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Second Day's Proceedings.

Morning Session. The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions re-assembled yesterday morning at the Third Presbyterian Church, Sixth avenue, at half past nine o'clock, was called to order by the Chairman, and the exercises opened with

prayer by Rev. Dr. Aiken, of Cleveland, Ohio. The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Condit offered the following resolution: Resolved, That the thanks of this Board

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be tendered to Rev. Dr. Todd, for his ex-cellent annual address, or sermon, deliv-ered in this Church last evening, and that a copy be requested for publication. The resolution was unanimously adouted. adopted.

SPECIAL REPORT. An elaborate special report of the

Prudential Committee on "the relations of foreign missionaries and native churches and ministers," covering that about seven-eighths of the churche churches and ministers, covering eleven printed pages, pamphlet form, was presented by Rev. Geo. W. Wood. The points considered are: 1. What relations do the missionaries,

and the native churches, when formed, sustain toward each other? 2. Important practical questions, which come up under these relations.

3. Causes of the want of harmony which sometimes arises between missionaries and native Christians. The report was, on motion of Dr. Wood, referred to a Special Committee of seven, with instructions to report to the Board. The following named gen-tlemen were appointed the Committee by the Chair: Dr. R. W. Patterson, D. D., Dr. S. Sweitzer, D. D., Rev. W. L. Gage, Rev. J. W. Dallas, Rev. E. L. Boing, Samuel M. Lane, Esg. and Benjamin B. Gavlord, Esg.

Gaylord, Esq. The Secretary, Mr. Means, announced that the Committee on New Members were requested to meet at the close of the morning session THE MONTHLY CONCERT.

A report on this subject, from the Pru-Committee, was next presented by Dr. Clark. A valuable, paper, in refaranca thereto. I

culture follow in the train of the gospel. What is needed to make it a success? That question is answered in the replies received to the circulars. 1. It must be made a meeting for 2. Missionary Intelligence must be intermingled with the devotions of the hour. This cannot be done with interest and profit, without careful preparation. General remarks on the subject of mis-sions will not meet the necessity. The Concert is not a preaching service. 3. It must generally devolve on the pastor to communicate intelligence. If

there are suitable laymen to take part in it, they should be employed; but it cannot be done successfully without a con-tinued study of missionary operations and their results, from year to year. A few additional suggestions on other points may be added, based on replies received. 1. The Name of the Concert should inthat the

dicate an interest in all Christian enter-prises, at home or abroad, whether it be called the Monthly Concert of prayer for the conversion of the world, or the Monthly Meeting of prayer for the progress of the kingdom of Christ. 2. Time. Literal unity of time, the

2. Time. Litteral unity of time, de world over, is simply impossible, for geographical reasons, and impracticable even in any one country, because of the peculiar circumstances of different localpeculiar circumstances of dimension of the secure ities. The prime object is to secure united interest and prayer in behalf of evangelical efforts. This is the idea of the Concert, and could it be carried out in the Concert, and could it be carried out in unity of form and time, and be made lit-erally a *Concert* of all who love our Lord —millions of Christian hearts, in many lands and languages, raising to God the same prayer at the same hour, and in substantially the same form,—it would be a pleasing theoret to many minds

From the returns received, it appears that about seven-eighths of the churches observe the Concert on the Sabbath, and nine-tenths of these on the first Sabbath

of the month. To secure the greatest unity of time, and to follow the usage of the great body of the churches, the first Sabbath evening of the month may be ecommended. 3. Method. There is no one method

3. Method. There is no one method sure of success. Very much depends upon the interest, proparation, and tact of the pastor; much upon the missionary intelligence of his people; much too upon the assistance the pastor can secure from the brethren; and the form must be adapted to mark these verying conditions adapted to meet these varying conditions. The method which seems to find most The method which seems to had most favor, when practicable, is for the pastor to preside, and to assign different fields, or different benevolent objects, to differ-ent individuals, on which to report at the ent individuals, on which to report at the Concert; the pastor taking part himself, or reserving his time to allude to items omitted, or to gather up results, or to make special application at the close. Success here turns largely on the skill and tact of the reporters. They will make or mar the Concert and sometimes the

or mar the Concert; and sometimes the or mar the concert, and sometimes the only escape is for the pastor to limit the time of each, or to present the intelli-gence himself, at intervals in the meet-

