

Bridgeton, New Jersey,  
U. S. A., Dec. 15, 1887.

To the Presbyterian Missionaries Respond-  
ing to "N. S. M." Inquiries Last Summer:

Your kind response  
to my circular of last summer con-  
cerning the proposed Simultaneous  
Meetings of the Synod of New Jersey,  
was duly received with great pleasure, &  
availed of in the Meetings. Selections from  
the earliest letters, which I incorporated into  
our Report to Synod (see N. S. M. No 5, pp. 4 +  
5) were received by a full house with delight-  
ed surprise; & a brother at once offered to  
pay for a special edition of the Report,  
with as many more selections from let-  
ters as it might be possible to include.  
The work pressed too heavily on me (oc-  
cupied as I was also with my own  
church) to make more possible than the  
additions marked "N. S. M. No. 7." This,  
with the Report, was sent to all the

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churches, where they were very welcome. Brethren enjoyed keenly this special close acquaintance with you, & thro' this means many special intercessions for your field & requests have ascended to our heavenly Father, & are still offered.

I desire to add to you my personal thanks for your most welcome inclosures to me, as well as for this beginning of a nearer acquaintance. I hope to be able to use yet further among the churches, the material sent me from many fields. The responses in all have been nearly fifty.

The present inclosure to you contains a sample of each of the publications by our Committee. They have been printed in different establishments by reason of our widely-separated sub-committees — tho' I know you will think "widely" a rather violent adjective and American conveniences. "No 5" will appear just as herewith, in Synod's Minutes of 1887. "No 3" ("Present Attitude of Evangelical Missions") was

reserved for Ministers exclusively, & "No. 4"  
 for Laymen (Elders chiefly) exclusively, un-  
 til the Simultaneous Week was over,  
 in the hope that men unable to pro-  
 cure other missionary material might  
 with these at hand, carry on some  
 meetings which would otherwise  
 have failed. I have heard as yet  
 but little from these; all favorably.

It is yet too early to speak much  
 of results; but some are already  
 known to us. Synod welcomed our  
 Report with the heartiest applause;  
 & one circumstance displayed indis-  
 putably the strong feeling aroused. In  
 fear lest our somewhat delayed  
 Nos. 3 & 4 might not afford the  
 spur we wished to unpracticed  
 or indifferent pastors or others, I  
 hastily gathered a box of Eracey's  
 "Outline Series" on India, China, Open-  
 Doors &c., — compilations of fact, with-  
 out any mere rhetoric — & put them

on sale at Synod. At price, 5, 10 + 20 cents, I sold nearly \$50 worth (without profit); so eagerly, did men signify both their readiness to serve in the Week, & show their sense of using material.

The Meetings were held, actually, in a very large majority of our towns; & with close conformity to the Plan (see "No. 2"). As in the "F. S. M.", "it was a day of small towns", the best Meetings being among such, thro' the Secretaries of the Board were greatly pleased where they went; & many fine meetings were had in large towns. I hear of two conversions to Foreign Missions, of the chief man in a church, thus giving us that church as never before. Some prof- fers of service are reported; some increase of individual contributions; many minis- ters, four having to prepare F. M. speeches, have learned a new interest; some recent- ly-ordained pastors have an impetus that will not fail to be of lasting advantage.