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THE Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian church, at their meeting in Baltimore, in October and November 1837, passed the following resolution: viz.

"Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Green be requested to draw up a history of the Foreign Missionary operations of the Presbyterian church in the United States, to be published by the Executive Committee, with the proceedings of this Board."

When the duty assigned by the foregoing resolution came to be performed, it was found on examination, that Domestic and Foreign Missions in the Presbyterian church, had not only been conducted by the same agencies, but that, to some extent, they had been mingled together. A compendious view of both, was therefore determined on, as stated in the introduction to the Sketch.

Institutions established or conducted mainly by associations or individuals, not immediately connected with the Presbyterian church, when mentioned at all, have received but a cursory and summary notice. Their operations have not been traced, although carried on in concert with members of the Presbyterian denomination. Institutions *characteristically Presbyterian* have been regarded as the only proper subjects of any thing like historical detail. Nor has it been considered as consistent with the plan adopted, to mention such of these as were

known to have had no other than a very brief existence, or a very limited action. If any societies having a just claim to be noticed in this compendious view, have been altogether omitted, the writer can only say, that they have escaped inquiries, made as extensively and diligently as his time and means of information would permit.

It is hoped that the readers of this Sketch will keep in mind that its nature forbade much enlargement. It had been easier for the author to compose a much larger work, than to condense his materials, after he had collected them, into the necessary compass. Probably some will think that equal justice has not been done to the numerous institutions that have been brought under review. This will not be fairly attributed to partiality in the writer—it is owing solely to the fact, that after much research he could obtain but scanty materials for some articles, while for others his materials were abundant, and near at hand. He is sensible of the defects of his work, but with all its imperfections he hopes it may be useful.

As the following Sketch could not be submitted to the Board of Missions, and as the larger part of it has not been seen even by the Executive Committee, it is to be distinctly understood, that the writer alone is responsible for the statements it contains.



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