Civilization is good, but the new birth is biffer the interest in the life to come. True, constrained, almost every year, to speak of a threatened deficit. But why? For there is much to respect in their social ar-culture follow in the train of the gospel. ners, much to respect in their social arrangements. Their country is one of ex-traordinary richness and attractiveness. traordinary richness and attractiveness. 2. Catholicism is eager to become the dominant faith. No sooner had certain Portuguess adventurers, driven from their course by the storms of those eastern seas, discovered Japan, than the work of conversion began. Francis Xavier went thither at an early day; and though sympathy with the work of missions in all its vastness and all its. In submitting the case to the wisdom of the Board, the Committee beg leave to add, that should the decision be in favor of the undertaking herein suggested, a young brother, in whom they have en-

a young brother, in whom they have enthough his stay was brief, and though tire confidence, is ready to proceed by the next steamer from San Francisco, his life soon terminated, like a brilliant meteor, in loneliness, disappointment, and gloom, the succession of Jesuit priests continued unbroken, till they were driven from the land, with Fran-ciscans, Dominicans, Augustinians, and the work which had seemed so hopeful, was miteriv destroyed. It may not be meteor, in loneliness, disappointment, and inaugurate the enterprise. The son of a former Secretary, who was obliged to resign his post twenty-one years ago, because of injuries received in the dis-charge of his official duties, and the grandson of Jeremiah Evarts, the worthy the work which has seened so hopeful, was utteriy destroyed. It may not be easy to faccount for a persecution, so ruthless so fatal. But if the rulers of Japan believed all that the Jesuits and successor of Worcester, as also the able expounder of Indian treaties, and the fearless defender of Indian rights, he will take with him the affectionate sympafriars charged upon each other, and all that the Spaniards and Portuguese thies of thousands of Christian hearts. The question is in your hands. Shall we charged upon each other, they had abundant reasons for alarm. In the changes which are taking place place Japan upon our list of mission

fields, or shall we not? The report was referred to the follow-ing Special Committee: Professor J. Bartlett, Hon. A. C. Barstow, Rev. Wm. Warren, D. T. Coit, M. D., Jason Sexton, Esq. Rev. C. K. Bliss and Rev. L. T. Chamberlain. At the conclusion of the reading of the proof the first fields, or shall we not? among the Japanese there is much to en-courage Protestant endeavors. Since the opening of a few ports to the Western Powers, there have been frequent com-motions and coufficts; and the end is not yet. It was not to be expected that middle age feudalism, without a straggle, would surrender its cherished privileges, and accept instead western ideas of libreport, the congregation sung the first verse of the 17th Hymn, conumercing and accept instead western ideas of ilb-erty and progress. It has been a long journey from James I. to Queen Victoria. Bat the rulers of Japan have entered the self-same pathway; and they must have "Sh Il we, whose souls are lighted. " After which a beautiful and impressive special prayer, relating to the subject of special prayer, relating to the subject of Dr. Treat's report, was delivered by Prof. Bartlett, of Chicago. After announcing the names of special committees and the transaction of some routine business, the 15th Hymn was sung by the congregation, commencing as follows: learned by this time that their final halt-ing-place lies in the distant future. , we cannot doubt, there will be an open door for the preaching of the Word. Possibly the old edicts of persecution may remain uncancelled. Still the era s follows:

o. toleration cannot be far away; and any steamer from Niphon to San Francisco may tell us that religious freedom

has already dawned. 3. There is additional encouragement in the nature of the field. The religion of Japan, it is boped, will offer less resist-ance to missions than that of India or Chinal Already the missionary societies which wave dired on the ground, have atwhich were first on the ground, have at-

which were breached in the ground, into a tained to the joy of the reaper in the day of harvest. At this early stage of their warfare, a few, apparently, have cast away their idols, and chosen instead the ames Shaw. D D.

only living and true God. There are considerations of special sig-nificance and force which plead for American missions in this empire.

