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PREFACE

A HUNDRED years of organized home missions have been of so much account to the denomination, to the kingdom of Christ, and to this Republic, that the emphasis placed upon them at the meeting of the General Assembly in May, in New York city, is abundantly justified.

The occasion was regarded as of so much importance that the General Assembly waived the routine of its business for a day and a half to devote that time to a worthy celebration of the great event. That the history of Presbyterianism in this country has had such bearing upon our national progress as to justify some form of national recognition was expressed in the fact that the President of the United States honored the occasion with his presence.

The programme of the great meetings is herewith presented to the Christian public. The impression which the great gatherings made upon those who were present can never wholly fade away. Only a small fraction, however, of the Presbyterians who were rejoicing in the

occasion could hear the living voices of the speakers selected for the centennial exercises. That the vast multitudes of Presbyterians and other Christian people who could not be present may have an opportunity to share in the historic and memorable occasion, this volume is now sent forth. The enthusiasm of great audiences is, of course, lacking in this presentation. But the historic facts which are here given, the sympathetic greetings of other boards and of other denominations, the tidings from home mission fields, extending from Porto Rico to Alaska, and the inspiring words of the chief magistrate of the nation pleading for national righteousness will not fail to evoke among Presbyterians an honorable pride in our Church and larger hopes for our future; while to all to whom these messages shall come, of whatever denomination, there will be borne the value of Christian missions and Christian institutions as an integral part in the upbuilding of our great Republic.

CHARLES L. THOMPSON.

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ACTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES, MAY 16, 1902.

THE COMMITTEE on the Centennial Celebration of Home Missions, through its Chairman, John E. Parsons, Esq., presented a programme of the celebration, which was accepted, approved, and is as follows:

FRIDAY, MAY 16.

All-Day Session—Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board, Central Presbyterian Church.

4.30 P. M.: Reception to the Assembly in the Presbyterian Building, 156 Fifth Avenue.

SATURDAY, MAY 17.

8.00 P. M.: Lecture: "Two Centuries of Presbyterianism," by the Rev. William C. Covert, of Saginaw, Mich., Fifth Avenue Church.

SUNDAY, MAY 18.

Home Mission sermons in the pulpits of Greater New York.

3.00 P. M.: Popular Home Missionary meeting, Fifth Avenue Church.

MONDAY, MAY 19.

The Past Century.

2.30 P. M.: Fifth Avenue Church, Rev. Wilson Phraner, D.D., presiding.

1. Invocation. Rev. George F. McAfee, D.D., New York, N. Y.
2. Hymn.
3. Address—"To the Alleghenies," Rev. Henry C. McCook, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.
4. Hymn.