. C. F. Muzzy,
India: Rev. Wm. Potter, twenty-five India: Rev. Wm. Potter, twenty-five years a Missionary; Mrs. S. J. Rhea and years a missionary; Mrs. S. J. Mea and Miss Mary S. Rice, Nestorian Mission, Rev. James Quick, Jaffa, Ceylon; Rev. H. A. Wilder and wife, Zulu Mission, South Africa; Rev. C. T. White and wife, Madura, South India; Rev. O. P. Allen and wife, Harpot, Eastern Turkey.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME. The following is the programme for Morning Prayer-meeting at 8% o'clock. in the First Presbyterian Church, on Wood street, between Fifth and Sixth

avenue. Sessions of the Board in the Third Church, at 9:30 A. M., 2:30 P. M. Papers, Discussions, Reports, Addresses. By Secretaries, Members, Committees, Mis-Evening meeting also in the First