1. There is the argument from proxim-ty. Whenever we look from our Pacific Bartlett. 1. There is the we look from our Pacinc ity. Whenever we look from our Pacinc coast due West, the eye rests upon Japan as our nearest neighbor. We embark at San Francisco, and the first stopping place is Yokohama! 2. We should never forget that our own comment opened Japan to the Christian

government opened Japan. to the Christian world. It was meet that it should be so. When Marco Palo returned from his when Marco Paio returned from his long spiourn in the East, nearly six hund-red years ago, he told his countrymen of a large island lying off the coast of Chinal. The name of this island, he said, was Zipangu, or Sunrise-Kingdom. He produced a map, drawn by himself, and pointed out on the short-line of the Val-

thorough sympathy with the work of sine by sub-missions in all its vastness and all its, to human might, and vividly reminding them of the need of prayer for the Almighty Spirit's help.

3. The tabular statement as to the heart began to be acted upon. At first be during the churches in regard to the heart began to be acted upon. At first he didn't want to become a missionary time, method and results of observing but at last he saw his duty entered the the Concerts. 4. The desirableness of uniformity so

far as may be practicable in respect to the time of giving the Concert the place of the second service on the first Sabbath

cert interesting and instructive to the greatest number whilst retaining its disort with an address on the importthe repo ance of trusting in God for success in their work. It was one thing to have their work. It was one thing to have this in theory, but it must also be a power in the heart, quickening and ener-gizing every effort. The history of the Church in the past had shown that at all there is be a set had show its below and times the Lord had been its helper, and through difficulties, trusting in His strength, she had come off victor. So it would be in the cause of missions.

would be in the cause of missions. There were many and seemingly unsuperable difficulties to be overcome, but these will pass away before him. Take for instance the languages. In China it had been thought an almost

insurmountable barrier to the progress of the missionary work. But God can of the missionary work. But God can take this difficulty and sweep it away. The Chinese can be made to understand the great truths, as Brainard, years ago, brought the light and knowledge of God to the benighted, besoited Indian. How was this to be done? By human agencies working in behalf of God. Men inspired by love for the work can bring out the language and so fit and ure-

bring out the language and so fit and pre-pare themselves that they may have in-fluence and power over the hearts and COMMITTEES APPOINTED. Rev. Dr. Andrews, of Marietta, Ohio, Chairman of the Committee to Nominate Committees, reported as follows: Committee on the Treasury's Report-Hou. W. A. Buckingham, Pouglass Put-nam, Thaddeus Fairbanks, James W. Weir, and Richard Edwards. Heme Department-Rev. J. F. Stearns, D.D., Gen. William Williams, Rev. Al-van Toby, D.D., Gen. S. L. Brown, Rev. James Shaw. D.D. minds of the people, and so it would be in all the work. It must always be ac-perience. He thought churche Missions to Syria and Greece-Rey. H. A. Quint, D.D., C. C. Coffin, Rev. G. W. Phillips, Rev. A. T. Purson, Rev. E. O. pathy with the ideas there evolved, can make any concert of prayer full of in-

