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## P R E F A C E

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The Blue Book of Missions for 1905 was a tentative rather than a complete fulfilment of a purpose. Its publication brought assurances from many quarters that a Year Book of Missions can satisfy a real need in the United States and will be welcomed in many other lands.

The issue for 1907, then, has been prepared on the same lines as the previous issue. The Mission statistics throughout, including the statistical tables at the end of the book, have been brought up to date. The directory of Missionary Societies has been revised by the officers of the Societies concerned, and is more complete as well as more accurate than in the last edition. Some articles found of little value have been omitted from the third section of the book; the list of important missionary literature has been rewritten, and a memorandum of Bible versions has been added. A careful survey of missionary progress in the world-wide field has been inserted at the end of the first section for the better comprehension of the meaning of the changes in different fields.

The notes on the countries in which lie the mission fields are limited to territory that is beyond the bounds of Christendom, and, therefore, less known. They are primarily intended to supply in small compass helps to realizing the remarkable success of missions among different races, the steady progress of the kingdom, and the extent of the regions yet remaining to be possessed by our Lord Jesus Christ.

We have to admit that the facts about principal missionary societies are compressed in so tenuous a consistency that



they suggest, rather than narrate, the energy and Christian devotion common to all the societies, which are, in fact, we again remark, but one single agency for teaching righteousness and truth. So small a book cannot touch descriptively the many religious and benevolent activities which stamp the deeds of the church at home with likeness to those of the Master; yet we have been impelled to indicate in outline some of these works, classed in America as Home Missions; without remembrance of these the term "Missions" is not half defined.

We are under great obligations to the American societies that have made this work possible, and only in less degree to the many societies in other lands, from Finland to South Africa and from Great Britain to New Zealand, which have cordially aided it. So our issue for 1907 goes forth desiring above all else to aid its readers to realize the grandeur of the plan to which they conform when they support any of these faithful efforts to continue the enterprise founded by Jesus Christ.

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