terest. Hon. Wm. E. Dodge, of New York, short prayers, short addresses, every-Mission to Western Turkey.-Rev. A. B. Roobins, D. D., Rev. David Malin, D. D., Rev. James H. Taylor, George W. Moot, Rev. R. H. Leonard. Mission to Central and Eastern Turkey. -Rev. T. H. Robinson, D. D., Rev. D. Oliphant, Rev. Ansel R. Clark, Rev. S. P. Hidreth, S. R. Holmes. Nestorian Mission-Rev. C. Bloodgeid, D. D., Rev. J. F. Kendall, Hon. John G. Foote, Rev. E. W. Noble, Rev. W. W. thing short, concise and to the purpose, and the contrast was great. The diffi-culty often is that the proceedings are too long and diffuse, and not enough to the point. The pastor and the elders monopolize the work, and do not give the people a part of the work and there-fore there is not that feeling of interest D. D., Rev. J. F. Kendall, Hon. John G. Foote, Rev. E. W. Noble, Rev. W. W. Davenport. Matratta Mission.—Rev.Daniel March, D D., Rev. I. N. Spargler, D. D., J. B. Bittinger, D. D., Elias F. Foote, M. D., Cheelee Cherndier M. D. which there should be. Deep feeling is necessary and hearts are as much wanted as money. Mr. Albree said the great efficacious power for carrying on the work was the prayer of faith of God's redeemed neo-Madura Mission-Rev. J. W. Well-man, D. D., Hon. Richard Border, D. R. Holt, Esq., Rev. B. W. Chiliaw, Rev. J. F. Tuttle, D. D., Rev. Hubbard Lawple. For twenty-five years he had been i regular attendant upon these monthly concerts, and had observed every method used to keep up the interest, and thought them all failures. What was a general rule the interest in those meetings was not what it should be. This might be accounted for on the fact the use of these meetings if they had to be carried on by mechanical rule? was required, was an earnest desire for the salvation of souls, and then the that even in the churches there was coninfluence of prayer. Upon prayer de-pended, as had been said, the success of the work. Now if God's word be true at all, then it follows that God has laid prayers would be fervent, interesting and profitable, and none would fail to take pleasure in attending the meetings Rev. Mr. Potter, of New York, said the one thing necessary was more thought on the subject of these monthly upon his people the responsibility for the result of their work. This is a prayer meetings. He related an instance of a member in his church the result of their work. This is a solemn thought connected with this monthly concert of prayer. If the church of God thoroughly believed in, and acted upon the invincible power whom he alway relied upon. He was always thinking of the cause and endeavoring to procure funds, and in-crease the interest in the meeting. He made it subject in his family circle and and effacacy of prayer, then the month-ly concert would certainly be a success. How much was the Board indebted to in his business intercourse with the Danielson, Esq. Missions to North American Indians-How much was the Board indebted to the power of prayer the reports of the power of prayer the reports of the financial troubles, of the Board George P. Folson. Louis Chapin, Hou. Richard Bordon, Rev. Henry B. Hooker, D. D., Rev. T. P. Field, Rev. H. L. Hitchcock, D. D. Mr. Field moyed to take a recess until balf.mast ten o'lock, which was adopted Mr. Field moyed to take a recess until balf.mast ten o'lock, which was adopted How much was the Board indebted to the power of prayer the reports of the financial troubles, of the Board works through the annals of the maximum troubles works through under annals of the maximum troubles the financial troubles, of the Model of the maximum troubles the financial troubles, of the Model of the maximum troubles the financial troubles, of the Model of the maximum troubles the financial troubles, of the Model of the maximum troubles the financial troubles explained by the financial troubles explained by the financial troubles explained by the financial troubles explaine which otherwise seems marvellous. There is no parallel in the annals of the pray for us." This was what they desired and upon which they depended orld for the sublime assurance of their faith than that given in the action of the | for their success. The question then was faith than that given in the action of the Board going into the work of spending with members of the Church, of conse-for the support of the cause, over half a. for the support of the cause, over half a. for the prayers made in the interest of this million doliars without a dollar in the Treasury and no single resource for the procurement of the funds necessary, and the outguahings of a fervent, devout procurement of the funds necessary, and yet so has the Board gone forward in the heart and as such will have power with God. The whole history of the people of yet so has the board gold of ward in the work for years, spending annually this amount, and trusting to faith in God, and the liberality of the Church as God's steward, and what has been the result? The Board has never God showed the blessedness and power of prayer, and was a continuous lesson of the reverence and faith which His people should have in this means. Members of the Church should endeavor to imbeen in discredit. During the Orimean war their drafts were accepted at a pre-mium above those of Baring Bros., the hne the Chufch and themselves with the influence of a personal appeal, and should be taught to ask and answer the great London bankers. During all our national struggle their drafts, in contiquestion of personal spiritual interest in the cause, All should ask themselves, are national struggle their drafts, in conti-nental Europe, where the wish was father to the thought, that our national existence might be blotted out, there these drafts were accepted as the highest security, and always brought a premi-im. These foreign people had faith in the American Churches. In this view then, how important becomes the month-by concerts. we willing to eater into sympathy in spirit with those means which are put forward for the salvation of men? With this spirit they could go home again and be assured of greater efficiency in their work, in the coming year. The discussion was here closed and the ly concerts. They can be made a success and are capable of the highest success, if report adopted. Several appouncements for the evening services and meetings of Committees were then made. and are capable of the highest success, if the people of God but felt the importance of the work. If any church will send a missionary to the foreign lands that church will never let the missionary spirit die out. The great want of the Church is a just and accurate appreda-tion of the nature of the work, and then a missionary at work in the field. Then that church will always have something The Chairman read a letter from George H. Stuart of Philadelphia, re-gretting his inability to be present at the meeting and introducing Rev Sami. Tower, of Birkenhead, 'Lugiand. The audience were dispersed after the singing of the Doxology. that church will always have something to pray for and her monthly concerts of Hymenial. prayer will be a success. prayer will be a success. This subject is vitally important to the Church. First, we should have faith in the efficacy of prayer; second, united effort, and then a missionary in the field With these the monthly Concerts will always be interesting and profitable. A regular time should be set apart for the meetings. Once a month on a Sundar A very interesting episode in the exercises was, a marriage ceremony, which occurred, in the First Church at two o'clock yesterday afternoon. The auditorium was literally packed with a brilliant audience of ladies and gentlemen who somehow had learned the secret, and thus manifested their inmeetings. Once a mouth on a Sunday evening would be sufficient. Then the terest in the exercises. The happy groom was Rev. Andrew P. Happer, Missionary to Canton, Chins, and the bride Miss A. L. Elliott, of Montours, people could all be gathered, and spending an hour in the cause, could not re-tire without renewed interest in the the bride Miss A. L. Elliott, of Montours, Allegheny county. The service was per-formed in a felicitous manner by the Rev. O. C. Beatty of Steubenville, Ohio, assisted by the Rey. J. J. Beacom and Dr. S. F. Scovel. dissionary work. The audience then united in singing "I love Thy Kingdom, Lord." The house of Thine abode."

spirit with which our churches treat the interested in other lands. First, because constrained, almost every year, to speak of a threatened deficit. But why? For lack of systematic, well organized giving, the cure for this evil ds with the churches; and it must come from a more through sympathy with the work of the cure for this evil ds with of the probability or improbability through sympathy with the work of the cure for this evil ds with the through sympathy with the work of the cure for this evil ds with the work of the cure for this evil ds with the work of the cure for this evil ds with the work of the cure for this evil ds with the work of the cure for this evil ds with the work of the cure for this evil the work of the cure for the work of the cure for the cure for the work of the cure for the cure well when he was a student at Amherst, the good old President, Dr. Hitchcock, held monthly concerts which he attended without any special purpose, but his heart began to be acted upon. At first

work and found peace and joy therein. The concert is needed as much for in-creasing the efficiency as well as the numbers of those in the field. When they know that earnest, fervent prayer

of the second service on the metric bacouth in each month. 5. The way to render the Monthly Con-cert interesting and instructive to the greatest number whilst retaining its dis-tinctive characters as a Concert of prayer. The gentlemen followed the reading of the renort with a wadrase on the import Turkey when they were told that every month Christians in America met to-

But these are only incidental advan-tages which have been mentioned. The great need of these Monthly Concerts is because prayer is a good and necessary thing. In many passages in the book of Hebrews we can see what prayer can do. We need this Concert chiefly because of the power available through prayer. A few years ago, when a few mission-

A few years ago, when a few mission-aries were met together in India to think and consult together concerning their work, one of them suggested that it would be a good thing to try and have concerted prayer throughout the world to help them, and from that arose not only these Monthly Concerts, but also the blessed annual week of prayer, of which

we have all seen the effects. And thus we must unite in earnest prayer for the salvation of the dying. Prayer would do anything, for have we not the promise of our Lord that "when two or three are gathered together in my name I will be in their midst?"

Dr. Foote thought he was probably the oldest member of the society present. f his experience. He thought churches would all do well to adopt the recommendation in all the work. It must always be ac-companied by prayer. It then seems eminently fitting that, as dependence upon the progress of the work is placed in prayer, it shows how necessary it is for a concert of prayer, and such the committee in their report had thought should receive greater attention from the or add on the progress of the work is placed in prayer, it shows how necessary it is for a concert of prayer, and such the committee in their report had thought should receive greater attention from the or add one the progress of the more the progress is a structure of the progress of the progress of the progress is a structure of the progress of the progress of the progress is a structure of the progress of the progress of the progress is a structure of the progress of the progress of the progress is a structure of the progress of the progress of the progress is a structure of the progress of the progress of the progress is a structure of the progress of the progress of the progress is a structure of the progress of the progress of the progress of the progress is a structure of the progress of th Courch. As to making the concert in-teresting any who read Dr. Condit's paper on the subject, and acted in sym-bathy with the idea there excluded are acted to sym-bathy with the idea there excluded are acted to sym-brief. Another long prayer was followed by the collection which closed the meeting. Another time he was at a fonthly Concert in another town, where

nual meeting of the Board, and widely circulated during the year, had the effect to awaken fresh interest in the Con In order to become acquainted with the actual usage of the time, method, and results of observing the Concert, circu-lars were sent out soliciting information and suggestions on the various topics re ferred to. The results of these inquiries were presented in tabular form. The re-

Of 815 churches, from whom full de tails have been received, 751 observe the Concert on the Sabbath, either as a third service in the evening, or as the second service of the day; 98 on a week-day evening, in most cases at the first regular prayer-meeting of the month. The recommendations as to time correspond very nearly with actual usage. Much embarrassment is felt, and the concert emoarrassment is feit, and the concert has been given up in repeated instances, in consequence of the increasing prac-tice, particularly in the Middle and Western States, of holding the second service of public worship in the evening. A compromise is sometimes effected by a missionary sermon, or by a collection or, better still, by changing the secon or, better sin, by changing the become service into a Concert. The number of churches which take up a collection at one of the public services on the Sab-bath, instead of doing so at the evening bath, instead of doing so at the evening bath, instead of doing so at the evening concert, is rapidly increasing, especially in the country; till already about one-fifth of all reported have adopted this practice. In the country, also, the sec-ond service on the Sabbath is beginning to be employed as a Concert, sometimes alternating on successive months with alternating on successive months with the communion service, when that is

held in the afternoon. In a majority of Instances the Concert is not now strictly cenfined to Foreign Missions, but embraces all forms of Christian activity, at home as well as abroad, everything that relates to the progress of the kingdom of Christ in the world. The average attendance is about the same as at other meetings held at the the same as at other intestings ford at the same place, while the aggregate attend-ance is increased by making the concert take the place of the second service on the Sabbath, or of the regular prayerting of the week.

There is the greatest variety, also, in method of conducting the Concert, and in its success as a means of interesting the people. -The returns made to the circulars bring

out clearly two facts: first, that the Monthly Concert, as now generally ob-served, not only falls to excite popular interest, but does not even enlist the served, not only tails to excite popular interest, but does not even enlist the sympathy of the great body of the church; and, secondly, that it can be made a success; as is shown in repeated 1. The fault is not in the cause. The

necessities of perishing millions, the propitiation for the sins of the world; the command, the promise, the marvels of grace and of faith, the triumphs of the gospel over every form of error, 80persition and philosophy, in every race and clime, the rapidly developing. Prov-idencies in harmony with, and in aid of. Christian missions, the consecration and the self-denial of noble souls, the conflict and the coming glory-these are all re-alities that grow not old to the loying Christian heart. II. We are not beyond the need of prayer.

Human agencies have their place; sci-ence, the arts, the material and social re-Board is submitted : sults of the gospel. may meet and over-come the lower forms of social lifemake men ashaned of their old ways, but the distinctively spiritual work re-mains. That which is born of the flesh but the distinctively spiritual work re-mains. That which is born of the fiesh is flesh. In all true Christian work, the is from God. Our one supreme ob-they have three religions: Sintolsm, ject is to bring men under the regen-erating influences of the Holy thost.

with a stanza or two, and a prayer from some one of the brethren, after each specific report. Some pastors find the oncert the best means of developing Concert the best means of developing the speaking powers of their young men, and regard should be had to the import-ance of training reporters, and of edu-cating them in mission knowledge; but not to the sacrificing of the Concert. The from Spain, in 1492, it was for this very island of Z pangu. When he landed at Cuba, he fondly dreamed that he had reached it. But instead of the Island which he sought, he was lifting the veil from a continent! And now the millions whom God has placed on this self serve continent, and exercises may be varied to advantage by

exercises may be varied to advantage by an occasional sermon from the pastor, or a paper from some member of the Church, male or female, giving the his-tory of some one mission, with biograph-ical notices of missionaries connected with it; or an evening may be given to one mission and then to another, in turn, in order to secure a more thorough acnaintance with each. Collections. The collection is justly regarded by many pastors as a means of grace. Some would despair of the grace. Some would despair of the Concert without it. A few are afraid of it. The practice of taking up the col-lection at one of the public services on the Saboa:n is specially commended, particularly in those congregations where, but few, comparatively, can attend an evening meeting. It is but just to give all an opportunity to attest their sense of the worth of the gespel and their desire to extend its blessings to others. 5. Helps. The library of every church the Sabbath is specially commended,

5. Helps. The library of every church should have works on missionary topics; as the methods and results of missi onary labor, histories of missions, blographies of missionaries, and maps illustrative of mission fields. The one great want of the churches is just and accurate knowl-edge of the Christian work in progress at home and abroad, and a *personal* interest at in the missionaries. Letthis be secured, and we need have no fear of any lack of general interest, or of means to carry forward the Christian enterprise of the church. Prayer would become specific,

intelligent, earnest; and each different corps in the sacramental host would do corps in the sacramental nost would do its proper work, in securing the final tri-umph of the kingdom of Christ. On motion of Mr. Clark, the paper was referred to a Special Committee of seven to be appointed by the chair, with in-structions to report at the afternoon ses-tions and the discussion of the report structions to report a tail of the report sion, and the discussion of the report was made the special order of business for the session. The chair appointed the following named gentlemen on the Com-mittee: Rev. S. B. Candeld, D.D., J. B. Condit, D.D., Hon. C. N. Olds, Rev.A.N.

Clark and Rev. Geo. B. Street. The congregation then united in singing the thirteenth hymn, commencing "My soul be on thy guard, "I'en thousand foes arme;" At the conclusion of which Rev. Jona-than F. Stearns, D.D., of Newark, deliv-

ered an eloquent and impressive prayer. JAPAN AS A MISSIONARY FIELD, Rev. C. W. Treat, D. D., presented

Rev. C. W. Treat, D. D., presented a report on the proposed occupation of Ja-pan as a Missionary field, which also emi-nated from the Prudenial Committee. For several years the Prudential Com-mittee have had their thoughts directed to the Japanese Islands, and indeed ever since the treaty of Commodore Perry, the question of sending mussionaries. the question of sending missionaries to that Empire has been before them, but heretofore the reasons in favor of the measure have seemed to be inconclusive. Now, however, they seem to call for im-mediate action, and the decision of the

Board is submitted: I. That the people of Japan need the Gospel is painfully obvious. As we look, out upon these millions, we are compel-led to write above them all, "Without: God in the world," "dead in trespasses and only it would be wrong to say

produced a map, drawn by himsel, and pointed out on the shore-line of the Yel-low Sea these memorable words, "There is a great island to the East." Columbus believed the tale. And when he sailed from Spain, in 1492, it was for this very rence.

placed on this self same continent, and whom he is calling s) manifestly to the noblest of all human endeavors, turn their thoughts to the old Sunrise-King-With words of peace and amity dom. With words of beace and anny they knock for admission; and loi the iron gates, closed so rudely and so long, turn back on their reluctant hinges. To uplock the doors which have been shut for ages against the civilized world, must always be reckoned a deed or hour and praise; still nobler is it, however, to set them wide open for all comers, through

4. The honor of our American Pro-testantism pleads for earnest endeurors to

envangelize the Japanese. It would be a great mistake to regard them as ignorant of the Christian faith. The labors of the Jesuits and others, though a long series of yoars, are a part of the national his-tory. The bickerings and rivalries, the ing adjourned. intrigues and conspiracies of these emissaries of a foreign potentate-all have a place in the public archives. The points of agreement between Romanism and Boodism, so obvious as to have

proved a sore perplexity and a sorer scandal to many a priest and monk, are rell remembered. The Committee propose for the con-sideration of the Board the question,

"Shall we resolve to participate, without delay, in the work of evangelizing Ja-pan?" Besides the arguments already, adduced, there are others which have auduced, there are others which have a special bearing upon ourselves. 1. Our place among the missionary soci-cites of the United States. Being the oldest and largest organization in our country, it ill becomes us to say that we will do nothing for a nation, so near to us, and half as populous as our own, but leave the entire burden for others to bear. Our Presbyterian brethren enter-

d upon the work with a promptitude which did them honor. Our Dutch Re-formed brethren soon followed. Let us

formed brethren sound blowed. Dasken to strong then their hands and cheer their hearts. 2. In view of the chauges occurring in our earliest missions, we need a new field for our efforts. The work at the Sandwich Islands, is moving forward to its completion. Our missions among the North American Indians, from causes North American fultane, from Gaussi. beyond our control, are greasily refluced. Within the last year, the death of our honored and lamented brother, Dr. King, has ended our labors in Greece. Other modifications are surget to come. Other muchnessions are sure to come. In truth, progress in missions implies, and necessitates obadge, not only in plans, but in fields. Let us accept this law of our enterprise with courage and satisfaction; and let us proceed to fill up, one latest vacancy by substituting for the satisfaction; and let us proceed to fill up our latest vacancy by substituting for the kingdom of Greece the empire of Japan. 3. The constituency of the Board is equal, and more than equal to the under-taking. To discuss, indeed, the question of ability would be idle and parile. Our Sabbath schools were they properly organized as auxiliaries, without other work to do, could support all our mis-

rence. Ceylon Mission-Rev. E. P. Goodwin, D. D., Nathan Durfee, M. D., Rev. Lava-lette Perrin, D. D., W. D. Walcot, Esq.

"Over the realms of Pagan larkness Let the eye of pity gaze."

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Rev. Henry B. Hooker, D. D., Kev. I. I. Field, Rev. H. L. Hitchcock, D. D. Mr. Field moyed to take a recess until half past ten o'clock, which was adopted and after singing the long metre doxol-ogy to the tune "Old Hundred" in which the entire congregation joined, the meet-

The Mothers' Meeting.

In the morning at half-past nine o'clock a Mother's Meeting was held in the First Church, which was largely attended and was a very interesting occasion. None but ladies were allowed to participate in but ladies were allowed to participate in the exercises, which consisted of reading reports, addresses, singing and prayers, and other miscellaneous business of a routine character. The meeting continued until noon, and was highly enjoyed by all in attendance.

Afternoon Session.

Convened at three o'clock and was opened with singing the twenty-first

hymn "Oh Lord Our Gos arise, The cause of truth maintain." Rev. Mr. Kendall, of Columbus, Ohio,

led the audience in Prayer. The Secretary read an invitation from the Secretary of the Safe Deposit Company, inviting the members of the Board to visit and inspect their building. Ac-

cepted and filed. MONTHLY CONCERTS. Rev. Dr. Canfield, with a few intro-ductory remarks upon the inability of the Committee to prepare an elaborate report for want of time, presented the report of the Committee in relation to monthly concerts as follows: monthly concerts as follows: Your Committee cordially commend

the paper on the Monthly Concerts as embodying facts and suggestions of vital importance and as eminently worthy of of publication and of earnest perusal by both ministers and lavmen. The following things brought to view in that paper, merit apecial attention at

this time: 1. The great truth of our dependence on the Holy Spirit and on the favoring providence of Him who, as Head of the Church, hall all power in heaven and in the second in earth, needs to be not only known, but deeply felt, so as to lead us to fervent prayer and to a zealous fulfilment of all the conditions of Divine aid in Christian-izing the world.

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